### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### REDWOOD PRIVATE REAL ESTATE DEBT FUND

Class I Shares
Class S Shares

Dated April 30, 2025

c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 West Galena Street Milwaukee, WI 53212

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This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus. This SAI relates to and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus (the "Prospectus") of Redwood Private Real Estate Debt Fund (the "Fund") (formerly known as the Redwood Real Estate Income Fund) dated April 30, 2025, as it may be further amended or supplemented from time to time. This SAI is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the Prospectus.

The Fund's audited financial statements and financial highlights appearing in the Annual Report to Shareholders for the fiscal period ended December 31, 2024 (the "Annual Report") are incorporated by reference into this SAI. No other part of the Annual Report is incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the Prospectus and Annual Report may be obtained without charge by contacting the Fund at the telephone number or address set forth above. You may also obtain the Prospectus and Annual Report by visiting the Fund's website at www.cremxfund.com/. The information on the Fund's website is not incorporated by reference into this SAI and investors should not consider it a part of this SAI.

This SAI is not an offer to sell shares of beneficial interest ("Shares") of the Fund and is not soliciting an offer to buy Shares in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meaning set forth in the Prospectus.

Shares are distributed by Distribution Services, LLC (formerly UMB Distribution Services, LLC) ("Distributor") to institutions and financial intermediaries who may distribute Shares to clients and customers (including affiliates and correspondents) of the Fund's investment manager, and to clients and customers of other organizations. The Fund's Prospectus, which is dated April 30, 2025, provides basic information investors should know before investing. This SAI is intended to provide additional information regarding the activities and operations of the Fund and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Redwood Private Real Estate Debt Fund (the "Fund") (formerly known as the Redwood Real Estate Income Fund) is a Delaware statutory trust registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act"), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund operates as an interval fund.

# INVESTMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES

The investment objective of the Fund, as well as the principal investment strategies of the Fund and the principal risks associated with such investment strategies, are set forth in the Prospectus. Certain additional information regarding the investment program of the Fund is set forth below.

### FUNDAMENTAL POLICIES

The Fund's fundamental policies, which are listed below, may only be changed by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. No other policy is a fundamental policy of the Fund, except as expressly stated. At the present time the Shares are the only outstanding voting securities of the Fund. As defined by the Investment Company Act, the vote of a "majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund" means the vote, at an annual or special meeting of the Shareholders of the Fund, duly called, (i) of 67% or more of the Shares represented at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding Shares are present in person or represented by proxy or (ii) of more than 50% of the outstanding Shares, whichever is less. The Fund may:

- (1) borrow money and issue senior securities (as defined under the Investment Company Act), except as prohibited under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder (except as permitted by an exemption therefrom), as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") from time to time.
- (2) underwrite securities of other issuers, except as prohibited under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder (except as permitted by an exemption therefrom), as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted by the SEC from time to time.
- (3) make loans, except as prohibited under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder (except as permitted by an exemption therefrom), as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted by the SEC from time to time.
- (4) purchase or sell commodities and commodity contracts or real estate and real estate mortgage loans, except as prohibited under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder (except as permitted by an exemption therefrom), as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted by the SEC from time to time.
- (5) not concentrate investments in a particular industry or group of industries, as concentration is defined under the Investment Company Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time, except that the Fund may invest without limitation in the real estate industry and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities and repurchase agreements involving such securities or tax-exempt obligations of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions. The Fund will invest over 25% of its assets in securities of issuers in the real estate industry.
- (6) engage in short sales, purchases on margin and the writing of put and call options to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, including the Investment Company Act, the rules or regulations thereunder or applicable orders of the SEC, as such statute, rules, regulations or orders may be amended from time to time.

With respect to these investment restrictions and other policies described in this SAI or the Prospectus, if a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of an investment or transaction, a later change in percentage resulting from a change in the values of investments or the value of the Fund's total assets, unless otherwise stated, will not constitute a violation of such restriction or policy. However, the Fund shall always be in compliance with its policy on borrowing.

