

**ADIRONDACK FUNDS**  
**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s current Prospectus dated August 1, 2018. The Annual Report to shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2018 is incorporated herein by reference. A free copy of the prospectus and annual report can be obtained without charge by contacting the Transfer Agent, Mutual Shareholder Services, LLC, at 8000 Town Centre Drive, Suite 400, Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147 or by calling 1-888-686-2729.

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## **General Information**

The Adirondack Funds (the “Trust”) is an Ohio business trust formed by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust on December 8, 2004. The Trust is an open-end investment company. The Adirondack Small Cap Fund (the “Fund”) was organized as a diversified series of the Trust on December 8, 2004, and commenced operations on April 6, 2005. The Fund is advised by Adirondack Research & Management Inc. a registered investment advisor (the “Advisor”) which is controlled by Gregory Roeder (President of the Trust), Matthew Reiner (Treasurer of the Trust) and Louis Morizio. The Trust Agreement permits the Trustees to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest of separate series without par value. The Fund is the only series currently authorized by the Board of Trustees (the “Board” or “Trustees”).

The Fund does not issue share certificates. All shares are held in non-certificate form registered on the books of the Fund and the Fund’s transfer agent for the account of the shareholder. Each share of a series represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets and liabilities belonging to that series with each other share of that series and is entitled to such dividends and distributions out of income belonging to the series as are declared by the Trustees. The shares do not have cumulative voting rights or any preemptive or conversion rights, and the Trustees have the authority from time to time to divide or combine the shares of any series into a greater or lesser number of shares of that series so long as the proportionate beneficial interest in the assets belonging to that series and the rights of shares of any other series are in no way affected. In case of any liquidation of a series, the holders of shares of the series being liquidated will be entitled to receive as a class a distribution out of the assets, net of the liabilities, belonging to that series. Expenses attributable to any series are borne by that series. Any general expenses of the Trust not readily identifiable as belonging to a particular series are allocated by or under the direction of the Trustees in such manner as the Trustees determine to be fair and equitable. No shareholder is liable to further calls or to assessment by the Trust without his or her express consent.

For information concerning the purchase and redemption of shares of the Fund, see “How to Purchase Shares” and “How to Redeem Shares” in the prospectus. For a description of the methods used to determine the share price and value of the Fund’s assets, see “How Net Asset Value Is Computed” in the prospectus and “Determination of Share Price” in this Statement of Additional Information.

## **Ethics**

Pursuant to the requirements of rule 17j-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and in order to protect against certain unlawful acts, practices and courses of business by certain individuals or entities related to the Trust or the Advisor, both the Fund and the Advisor have adopted a Code of Ethics (the “Code”) and procedures for implementing the provisions of the Code. The personnel of the Trust and the Advisor are subject to the Code when investing in securities that may be purchased, sold or held by the Fund. With respect to the Advisor, the Code may also be governed by provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

## Proxy Voting

The Board of Trustees has delegated responsibilities for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by the Fund to the Advisor. The Advisor will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures, which are essentially the same as the Fund's. In some instances, the Advisor may be asked to cast a proxy vote that presents a conflict between the interests of the Fund's shareholders, and those of the Advisor or an affiliated person of the Advisor. In such a case, the Trust's policy requires that the Advisor abstain from making a voting decision and to forward all necessary proxy voting materials to the Trust to enable the Board of Trustees to make a voting decision. When the Board of Trustees is required to make a proxy voting decision, only the Trustees without a conflict of interest with regard to the security in question or the matter to be voted upon shall be permitted to participate in the decision of how the Fund's vote will be cast. The Advisor has developed a detailed proxy voting policy that has been approved by the Trustees.

The Advisor's policies and procedures state that the Advisor generally relies on the individual portfolio manager(s) to make the final decision on how to cast proxy votes. When exercising its voting responsibilities, the Advisor's policies call for an emphasis on (i) accountability of management of the company to its board, and of the board to the company's shareholders, (ii) alignment of management and shareholder interests and (iii) transparency through timely disclosure of important information about a company's operations and financial performance. While no set of proxy voting guidelines can anticipate all situations that may arise, the Advisor has adopted guidelines describing the Advisor's general philosophy when proposals involve certain matters. The following is a summary of those guidelines:

- electing a board of directors – a board should be composed primarily of independent directors, and key board committees should be entirely independent. The Advisor generally supports efforts to declassify boards or other measures that permit shareholders to remove a majority of directors at any time;
- approving independent auditors – the relationship between a company and its auditors should be limited primarily to the audit engagement;
- providing equity-based compensation plans - appropriately designed equity-based compensation plans, approved by shareholders, can be an effective way to align the interests of shareholders and the interests of directors, management, and employees by providing incentives to increase shareholder value. Conversely, the Advisor is opposed to plans that substantially dilute ownership interests in the company, provide participants with excessive awards, or have inherently objectionable structural features;
- corporate voting structure - shareholders should have voting power equal to their equity interest in the company and should be able to approve or reject changes to a company's by-laws by a simple majority vote. The Advisor opposes super-majority requirements and generally supports the ability of shareholders to cumulate their votes for the election of directors; and
- shareholder rights plans - shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills, may tend to entrench current management, which the Advisor generally considers to have a negative impact on shareholder value.

The actual voting records relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 will be available without charge, upon request by calling toll free, 1-888-686-2729 or by accessing the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the "SEC") website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, a copy of the Fund's/Advisor's proxy voting policies and procedures are also available by calling 1-888-686-2729 and will be sent within three business days of receipt of a request.

### **Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings**

It is a policy of the Fund and a fiduciary duty of the Advisor not to disclose intentions to purchase or sell securities to anyone other than the broker-dealer commissioned to execute the trade. Furthermore, the Advisor will not disclose details of positions owned by the Fund in an effort to encourage market-timing or otherwise treat shareholders preferentially. The Fund is required to include a schedule of portfolio holdings in its annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, which is sent to shareholders within 60 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters and which is filed with the SEC on Form N-CSR within 70 days of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters. The Fund also is required to file a schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC on Form N-Q within 60 days of the end of the first and third fiscal quarters. The Fund must provide a copy of the complete schedule of portfolio holdings as filed with the SEC to any shareholder of the Fund, upon request, free of charge. This policy is applied uniformly to all shareholders of the Fund without regard to the type of requesting shareholder (i.e., regardless of whether the shareholder is an individual or institutional investor). Information contained in annual and semi-annual reports mailed to shareholders, as well as information filed with the SEC on Form N-Q and information posted on the Fund's website, is public information. All other information is non-public information.

The Fund has an ongoing relationship with third party servicing agents to release portfolio holdings information on a daily basis in order for those parties to perform their duties on behalf of the Fund. These third party servicing agents are the Advisor, transfer agent, Fund accounting agent and custodian. The Fund also may disclose portfolio holdings, as needed, to auditors, legal counsel, proxy voting services (if applicable), pricing services, printers, parties to merger and reorganization agreements and their agents, and prospective or newly hired investment advisers or sub-advisers. The lag between the date of the information and the date on which the information is disclosed will vary based on the identity of the party to whom the information is disclosed. For instance, the information may be provided to auditors within days of the end of an annual period, while the information may be given to legal counsel or prospective sub-advisers at any time. The Fund's chief compliance officer must authorize all disclosures of portfolio holdings. This information is disclosed to all such third parties under conditions of confidentiality. "Conditions of confidentiality" include (i) confidentiality clauses in written agreements, (ii) confidentiality implied by the nature of the relationship (e.g., attorney-client relationship), (iii) confidentiality required by fiduciary or regulatory principles (e.g., custody relationships) or (iv) understandings or expectations between the parties that the information will be kept confidential. The Fund believes, based upon its expected size and operations, that these are reasonable procedures to protect the confidentiality of the Fund's portfolio holdings and will provide sufficient protection against personal trading based on the information.

Except as described above, the Fund is prohibited from entering into any arrangements with any person to make available information about the Fund's portfolio holdings without the specific approval of the Board. The Advisor must submit any proposed arrangement pursuant to which

the Advisor intends to disclose the Fund's portfolio holdings to the Board, which will review such arrangement to determine (i) whether it is in the best interests of Fund shareholders, (ii) whether the information will be kept confidential and (iii) whether the disclosure presents a conflict of interest between the interests of Fund shareholders and those of the Advisor, or any affiliated person of the Fund, or the Advisor. Additionally, the Fund, the Advisor, and any affiliated persons of the Advisor, are prohibited from receiving compensation or other consideration, for themselves or on behalf of the Fund, as a result of disclosing the Fund's portfolio holdings.

### **Permitted Investments**

All principal investment strategies and risks are discussed in the prospectus. Additional information regarding principal and non-principal strategies and risks are discussed here.

#### Principal Investment Strategies and Risks

FOREIGN SECURITIES are considered only if they are trading in domestic markets through the American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"). An ADR is a receipt for the shares of a foreign-based corporation, held in the vault of a U.S. bank and entitling the shareholder to all dividends and capital gains. A company issues a sponsored ADR whose stock will underlie the ADR. The corporation provides financial information to the bank and may subsidize the administration of the ADRs. An unsponsored ADR is issued by a broker/dealer or a depositary bank without the involvement of the company whose stock underlies the ADR. Purchases of foreign equity securities entail certain risks. For example, there may be less information publicly available about a foreign company than about a U.S. company, and foreign companies are not generally subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices comparable to those in the U.S. Other risks associated with investments in foreign securities include changes in restrictions on foreign currency transactions and rates of exchanges, changes in the administrations or economic and monetary policies of foreign governments, the imposition of exchange control regulations, the possibility of expropriation decrees and other adverse foreign governmental action, the imposition of foreign taxes, less liquid markets, less government supervision of exchanges, brokers and issuers, difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations, delays in settlement of securities transactions and greater price volatility. Unsponsored ADRs may carry more risk than sponsored ADRs because of the absence of financial information provided by the underlying company. In addition, investing in foreign securities will generally result in higher commissions than investing in similar domestic securities. In addition to traditional foreign issuers, the Fund invests in securities of foreign domiciled companies which trade on U.S. exchanges, follow U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") or International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), and comply with U.S. securities laws. The Fund does not consider such securities to be foreign securities.

#### Non-Principal Investment Strategies and Risks

CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES The Fund may invest in corporate debt securities which are trading at a discount or the Advisor feels are undervalued and offer the opportunity for price appreciation. Corporate Debt Securities are long and short-term debt obligations issued by companies (such as publicly issued and privately placed bonds, notes and commercial paper). The Advisor considers corporate debt securities to be of investment grade quality if they are rated BBB or higher by S&P or Baa or higher by Moody's, or if unrated, determined by the

Advisor to be of comparable quality. Investment grade debt securities generally have adequate to strong protection of principal and interest payments. In the lower end of this category, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal than in higher rated categories. The Fund may invest in both secured and unsecured corporate bonds. A secured bond is backed by collateral and an unsecured bond is not. Therefore an unsecured bond may have a lower recovery value than a secured bond in the event of a default by its issuer. The Advisor may incorrectly analyze the risks inherent in corporate bonds, such as the issuer's ability to meet interest and principal payments, resulting in a loss to the Fund.

The Fund may also purchase lower quality debt securities, or unrated debt securities, that have poor protection of payment of principal and interest. These securities, commonly referred to as "junk bonds," often are considered to be speculative and involve greater risk of default and of price changes due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness. Market prices of these securities may fluctuate more than higher quality debt securities and may decline significantly in periods of general economic difficulty that may follow periods of rising rates. While the market for junk bonds has been in existence for many years and has weathered previous economic downturns, the market in recent years has experienced a dramatic increase in the large-scale use of such securities to fund highly leveraged corporate acquisitions and restructurings. Accordingly, past experience may not provide an accurate indication of future performance of the junk bond market, especially during periods of economic recession. The Fund may invest in securities which are of lower quality or are unrated if the Advisor determines that the securities provide the opportunity of meeting the Fund's objective without presenting excessive risk. The Advisor will consider all factors, which it deems appropriate, including ratings, in making investment decisions for the Fund and will attempt to minimize investment risks through diversification, investment analysis and monitoring of general economic conditions and trends. To the extent that the Fund invests in lower quality securities, achievement of its investment objective may be more dependent on the Advisor's credit analyses than is the case for higher quality bonds. While the Advisor may refer to ratings, it does not rely exclusively on ratings, but makes its own independent and ongoing review of credit quality.

The market for lower quality securities may be thinner and less active than that for higher quality securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which these securities can be sold. If there is not an established retail secondary market and market quotations are not available, these securities are valued in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees, including the use of outside pricing services. Judgment plays a greater role in valuing junk bonds than is the case for securities for which external sources for quotations and last-sale information are available. Adverse publicity and changing investor perceptions may affect the ability of outside pricing services used by the Fund to value these securities, and the Fund's ability to dispose of these lower quality debt securities.

Lower quality securities present risks based on payment expectations. For example, junk bonds may contain redemption or call provisions. If an issuer exercises the provisions in a declining interest rate market, the Fund would have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Conversely, a junk bond's value will decrease in a rising interest rate market, as will the value of the Fund's assets. If the Fund experiences unexpected net redemptions, this may force it to sell its junk bonds, without regard to their investment merits, thereby decreasing the asset base upon which the Fund's expenses can be spread and possibly reducing the Fund's rate of return.

Since the risk of default is higher for lower quality securities and sometimes increases with the age of these securities, the Advisor's research and credit analysis are an integral part of managing any securities of this type held by the Fund. In considering investments for the Fund, the Advisor attempts to identify those issuers of high-yielding securities whose financial condition is adequate to meet future obligations, has improved or is expected to improve in the future. The Advisor's analysis focuses on relative values based on such factors as interest or dividend coverage, asset coverage, earning prospects, and the experience and managerial strength of the issuer.

WARRANTS are securities that are usually issued with a bond or preferred stock but may trade separately in the market. A warrant allows its holder to purchase a specified amount of common stock at a specified price for a specified time. The risk in investing in warrants is the Advisor might miscalculate their value, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Another risk is the warrants will not realize their value because the underlying common stock does not reach the Advisor's anticipated price within the life of the warrant.

RIGHTS are usually granted to existing shareholders of a corporation to subscribe to shares of a new issue of common stock before it is issued to the public. The right entitles its holder to buy common stock at a specified price. Rights have similar features to warrants, except that the life of a right is typically much shorter, usually a few weeks. The Advisor believes rights may become underpriced if they are sold without regard to value and if analysts do not include them in their research. The risk in investing in rights is the Advisor might miscalculate their value resulting in a loss to the Fund. Another risk is the underlying common stock may not reach the Advisor's anticipated price within the life of the right.