In addition to the above, the Fund has adopted the following additional fundamental policies:

- it will make quarterly repurchase offers for no less than for 5% and not more than 25% (except as permitted by Rule 23c-3 under the Investment Company Act ("Rule 23c-3") of the Shares outstanding at per-class net asset value ("NAV") per Share (measured on the repurchase request deadline) less any repurchase fee, unless suspended or postponed in accordance with regulatory requirements;
- each repurchase request deadline will be determined in accordance with Rule 23c-3, as may be amended from time to time. Rule 23c-3 requires the repurchase request deadline to be no less than 21 and no more than 42 days after the Fund sends a notification to Shareholders of the repurchase offer; and
- each repurchase pricing date will be determined in accordance with Rule 23c-3, as may be amended from time to time. Rule 23c-3 requires the repurchase pricing date to be no later than the 14<sup>th</sup> day after a repurchase request deadline, or the next business day if the 14<sup>th</sup> day is not a business day.

Shareholders can obtain the date of the next Repurchase Request Deadline by writing to the Fund, c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc., 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212, or by calling the Fund toll-free at 888-988-9882.

THE FUND MAY CHANGE ITS INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, POLICIES, RESTRICTIONS, STRATEGIES, AND TECHNIQUES.

Except as otherwise indicated, the Fund may change its investment objectives and any of its policies, restrictions, strategies, and techniques without Shareholder approval. The investment objective of the Fund is not a fundamental policy of the Fund and may be changed by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") without the vote of a majority (as defined by the Investment Company Act) of the Fund's outstanding Shares.

The following descriptions of the Investment Company Act may assist investors in understanding the above policies and restrictions.

**Borrowing.** The Investment Company Act restricts an investment company from borrowing in excess of 331/3% of its total assets (including the amount borrowed, but excluding temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets).

<u>Commodities</u>. The Investment Company Act does not directly restrict an investment company's ability to invest in commodities or contracts related to commodities, but does require that every investment company have a fundamental investment policy governing such investments. The Fund does not invest in commodities.

Concentration. The SEC staff has defined concentration as investing 25% or more of an investment company's total assets in any particular industry or group of industries, with certain exceptions such as with respect to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities. For purposes of the Fund's concentration policy, the Fund may classify and re-classify companies in a particular industry and define and re-define industries in any reasonable manner, consistent with SEC guidance. For purposes of the Fund's industry concentration policy, the Investment Adviser may analyze the characteristics of a particular issuer and instrument and may assign an industry classification consistent with those characteristics. The Investment Adviser may, but need not, consider industry classifications provided by third parties.

Real Estate. The Investment Company Act does not directly restrict an investment company's ability to invest in real estate or interests in real estate, but does require that every investment company have a fundamental investment policy governing such investments. The Fund may invest in real estate or interests in real estate, securities that are secured by or represent interests in real estate (e.g. mortgage loans evidenced by notes or other writings defined to be a type of security), mortgage-related securities, investment funds that invest in real estate through entities that may qualify as REITs, or in companies engaged in the real estate business or that have a significant portion of their assets in real estate (including REITs). The Fund can invest in real estate or interest in real estate to the extent set out in the investment strategies and policies described in the Prospectus and this SAI.

Senior Securities. Senior securities may include any obligation or instrument issued by a fund evidencing indebtedness. The Investment Company Act generally prohibits funds from issuing senior securities, although it does provide allowances for certain borrowings, firm commitment and standby commitment agreements. Further, under the Investment Company Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue preferred stock unless immediately after such issuance the value of the Fund's total assets is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding preferred stock (i.e., the liquidation value may not exceed 50% of the Fund's total assets). In addition, Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act permits the Fund to enter into derivatives transactions, notwithstanding the prohibitions and restrictions on the issuance of senior securities under the Investment Company Act, provided that the Fund complies with the conditions of Rule 18f-4.

<u>Underwriting</u>. Under the Investment Company Act, underwriting securities involves an investment company purchasing securities directly from an issuer for the purpose of selling (distributing) them or participating in any such activity either directly or indirectly.

**Lending**. Under the Investment Company Act, an investment company may only make loans if expressly permitted by its investment policies.

### OTHER POTENTIAL RISKS AND ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION

# **Dependence on the Investment Manager**

The success of the Fund depends upon the ability of the Investment Manager to develop and implement investment strategies that achieve the investment objective of the Fund. Shareholders will have no right or power to participate in the management or control of the Fund.