PREFERRED STOCKS are securities that have characteristics of both common stocks and corporate bonds. Preferred stocks may receive dividends but payment is not guaranteed as with a bond. These securities may be undervalued because of a lack of analyst coverage resulting in a high dividend yield or yield to maturity. The risks of preferred stocks are a lack of voting rights and the Advisor may incorrectly analyze the security, resulting in a loss to the Fund. Furthermore, preferred stock dividends are not guaranteed and management can elect to forego the preferred dividend, resulting in a loss to the Fund.

INVESTMENT COMPANY SECURITIES are shares of other mutual funds. Due to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions; to maintain liquidity; or pending selection of investments, the Fund may temporarily invest in investment companies with investment objectives and principal investment strategies similar to those of the Fund. This includes purchasing shares of other investment companies that invest in small cap companies, investing in exchange traded funds that track small cap indices or investing in sector-based investment companies to gain exposure to certain segments of the market that the Advisor has determined may be undervalued and offer the opportunity for capital appreciation. Investments in other investment companies must be in accordance with the Fund's investment policies. Under Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, the Fund may only invest up to 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one investment company, but may not own more than 3% of the outstanding voting stock of any one investment company or invest more than 10% of its total assets in the securities of other investment companies. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated

persons of the Fund; and (ii) the Fund has not offered or sold after January 1, 1971, and is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price which includes a sales load of more than 1½ percent. An investment company that issues shares to the Fund pursuant to paragraph 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days. The Fund (or the Advisor acting on behalf of the Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. Because other investment companies employ an investment advisor and incur fees and expenses, such investments by the Fund will cause the Fund, and indirectly the Fund's shareholders, to bear duplicate fees.

**FUTURES CONTRACTS** Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a specific security, class of securities, or an index at a specified future time and at a specified price. Futures contracts may be issued with respect to fixed-income securities, foreign currencies, single stocks or financial indices, including indices of U.S. government securities, foreign government securities, and equity or fixed-income securities. U.S. futures contracts are traded on exchanges that have been designated "contract markets" by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") and must be executed through a futures commission merchant ("FCM"), or brokerage firm, which is a member of the relevant contract market. Through their clearing corporations, the exchanges guarantee performance of the contracts between the clearing members of the exchange. The Fund only invests in futures contracts to the extent it could invest in the underlying instrument directly.

The Fund will engage in futures transactions for hedging purposes only. This means that the Fund's primary purpose in entering into futures contracts is to protect the Fund from fluctuations in the value of securities or interest rates without actually buying or selling the underlying debt or equity security. For example, if the Fund anticipates an increase in the price of stocks, and it intends to purchase stocks at a later time, the Fund could enter into a futures contract to purchase a stock index as a temporary substitute for stock purchases. If an increase in the market occurs that influences the stock index as anticipated, the value of the futures contracts will increase, thereby serving as a hedge against the Fund not participating in a market advance. This technique is sometimes known as an anticipatory hedge. Conversely, if the Fund holds stocks and seeks to protect itself from a decrease in stock prices, the Fund might sell stock index futures contracts, thereby hoping to offset the potential decline in the value of its portfolio securities by a corresponding increase in the value of the futures contract position. The Fund could protect against a decline in stock prices by selling portfolio securities and investing in money market instruments, but the use of futures contracts enables it to maintain a defensive position without having to sell portfolio securities.

If the Fund owns Treasury bonds and the portfolio manager expects interest rates to increase, the Fund may take a short position in interest rate futures contracts. Taking such a position would have much the same effect as the Fund selling Treasury bonds in its portfolio. If interest rates increase as anticipated, the value of the Treasury bonds would decline, but the value of the Fund's interest rate futures contract will increase, thereby keeping the net asset value of the Fund from declining as much as it may have otherwise. If, on the other hand, a portfolio manager



expects interest rates to decline, the Fund may take a long position in interest rate futures contracts in anticipation of later closing out the futures position and purchasing the bonds. Although the Fund can accomplish similar results by buying securities with long maturities and selling securities with short maturities, given the greater liquidity of the futures market than the cash market, it may be possible to accomplish the same result more easily and more quickly by using futures contracts as an investment tool to reduce risk.

#### Risk Factors in Futures Transactions

- **Liquidity Risk.** Because futures contracts are generally settled within a day from the date they are closed out, compared with a settlement period of two days for some types of securities, the futures markets can provide superior liquidity to the securities markets. Nevertheless, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for any particular futures contract at any particular time. In addition, futures exchanges may establish daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts and may halt trading if a contract's price moves upward or downward more than the limit in a given day. On volatile trading days when the price fluctuation limit is reached, it may be impossible for the Fund to enter into new positions or close out existing positions. If the secondary market for a futures contract is not liquid because of price fluctuation limits or otherwise, the Fund may not be able to promptly liquidate unfavorable futures positions and potentially could be required to continue to hold a futures position until the delivery date, regardless of changes in its value. As a result, the Fund's access to other assets held to cover its futures positions also could be impaired.
- **Risk of Loss.** Although the Fund believes that the use of such contracts will benefit the Fund, the Fund's overall performance could be worse than if the Fund had not entered into futures contracts if the Advisor's investment judgment proves incorrect. For example, if the Fund has hedged against the effects of a possible decrease in prices of securities held in its portfolio and prices increase instead, the Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of these securities because of offsetting losses in its futures positions. In addition, if the Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell securities from its portfolio to meet daily variation margin requirements. Those sales may be, but will not necessarily be, at increased prices that reflect the rising market and may occur at a time when the sales are disadvantageous to the Fund.

The risk of loss in trading futures contracts in some strategies can be substantial, due both to the low margin deposits required, and the extremely high degree of leverage involved in futures pricing. Because the deposit requirements in the futures markets are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities market, there may be increased participation by speculators in the futures market that may also cause temporary price distortions. A relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss (as well as gain) to the investor. For example, if at the time of purchase, 10% of the value of the futures contract is deposited as margin, a subsequent 10% decrease in the value of the futures contract would result in a total loss of the margin deposit, before any deduction for the transaction costs, if the account were then closed out. Thus, a purchase or sale of a futures contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested in the contract. The Fund will only engage in futures transactions when it is believed these risks are justified and will engage in futures transactions primarily for risk management purposes.

- **Correlation Risk.** The prices of futures contracts depend primarily on the value of their underlying instruments. Because there are a limited number of types of futures contracts, it is possible that the standardized futures contracts available to the Fund will not match exactly the Fund's current or potential investments. The Fund may buy and sell futures contracts based on underlying instruments with different characteristics from the securities in which it typically invests--for example, by hedging investments in portfolio securities with a futures contract based on a broad index of securities--which involves a risk that the futures position will not correlate precisely with the performance of the Fund's investments.

Futures prices can also diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the underlying instruments closely correlate with the Fund's investments. Futures prices are affected by factors such as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instruments and the time remaining until expiration of the contract. Those factors may affect securities prices differently from futures prices. Imperfect correlations between the Fund's investments and its futures positions also may result from differing levels of demand in the futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences in how futures and securities are traded, and from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits for futures contracts. The Fund may buy or sell futures contracts with a greater or lesser value than the securities it wishes to hedge or is considering purchasing in order to attempt to compensate for differences in historical volatility between the futures contract and the securities, although this may not be successful in all cases. If price changes in the Fund's futures positions are poorly correlated with its other investments, its futures positions may fail to produce desired gains or result in losses that are not offset by the gains in the Fund's other investments.

#### Regulation as a Commodity Pool Operator

The Advisor, with respect to the Fund, has filed with the National Futures Association a notice claiming an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" under the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Rule 4.5 of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission promulgated thereunder. Accordingly, neither the Fund nor the Advisor is subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator.

#### Margin Requirements

The buyer or seller of a futures contract is not required to deliver or pay for the underlying instrument unless the contract is held until the delivery date. However, both the buyer and seller are required to deposit "initial margin" for the benefit of the FCM when the contract is entered into. Initial margin deposits:

- Are equal to a percentage of the contract's value, as set by the exchange on which the contract is traded;
- May be maintained in cash or certain other liquid assets by the Fund's custodian for the benefit of the FCM; and

- Are similar to good faith deposits or performance bonds.

Unlike margin extended by a securities broker, initial margin payments do not constitute purchasing securities on margin for purposes of the Fund's investment limitations. If the value of either party's position declines, that party will be required to make additional "variation margin" payments for the benefit of the FCM to settle the change in value on a daily basis. The party that has a gain may be entitled to receive all or a portion of this amount. In the event of the bankruptcy of the FCM that holds margin on behalf of the Fund, the Fund may be entitled to return of margin owed to the Fund only in proportion to the amount received by the FCM's other customers. The Trust will attempt to minimize this risk by careful monitoring of the creditworthiness of the FCMs with which it does business and by depositing margin payments in a segregated account with the Fund's custodian.

### SEC Segregation Requirements

In addition to the margin restrictions discussed above, transactions in futures contracts may involve the segregation of funds pursuant to requirements imposed by the SEC. Under those requirements, where the Fund has a long position in a futures contract, it may be required to establish a segregated account (not with a futures commission merchant or broker) containing cash or certain liquid assets equal to the purchase price of the contract (less any margin on deposit). However, segregation of assets is not required if the Fund "covers" a long position. For a short position in futures or forward contracts held by the Fund, those requirements may mandate the establishment of a segregated account (not with a FCM or broker) with cash or certain liquid assets that, when added to the amounts deposited as margin, equal the market value of the instruments underlying the futures contracts (but are not less than the price at which the short positions were established).

### Liquidity Impact of Margin and SEC Segregation Requirements

Although the Fund will segregate cash and liquid assets in an amount sufficient to cover its open futures obligations, the segregated assets will be available to the Fund immediately upon closing out the futures position, while settlement of securities transactions could take several days. However, because the Fund's cash that may otherwise be invested would be held uninvested or invested in other liquid assets so long as the futures position remains open, the Fund's return could be diminished due to the opportunity losses of foregoing other potential investments.

ILLIQUID SECURITIES OR RESTRICTED SECURITIES The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in securities that are considered illiquid. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount to comparable, more liquid investments and thereby restrict the ability of the Fund to dispose of its investments for a fair price in a timely fashion. A stock will be deemed illiquid if the Fund cannot exit the entire position within seven trading days without materially impacting the stock price. Illiquid securities pose more risk to Fund shareholders and therefore must be monitored closely by the Advisor.

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS The Fund may invest up to 10% of its assets in the securities of real estate investment trusts ("REITs"). REITs offer investors greater liquidity and diversification than direct ownership of properties. A REIT is a corporation or business trust that invests substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate. In making investment decisions regarding the purchase of REITs, the Advisor uses a similar investment analysis process as is

used in the selection of individual securities, namely selecting undervalued securities using key valuation metrics and then performing a detailed assessment of the REIT's management, strategy, financial statements and competition. Equity REITs are those which purchase or lease land and buildings and generate income primarily from rental income. Equity REITs may also realize capital gains (or losses) when selling property that has appreciated (or depreciated) in value. Mortgage REITs are those that invest in real estate mortgages and generate income primarily from interest payments on mortgage loans. Hybrid REITs generally invest in both real property and mortgages. Unlike corporations, REITs do not pay income taxes if they meet certain IRS requirements. Real estate related equity securities also include those insured by real estate developers, companies with substantial real estate holdings (for investment or as part of their operations), as well as companies whose products and services are directly related to the real estate industry, such as building supply manufacturers, mortgage lenders or mortgage servicing companies. Like any investment in real estate, though, a REIT's performance depends on several factors, such as its ability to find tenants, renew leases and finance property purchases and renovations. Other risks associated with REIT investments include the fact that equity and mortgage REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills and are not fully diversified. These characteristics subject REITs to the risks associated with financing a limited number of projects. They are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers, and self-liquidation. Additionally, equity REITs may be affected by any changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, and mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Because REITs employ an investment advisor and incur fees and expenses, such investments by the Fund will cause the Fund, and indirectly the Fund's shareholders, to bear duplicate fees.

SHORT SALES The Fund may sell a security short in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. The Fund will sell a security short for investment purposes when the Advisor determines that the security is overvalued and anticipates a correction in the market price. The Advisor may also sell securities short as a hedge against losses in the value of securities held by the Fund. When a Fund engages in a short sale, it sells a security that it does not own. To complete the transaction, the Fund must borrow the security in order to deliver it to the buyer. The Fund must replace the borrowed security by purchasing it at the market price at the time of replacement, which may be more or less than the price at which the Fund sold the security. The Fund will incur a loss as a result of the short sale if the price of the security increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund replaces the borrowed security. The Fund will realize a profit if the security declines in price between those dates. Any potential gain is limited to the price at which the Fund sold the security short, and any potential loss is unlimited in size. The Fund will limit its investments in short sales to 15% of its total assets.

In connection with its short sales, a Fund will be required to maintain a segregated account with the Fund's custodian of cash or high grade liquid assets equal to (i) the greater of the current market value of the securities sold short or the market value of such securities at the time they were sold short, less (ii) any collateral deposited with its broker (not including the proceeds from the short sales). Depending on arrangements made with the broker or custodian, the Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on collateral deposited with the broker or custodian.

## Investment Restrictions

For the benefit of shareholders, the Fund has adopted the following restrictions, which are fundamental policies and cannot be changed without the approval of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

As used in this Statement of Additional Information as to any matter requiring shareholder approval, the phrase "majority of the outstanding securities" means the vote at a meeting of (i) 67% or more of the shares present or represented, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are present in person or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities, whichever is less.

1. Borrowing Money. The Fund will not borrow money, except: (a) from a bank, provided that immediately after such borrowing there is an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings of the Fund; or (b) from a bank or other persons for temporary purposes only, provided that such temporary borrowings are in an amount not exceeding 5% of the Fund's total assets at the time when the borrowing is made. This limitation does not preclude the Fund from entering into reverse repurchase transactions, provided that the Fund has an asset coverage of 300% for all borrowings and repurchase commitments of the Fund pursuant to reverse repurchase transactions.