## **Business and Regulatory Risks**

Legal, tax and regulatory developments that may adversely affect the Fund or the Investment Manager could occur. Securities and other investment markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations and margin requirements enforced by the SEC, other regulators and self-regulatory organizations and exchanges authorized to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The regulation of investment transactions and funds that engage in such transactions is an evolving area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial actions. It is impossible to predict what, if any, changes in regulations may occur, but any regulations which restrict the ability of the Fund to complete investments or the ability of the Fund to employ, or brokers and other counterparties to extend credit in its investments (as well as other regulatory changes that result) could have a material adverse impact on the Fund's portfolio.

## Reliance on Key Personnel

The Fund's ability to identify and invest in attractive opportunities is dependent upon the Investment Manager. If one or more key individuals leaves the Investment Manager, the Investment Manager may not be able to hire qualified replacements, or may require an extended time to do so. This could prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objective.

### **Financial Failure of Intermediaries**

There is always the possibility that the institutions, including brokerage firms and banks, with which the Fund does business, or to which securities have been entrusted for custodial purposes, will encounter financial difficulties that may impair their operational capabilities or result in losses to the Fund.

## **Cyber Security Risk**

The Fund and its service providers may be prone to operational and information security risks resulting from breaches in cyber security. A breach in cyber security refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, or lose operational capacity. Breaches in cyber security 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-attacks. Cyber security breaches affecting the Fund, the Investment Manager, financial intermediaries and other third-party service providers may adversely impact the Fund. For instance, cyber security breaches 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 business information, impede investment activities, subject the Fund to regulatory fines or financial losses and/or 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 the issuers of securities in which the Fund may invest, which could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers and may cause the Fund to lose value.

# **LIBOR Transition**

Certain financial contracts around the world have historically specified rates based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), which produced daily by averaging the rates for inter-bank lending reported by a number of banks. In July of 2017, the head of the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR at the end of 2021. Most LIBOR settings are no longer published as of December 31, 2021. Overnight and 12-month U.S. dollar LIBOR settings permanently ceased after publication on June 30, 2021. The 1-, 3- and 6-month U.S. dollar LIBOR settings will continue to be published using a synthetic methodology until September 2024. Neither the effect of the LIBOR transition process nor its ultimate success can yet be known. Although the transition away from LIBOR has become increasingly well-defined, any potential effects of the transition

away from LIBOR and other benchmark rates on financial markets, a fund or the financial instruments in which a fund invests can be difficult to ascertain. Not all existing LIBOR-based instruments may have alternative rate-setting provisions and there remains uncertainty regarding the willingness and ability of issuers to add alternative rate-setting provisions in certain existing instruments. Global regulators have advised market participants to cease entering into new contracts using LIBOR as a reference rate, and it is possible that investments in LIBOR-based instruments could invite regulatory scrutiny. In addition, a liquid market for newly-issued instruments that use a reference rate other than LIBOR still may be developing. All of the aforementioned may adversely affect the Fund's performance or NAV.

### **Commercial Debt Securities**

A portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in other types of residential and commercial debt securities such as Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") Structured Pass-Through Certificates, known as "K-Notes." K-Notes are securitized interests in apartment mortgage notes that are assembled by the FHLMC and issued by special purpose trusts. K-Notes are issued with varying levels of maturity and seniority. Some K-Notes are repurchased and reissued by FHLMC with a FHLMC guarantee, while other K-Notes do not have a FHLMC guarantee. The value of any investment in privately offered subordinate classes of K-Notes will be highly sensitive to the default rate and foreclosure recovery rate on the underlying apartment loan, as more-senior classes have payment priority over subordinate classes of K-Notes. Additionally, subordinate K-Notes are subject to liquidity risk because they are not available to the investing public and have a limited secondary market composed of institutional investors.

# Payment in Kind for Repurchased Shares

The Fund does not expect to distribute securities as payment for repurchased Shares except in unusual circumstances, such as in the unlikely event that making a cash payment would result in a material adverse effect on the Fund or on Shareholders not requesting that their Shares be repurchased. In the event that the Fund makes such a distribution of securities as payment for Shares, Shareholders will bear any risks of the distributed securities and may be required to pay a brokerage commission or other costs to dispose of such securities.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE FUND

The business operations of the Fund are managed and supervised under the direction of the Board, subject to the laws of the State of Delaware and the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust. The Board has overall responsibility for the management and supervision of the business affairs of the Fund on behalf of its Shareholders, including the authority to establish policies regarding the management, conduct and operation of its business. The Board exercises the same powers, authority and responsibilities on behalf of the Fund as are customarily exercised by the board of directors of a registered investment company organized as a corporation. The officers of the Fund conduct and supervise the daily business operations of the Fund.