2. Senior Securities. The Fund will not issue senior securities. This limitation is not applicable to activities that may be deemed to involve the issuance or sale of a senior security by the Fund, provided that the Fund's engagement in such activities is consistent with or permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or interpretations of the SEC or its staff. Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act generally prohibits a fund from issuing any senior security, except that a fund may borrow from a bank if the Fund has asset coverage of at least 300%. The SEC has described certain types of fund portfolio transactions that it believes involve leverage and, therefore, could be deemed to create senior securities. The SEC has stated, however, that a senior security will not be created if a fund either "covers" its obligations under these portfolio transactions by either owning or having the right to obtain the security underlying the transaction, or by maintaining a segregated asset account on the books of its custodian containing liquid assets equal in value to the fund's potential exposure to the leveraged transaction.

3. Underwriting. The Fund will not act as underwriter of securities issued by other persons. This limitation is not applicable to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities (including restricted securities), the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under certain federal securities laws.

4. Real Estate. The Fund will not purchase or sell real estate. This limitation is not applicable to investments in marketable securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate. This limitation does not preclude the Fund from investing in mortgage-related securities or investing in companies engaged in the real estate business or that have a significant portion of their assets in real estate (including real estate investment trusts).

5. Commodities. The Fund will not purchase or sell commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other investments. This limitation does not preclude the Fund from purchasing or selling options or futures contracts, from investing in securities or other instruments backed by commodities or from investing in companies, which are engaged in a commodities business or have a significant portion of their assets in commodities.

6. Loans. The Fund will not make loans to other persons, except: (a) by loaning portfolio securities; (b) by engaging in repurchase agreements; or (c) by purchasing nonpublicly offered debt securities. For purposes of this limitation, the term “loans” shall not include the purchase of a portion of an issue of publicly distributed bonds, debentures or other securities.

7. Concentration. The Fund will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in a particular industry or group of industries. The Fund will not invest 25% or more of its total assets in any investment company that concentrates. This limitation is not applicable to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities or repurchase agreements with respect thereto.

8. Diversification. The Fund will invest in the securities of any issuer only if, immediately after such investment, at least 75% of the value of the total assets of the Fund will be invested in cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. government securities, securities of other investment companies or other securities for the purposes of this calculation limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount (determined immediately after the latest acquisition of securities of the issuer) not greater in value than 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.

With respect to the percentages adopted by the Trust as maximum limitations on its investment policies and limitations, an excess above the fixed percentage will not be a violation of the policy or limitation unless the excess results immediately and directly from the acquisition of any security or the action taken. This paragraph does not apply to the borrowing policy set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above. In the event the Fund’s illiquid holdings exceed 15% of its net assets, the Fund will remedy the situation as promptly as possible, although it is not required to dispose of portfolio holdings immediately if the Fund would suffer losses as a result.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing limitations, any investment company, whether organized as a trust, association or corporation, or a personal holding company, may be merged or consolidated with or acquired by the Trust with shareholder approval, provided that if such merger, consolidation or acquisition results in an investment in the securities of any issuer prohibited by said paragraphs, the Trust shall, within such reasonable time after the consummation of such merger, consolidation or acquisition as is necessary to preserve the tax-free nature of the transaction, dispose of all of the securities of such issuer so acquired or such portion thereof as shall bring the total investment therein within the limitations imposed by said paragraphs above.

The Fund has adopted the following restrictions, which are non-fundamental policies and can be changed without the approval of shareholders. The Fund may not:

1. Pledging. The Fund will not mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or in any manner transfer, as security for indebtedness, any assets of the Fund except as may be necessary in connection with borrowings described in limitation (1) above. The Fund will not mortgage, pledge or hypothecate more than 1/3 of its assets as collateral for such borrowing, and immediately after such borrowing the Fund shall maintain asset coverage of 300% of all borrowing. Margin deposits, security interests, liens and collateral arrangements with respect to transactions involving options, futures contracts, short sales and other permitted investments and techniques are not deemed to be a mortgage, pledge or hypothecation of assets for purposes of this limitation.

2. Borrowing. The Fund will not purchase any security while borrowings (including reverse repurchase agreements) representing more than 5% of its total assets are outstanding.

3. Margin Purchases. The Fund will not purchase securities or evidences of interest thereon on “margin.” This limitation is not applicable to short-term credit obtained by the Fund for the clearance of purchases and sales or redemption of securities, or to arrangements with respect to transactions involving futures contracts, and other permitted investments and techniques.

4. Options. The Fund will not purchase or sell puts, calls, options or straddles.

5. Illiquid Investments. The Fund will not invest more than 15% of its net assets in securities for which there are legal or contractual restrictions on resale and other illiquid securities.

6. 80% Investment Policy. The Fund has adopted a policy to invest at least 80% of its assets (defined as net assets plus the amount of any borrowing for investment purposes) in common stocks of small capitalization companies (defined as issuers that, at the time of initial purchase, have a market capitalization that is within or below the range of companies in the Russell 2000 Index (between approximately \$159 million and \$5.0 billion as of May 11, 2018, the date of the latest reconstitution of the Index)). If the Fund no longer meets the 80% investment requirement, additional investments will be made in a manner that will bring the Fund into compliance. Shareholders of the Fund will be provided with at least 60 days’ prior notice of any change in the Fund’s policy. The notice will be provided in a separate written document containing the following, or similar, statement in boldface type: “Important Notice Regarding Change in Investment Policy”. The statement will also appear on the envelope in which the notice is delivered, unless the notice is delivered separately from other communications to the shareholder. The Advisor, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, may change the definition of small capitalization companies. Shareholders will be notified of any such change.

### **Investment Advisor and Other Services**

#### Investment Advisor

Adirondack Research & Management Inc., 2390 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084 acts as the investment advisor to the Fund. The Advisor provides to the Fund such investment advice as the Board of Trustees deem advisable and furnishes a continuous investment program for the Fund consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and policies. The Advisor determines the securities to be purchased for the Fund, the portfolio securities to be held or sold by the Fund and the portion of the Fund’s assets to be held uninvested, subject always to the Fund’s investment objective, policies and restrictions, as each of the same shall be from time to time in effect, and subject further to such policies and instructions as the Board may from time to time establish. The annual fee accrues daily and is deducted from the daily average net assets of the Fund.

The Advisor retains the right to use the name “Adirondack” in connection with another investment company or business enterprise with which the Advisor is or may become associated. The Trust’s right to use the name “Adirondack” automatically ceases ninety days after termination of the Agreement and may be withdrawn by the Advisor on ninety days written notice.

The Advisor (from its own resources) may make payments to banks or other financial institutions that provide shareholder services and administer shareholder accounts. If a bank or other financial institution were prohibited from continuing to perform all or a part of such services, management of the Fund believes that there would be no material impact on the Fund or its shareholders. Banks may charge their customers fees for offering these services to the extent permitted by applicable regulatory authorities, and the overall return to those shareholders availing themselves of the bank services will be lower than to those shareholders who do not. The Fund may from time to time purchase securities issued by banks that provide such services; however, in selecting investments for the Fund, no preference will be shown for such securities.

Effective August 1, 2018 the Advisor is entitled to receive an annual advisory fee of 1.08% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Advisor has contractually agreed to defer its management fee and reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the Fund's total annual operating expenses at 1.48%. This deferral and reimbursement, should it be needed, will remain in place until August 1, 2019. The Advisor's obligation to reimburse expenses excludes brokerage costs, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividends on securities sold short), taxes, extraordinary expenses, and costs of acquired funds. Each deferral or reimbursement by the Advisor is subject to repayment by the Fund within three years after the waived or reimbursed expenses occurred, if the Fund is able to make the repayment without exceeding the lesser of its current expense limitation or the expense limitation in effect at the time of the reduction, and the repayment is approved by the Board of Trustees.

For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016, March 31, 2017, and March 31, 2018, the Advisor earned management fees of \$3,471,962, \$3,254,722, and \$2,858,694, respectively, none of which were waived by the Advisor. As of March 31, 2014, all remaining previously waived fees had been recaptured.

#### The Portfolio Managers

Mr. Matthew P. Reiner and Mr. Gregory Roeder (the "Portfolio Managers") are responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund. As owners of the Advisor, Mr. Reiner and Mr. Roeder will receive a share of any profits realized by the Advisor. This could be in the form of a salary or profit distributions. As of March 31, 2018, Mr. Reiner and Mr. Roeder were both responsible for the management of the following types of accounts in addition to the Fund:

| <b>Account Type</b>             | <b>Number of Accounts by Account Type</b> | <b>Total Assets By Account Type</b> | <b>Number of Accounts by Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b> | <b>Total Assets By Account Type Subject to a Performance Fee</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Registered Investment Companies | 0   | \$0                                 | 0  | \$0  |



|                                  |    |              |   |     |
|----------------------------------|----|--------------|---|-----|
| Other Pooled Investment Vehicles | 0  | \$0          | 0 | \$0 |
| Other Accounts                   | 67 | \$32,847,273 | 0 | \$0 |

Currently, the investment objectives and investment strategies of the Fund and the other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers are not similar. However, conflicts may arise in connection with their management of the Fund’s investments and the investments in the other accounts. The Advisor has adopted the code of ethics as set forth by The CFA Institute. This code specifically addresses issues involving duties to clients and conflicts of interest. Furthermore, the Advisor maintains trading procedures that minimize the potential for conflicts. Further details of these procedures are outlined in the “Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage” section of this SAI. The Advisor is satisfied that the current policies and procedures of the Advisor are adequate to address conflicts of interest and protect the rights of shareholders.

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities of the Fund beneficially owned by the Portfolio Managers in the Fund as of March 31, 2018.

| <b>Name of Portfolio Manager</b> | <b>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund</b> |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Matthew P. Reiner                | \$100,001 to \$500,000                               |
| Gregory Roeder                   | \$100,001 to \$500,000                               |

### **Custodian**

The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association having its principal office at 41 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, is custodian of the Fund’s investments. The custodian acts as the Fund’s depository, safekeeps its portfolio securities, collects all income and other payments with respect thereto, disburses funds at the Fund’s request and maintains records in connection with its duties.

### **Transfer Agent and Fund Accountant**

Mutual Shareholder Services, LLC (“MSS”), 8000 Town Centre Drive Suite 400, Broadview Heights, OH 44147, acts as the Fund’s transfer agent. MSS maintains the records of the shareholder’s account, answers shareholders’ inquiries concerning their accounts, processes purchases and redemptions of the Fund’s shares, acts as dividend and distribution disbursing

agent and performs other transfer agent and shareholder service functions. MSS receives an annual fee from the Fund of \$11.50 per shareholder account (subject to a minimum monthly fee of \$775.00 per Fund) for these transfer agency services.

In addition, MSS provides the Fund with fund accounting services, which includes certain monthly reports, record-keeping and other management-related services. For its services as Fund Accountant, MSS receives an annual fee from the Fund based on the average value of the Fund's assets. These fees are: from \$0 to \$25 million in assets, the annual fee is \$21,000; from \$25 million to \$50 million in assets, the annual fee is \$30,500; from \$50 million to \$75 million in assets, the annual fee is \$36,250; from \$75 million to \$100 million in assets, the annual fee is \$42,000; from \$100 million to \$125 million in assets, the annual fee is \$47,750; from \$125 million to \$150 million in assets, the annual fee is \$53,500; from \$150 million to \$200 million in assets, the annual fee is \$59,250; from \$200 million to \$300 million in assets, the annual fee is \$59,250 plus .01% on assets greater than \$200 million; and for assets at or above \$300 million, the annual fee is \$69,250 plus .005% on assets greater than \$300 million.

For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016, March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, MSS received \$80,469, \$79,570 and \$80,834, respectively, from the Fund or the Advisor for these fund accounting and transfer agent services.

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

The firm of Sanville & Company, 1514 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001-2607, has been selected as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Sanville & Company performs an annual audit of the Fund's financial statements and provides financial, tax and accounting consulting services as requested.

#### **Distributor**

Rafferty Capital Markets, LLC ("RCM"), located at 1010 Franklin Avenue – Suite 300A, Garden City, NY 11530, serves as the Fund's agent to be the principal underwriter and national distributor for the shares of the Fund pursuant to an underwriting agreement with the Trust (the "Underwriting Agreement"). The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and each state's securities laws and is a member of FINRA. The offering of the Fund's shares are continuous. The Underwriting Agreement provides that the Distributor, as agent in connection with the distribution of Fund shares, will use reasonable efforts to distribute the Fund's shares.

The Underwriting Agreement provides that, unless sooner terminated, it will continue in effect for two years initially and thereafter shall continue from year to year, subject to annual approval by (a) the Board or a vote of a majority of the outstanding shares, and (b) by a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of the Distributor by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval.

The Underwriting Agreement may be terminated by the Fund at any time, without the payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the entire Board of the Trust or by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the fund on 60 days' written notice to the Distributor, or by the Distributor at any time, without the payment of any penalty, on 60 days written notice to the Fund. The Underwriting Agreement will automatically terminate in the event of its assignment.

Compensation for the services performed by the Distributor is paid by the Advisor from its own resources, not the Fund.

### **Determination of Share Price**

The price (net asset value) of the shares of the Fund is determined at the close of trading (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business (the Exchange is closed on weekends, most federal holidays and Good Friday). Equity securities generally are valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service when the Advisor believes such prices accurately reflect the fair market value of such securities. Securities that are traded on any stock exchange or on the NASDAQ over-the-counter market are generally valued by a pricing service at the last quoted sale price. Lacking a last sale price, an equity security is generally valued by a pricing service at its last bid price. When market quotations are not readily available from a pricing service, when the Advisor determines that the market quotation or the price provided by the pricing service does not accurately reflect the current market value, when restricted or illiquid securities are being valued, or when an event occurs after the close of trading (but prior to the time the net asset value is calculated) that materially affects fair value, such securities are fair valued as determined in good faith by the Advisor, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to review of the Board of Trustees.

Fixed income securities generally are valued on the basis of prices furnished by a pricing service when the Advisor believes such prices accurately reflect the fair market value of such securities. A pricing service utilizes electronic data processing techniques based on yield spreads relating to securities with similar characteristics to determine prices for normal institutional-size trading units of debt securities without regard to sale or bid prices. If the Advisor decides that a price provided by a pricing service does not accurately reflect the fair market value of the securities, when prices are not readily available from a pricing service, when restricted or illiquid securities are being valued, or when an event occurs after the close of trading (but prior to the time the net asset value is calculated) that materially affects fair value, securities are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Advisor, in conformity with guidelines adopted by and subject to review of the Board of Trustees. Short term investments in fixed income securities with maturities of less than 60 days when acquired, or which subsequently are within 60 days of maturity, are valued by using the amortized cost method of valuation, which the Board has determined will represent fair value.

The Board of Trustees annually reviews and approves the use of the pricing services, including the methodology used by the pricing services to value securities. The Board will initially approve and annually reapprove use of a pricing service if it is satisfied that the methodology used by the pricing service will result in the fair valuation of Fund securities.

## **Additional Tax Information**

The Fund has qualified, and intends to continue to qualify, as a regulated investment company (“RIC”), under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Qualification generally will relieve the Fund of liability for federal income taxes. If for any taxable year the Fund does not qualify for the special tax treatment afforded regulated investment companies, all of its taxable income will be subject to federal tax at regular corporate rates (without any deduction for distributions to its shareholders). In such event, dividend distributions would be taxable to shareholders to the extent of the Fund’s earnings and profits, and would be eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporations.

The Fund’s net realized capital gains from securities transactions will be distributed only after reducing such gains by the amount of any available capital loss carryforwards. Capital losses incurred in tax years beginning after December 22, 2010 may now be carried forward indefinitely and retain the character of the original loss. Under previously enacted laws, capital losses could be carried forward to offset any capital gains only for eight years, and carried forward as short-term capital losses, irrespective of the character of the original loss. Capital loss carryforwards are available to offset future realized capital gains. To the extent that these carryforwards are used to offset future capital gains it is probable that the amount offset will not be distributed to shareholders.

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, an additional 3.8% Medicare tax generally will be imposed on certain net investment income (including ordinary 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 any 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 certain threshold amounts. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers about the application of federal, state, local and foreign tax law in light of their particular situation.

Payments to a shareholder that is either a foreign financial institution (“FFI”) or a non-financial foreign entity (“NFFE”) within the meaning of the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”) may be subject to a generally nonrefundable 30% withholding tax on: (a) income dividends paid by a Fund after June 30, 2014 and (b) certain capital gain distributions and the proceeds arising from the sale of Fund shares paid by the Fund after December 31, 2016. FATCA withholding tax generally can be avoided: (a) by an FFI, subject to any applicable intergovernmental agreement or other exemption, if it enters into a valid agreement with the IRS to, among other requirements, report required information about certain direct and indirect ownership of foreign financial accounts held by U.S. persons with the FFI and (b) by an NFFE, if it: (i) certifies that it has no substantial U.S. persons as owners or (ii) if it does have such owners, reports information relating to them. A Fund may disclose the information that it receives from its shareholders to the IRS, non-U.S. taxing authorities or other parties as necessary to comply with FATCA. Withholding also may be required if a foreign entity that is a shareholder of a Fund fails to provide the Fund with appropriate certifications or other documentation concerning its status under FATCA.

## Control Persons and Principal Holders of Securities

As of July 2, 2018, the following persons were the owners of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund:

| <b>Name and Address</b>   | <b>Percentage of Ownership</b> | <b>Type of Ownership</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| National Financial Service Corp.<br>200 Liberty Street<br>New York, NY 10271-1003 | 40.64%                         | Record                   |
| Charles Schwab<br>9601 East Panorama Circle<br>Englewood, CO 80112-03441          | 28.05%                         | Record                   |
| Pershing LLC<br>1 Pershing Plaza<br>Jersey City, NJ 07399-0022                    | 10.98%                         | Record                   |
| TD Ameritrade<br>P.O. Box 2226<br>Omaha, NE 68103-2226                            | 5.32%                          | Record                   |

Shareholders owning more than 25% of the shares of the Fund may be deemed to “control” the Fund as that term is defined under the 1940 Act. Persons controlling the Fund can determine the outcome of any proposal submitted to the shareholders for approval, including changes to the Fund’s fundamental policies or the terms of the Management Agreement with the Advisor.

## Management Ownership

As of July 2, 2018, all officers and trustees as a group owned 1.06% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

## Trustees and Officers

The Board of Trustees supervises the business activities of the Trust. Each Trustee serves until the termination of the Trust unless the Trustee dies, resigns, retires or is removed. As of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, the Fund is the only series in the “Fund Complex.”

The following table provides information regarding each Trustee who is not an “interested person” of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act.

| <b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>  | <b>Position &amp; Length of Time Served with the Trust</b> | <b>Number of Portfolios Overseen</b> | <b>Principal Occupations and Directorships During Past 5 Years</b>   |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Kevin Gallagher<br>2390 Western Avenue,<br>Guilderland, NY 12084<br>Year of Birth: 1964       | Trustee since<br>March 2005                                | 1                                    | Owner and Managing Partner of Panurgy NY Metro, LLC (information technology services firm) since 2004.                                   |
| Wade Coton<br>2390 Western Avenue,<br>Guilderland, NY 12084<br>Year of Birth: 1968            | Trustee since<br>March 2005                                | 1                                    | Owner, Manchester Homes, LLC since March 2013. Home Builder and Developer, LDM Management Group Inc. from January 2007 to February 2013. |
| Norman Joseph Plourde<br>2390 Western Avenue,<br>Guilderland, NY 12084<br>Year of Birth: 1963 | Trustee since<br>March 2005                                | 1                                    | Principal and General Manager of Operations (from August 2006 to December 2014), President (since January 2015), Ideal Wood Products.    |

The following table provides information regarding each officer who is an “interested person” of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act, and each officer of the Trust.

| <b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>  | <b>Position &amp; Length of Time Served with the Trust</b>   | <b>Number of Portfolios Overseen</b> | <b>Principal Occupations and Directorships During Past 5 Years</b>   |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Gregory A. Roeder<br>2390 Western Avenue,<br>Guilderland, NY 12084<br>Year of Birth: 1963 | President since<br>March 2005                                | N/A                                  | President and Portfolio Manager, Adirondack Research & Management, Inc. from 2004 to present.  |
| Jarrod H. Becker<br>45 Nashville Rd.<br>Jericho, VT 05465<br>Year of Birth: 1977          | Secretary since 2011;<br>Chief Compliance Officer since 2010 | N/A                                  | CCO, Adirondack Research & Management, Inc. from July 2013 to present. Business Manager, Northern Vermont Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (non-profit) from April 2005 to December 2013. |
| Matthew P. Reiner<br>2390 Western Avenue,<br>Guilderland, NY 12084<br>Year of Birth: 1965 | Treasurer and Principal Financial Officer since March 2005   | N/A                                  | CFO and Portfolio Manager, Adirondack Research & Management, Inc. from February 2005 to present.   |

The Trust’s audit committee consists of Messrs. Gallagher, Coton and Plourde. The audit committee is responsible for appointing and setting compensation for the registered independent public accounting firm; overseeing the Fund’s accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, its internal controls and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers; overseeing the quality and objectivity of the Fund’s financial statements and the independent audit of the financial statements; and acting as a liaison between the Fund’s

independent public accountants and the Board of Trustees. The audit committee met once during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

The Trust is led by Kevin Gallagher, an Independent Trustee who has served as the Chairman of the Board since the Fund's inception. The Board of Trustees is comprised of Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Coton and Mr. Norman Plourde, each an Independent Trustee. Pursuant to the power delegated to the Chairman by the Trustees at the organizational meeting of the Board, the Chairman of the Board presides at all meetings of the Board and performs such other duties as are appropriate as Chairman.

The Trust has separate roles for the President of the Trust and Chairman of the Board because the Trustees believe that a Chairman that is not part of the management team brings a unique and independent perspective to the Board and enhances a culture where critical assessment and open dialogue among the Board members is encouraged. The Board members believe that the Trust's leadership structure consisting of an independent Chairman, together with the Audit Committee and the Board of Trustees, is suitable for the Trust based on the fact that: (i) the Audit Committee supports the independent Trustees in acting independently in pursuing the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders, facilitates the timely and efficient consideration of all matters of importance to independent Trustees, the Fund, and Fund shareholders and facilitates compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; and (ii) as mentioned above, the Chairman sets a tone for the Board of independence in its oversight of management.

Mr. Coton received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from The University at Buffalo in 1990. He was employed as a Junior Civil Engineer with Ecology and Environment Inc. from 1990 to 1992. He also served as Associate Engineer in Anchorage, Alaska from 1992 to 1994. Mr. Coton joined his family's construction and homebuilding company, Richard H. List Inc., in 1995 as estimator, subcontractor and Field Supervisor. From January 2007 until February 2013, Mr. Coton was a Principal in LDM Management Group Inc., a homebuilding and land development company. In March 2013, he became the owner of Manchester Homes, LLC. He is competent to serve on the Board because of his extensive business experience.

Mr. Gallagher holds a Bachelor of Science from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh and a Masters of Business Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. After obtaining his degrees, he held various senior level positions in General Management and National Sales at Coca-Cola Enterprises for 15 years. He has been the Managing Partner of Panurgy NY Metro LLC since March 2004. He also served on the Board of Trustees of two non-profit organizations for a total of approximately seven years. He is competent to serve on the Board because of his extensive business and board membership experience.

Mr. Plourde graduated from Alfred State College in 1983 with an Associate of Science degree in Business Administration. He transferred into the School of Business and Economics at Plattsburgh State University and graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. In 1985, Mr. Plourde was hired as General Manager and Treasurer of P&R Truss Company until 2001 when that company was sold to Universal Forest Products. In 2001, Mr. Plourde became a partner at Ideal Wood Products and was Treasurer until 2006, at which time he became a Principal partner and General Manager of Operations, then began serving as President in January 2015. He is competent to serve on the Board based on his extensive business experience.

As of December 31, 2017, the Trustees owned the following amounts in the Fund:

| <b>Name of Trustee</b> | <b>Dollar Range of Securities in the Fund</b> | <b>Aggregate Dollar Range of Securities in Trust</b> |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Norman J. Plourde      | Over \$100,000                                | Over \$100,000                                       |
| Kevin Gallagher        | Over \$100,000                                | Over \$100,000                                       |
| Wade Coton             | \$50,001-\$100,000                            | \$50,001-\$100,000                                   |

The following table describes the compensation paid to the Trustees of the Trust for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

| <b><u>Name</u></b>    | <b><u>Aggregate Compensation from the Fund</u></b> | <b><u>Total Compensation from Trust</u></b> |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Wade Coton            | \$23,000   | \$23,000                                    |
| Kevin Gallagher       | \$23,000   | \$23,000                                    |
| Norman Joseph Plourde | \$23,000   | \$23,000                                    |

The Fund does not intend to pay any retainer fees to its officers for their services as such. Beginning July 1, 2017, the Trustees are paid a fee of \$6,000 for each quarter that they are a member of the Board of Trustees, in addition to reimbursing all Trustees for travel and incidental expenses incurred by them in connection with their attendance at Board meetings. Trustees do not receive pension or retirement benefits.

### **Portfolio Transactions and Brokerage**

Subject to policies established by the Board of Trustees, the Advisor is responsible for the Fund's portfolio decisions and the placing of the Fund's portfolio transactions. In placing portfolio transactions, the Advisor seeks the best qualitative execution for the Fund, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), the execution capability, financial responsibility and responsiveness of the broker or dealer and the brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. The Advisor generally seeks favorable prices and commission rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. The Advisor may not give consideration to sales of shares of the Fund as a factor in the selection of brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions. However, the Advisor may place portfolio transactions with brokers or dealers that promote or sell the Fund's shares so long as such placements are made pursuant to policies approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees that are designed to ensure that the selection is based on the quality of the broker's execution and not on its sales efforts. For the fiscal years ended March 31, 2016, March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$428,176, \$360,555 and \$374,460, respectively.



Soft dollar commissions for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 totaled \$139,802 on \$217,616,220 in transactions.

The Advisor is specifically authorized to select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage and research services to the Fund and/or the other accounts over which the Advisor exercises investment discretion and to pay such brokers or dealers a commission in excess of the commission another broker or dealer would charge if the Advisor determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. The determination may be viewed in terms of a particular transaction or the Advisor's overall responsibilities with respect to the Trust and to other accounts over which it exercises investment discretion.

Research services include supplemental research, securities and economic analyses, statistical services and information with respect to the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities and analyses of reports concerning performance of accounts. The research services and other information furnished by brokers through whom the Fund effects securities transactions may also be used by the Advisor in servicing all of its accounts. Similarly, research and information provided by brokers or dealers serving other clients may be useful to the Advisor in connection with its services to the Fund. Although research services and other information are useful to the Fund and the Advisor, it is not possible to place a dollar value on the research and other information received. It is the opinion of the Board of Trustees and the Advisor that the review and study of the research and other information will not reduce the overall cost to the Advisor of performing its duties to the Fund under the Agreement.

Over-the-counter transactions will be placed either directly with principal market makers or with broker-dealers, if the same or a better price, including commissions and executions, is available. Fixed income securities may be purchased directly from the issuer, an underwriter or a market maker. Purchases include a concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and the purchase price paid to a market maker may include the spread between the bid and asked prices.

When the Fund and another of the Advisor's clients seek to purchase or sell the same security at or about the same time, the Advisor will execute the transaction on a combined ("blocked") basis to insure consistent and fair execution. Blocked transactions can produce better execution for the Fund because of the increased volume of the transaction. If the entire blocked order is not filled, the Fund may not be able to acquire as large a position in such security as it desires or it may have to pay a higher price for the security. Similarly, the Fund may not be able to obtain as large an execution of an order to sell or as high a price for any particular portfolio security if the other client desires to sell the same portfolio security at the same time. The Advisor will keep records of all block trades or have access to them electronically. If a block order is filled at varying prices, the Advisor or the broker used will compute the average price and allocate the trades at the average price as well as transaction costs to all clients on a pro-rata basis. The Advisor will maintain the computations of the average price/transaction costs and specific allocation either on, or as an attachment to, the block order ticket, or have access to the computations of the average price/transaction costs and specific allocation electronically. In the event a block trade is not filled in its entirety, the Advisor will allocate the completed portion among clients on an equal sharing or, if the number of shares is not equally distributable or if the Advisor decides for another reason(s) not to equally distribute a block trade not completely filled, on a specific allocation basis. If on a specific allocation basis, the Advisor's President, Vice-President, or Chief Compliance Officer will document and sign the rationale for such specific allocation. The

Advisor will maintain documentation of the allocation on, or as an attachment to, the block order ticket, or have access to the documentation of the allocation electronically. The Advisor and its investment advisor representatives will not receive additional compensation as a result of block trades.

### **Financial Statements**

The financial statements and independent registered public accounting firm's report required to be included in this Statement of Additional Information are incorporated herein by reference to the Fund's Annual Report to shareholders dated March 31, 2018. You can obtain the annual report without charge by calling the Fund at 1-888-686-2729.