The members of the Board (each, a "Trustee") are not required to contribute to the capital of the Fund or to hold Shares. A majority of Trustees of the Board are not "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of the Fund (collectively, the "Independent Trustees"). Any Trustee who is not an Independent Trustee is an interested trustee ("Interested Trustee").

The identity of Trustees of the Board and officers of the Fund, and their brief biographical information, including their addresses, their year of birth and descriptions of their principal occupations during the past five years is set forth below.

The Trustees serve on the Board for terms of indefinite duration. A Trustee's position in that capacity will terminate if the Trustee is removed or resigns or, among other events, upon the Trustee's death, incapacity, retirement or bankruptcy. A Trustee may resign upon written notice to the other Trustees of the Fund, and may be removed either by (i) the vote of at least two-thirds of the Trustees of the Fund not subject to the removal vote; or (ii) the vote of Shareholders of the Fund holding not less than two-thirds of the total number of votes eligible to be cast by all Shareholders of the Fund. In the event of any vacancy in the position of a Trustee, the remaining Trustees of the Fund may appoint an individual to serve as a Trustee so long as immediately after the appointment at least two-thirds of the Trustees of the Fund then serving have been elected by the Shareholders of the Fund. The Board may call a meeting of the Fund's Shareholders to fill any vacancy in the position of a Trustee of the Fund, and must do so if the Trustees who were elected by the Shareholders of the Fund cease to constitute a majority of the Trustees then serving on the Board.

## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

NUMBER OF

NAME, ADDRESS AND YEAR OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) HELD WITH THE FUND	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTOR	PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX* OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY TRUSTEES
J. Michael Fields Year of Birth: 1973 c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212	Trustee	Since Inception	Independent Consultant, (June 2023 – present); Chief Operating Officer, The Strategic Group (2017 – May 2023); Secretary, Hatteras Master Fund Complex (2009 – 2016); Chief Financial Officer, Hatteras Master Fund Complex (2004 – 2009).		Independent Board Member, Constitution Capital Access Fund, LLC (2022 – Present)
Stephen A. Mace Year of Birth: 1957 c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212	Trustee	Since Inception	General Counsel, Midwest Holding Inc. (a Delaware insurance holding company), and its subsidiaries (2020 – Present); President, Admiralty Advisors, LLC (2020 – Present); President, Alpine Capital Research, LLC (a SEC-registered investment adviser) (2016 – 2020).		Board of Directors, Centurion Alliance, Inc. (2000 – Present)
Stacy Roode Year of Birth: 1968 c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212	Trustee	Since Inception	Senior Vice President, Fidelity Investments (2018 – 2020); Global Transfer Agent Manager, Shareholder Services Inc. (2009 – 2018); President, Oppenheimer Funds (1992 – 2018).	3	Independent Board of Trustee, XD Fund Trust (2023 – Present)

### INTERESTED TRUSTEE AND OFFICERS

NUMBED OF

NAME, ADDRESS AND YEAR OF BIRTH	POSITION(S) HELD WITH THE FUND	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS AND OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTOR OR OFFICER	NUMBER OF PORTFOLIOS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY DIRECTOR	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY TRUSTEES	
Amy Small** Year of Birth: 1982	Trustee	Since Inception	Executive Vice President, Executive Director — Institutional Custody Business	3	None	
c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212			Line, Director of Institutional Banking Operations, UMB Bank, n.a; (2018 – present); Director of Finance (2016 – 2018), Director of Financial Control, Operations, and Business Development, DST Systems, inc. (2000 – 2018)			
Michael T. Messinger Year of Birth: 1978	President	Since Inception	Founding Partner & Money Manager, Redwood Investment Management, LLC	N/A	N/A	
c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212			(2010-present)			
Ann Maurer Year of Birth: 1972	Secretary	Since Inception	Senior Vice President, Client Services (2017 – Present); Vice President, Senior	N/A	N/A	
c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212			Client Service Manager (2013 – 2017); Assistant Vice President, Client Relations Manager (2002 – 2013), each with UMB Fund Services, Inc.			
Richard M. Duff Year of Birth: 1966	Treasurer	Since Inception	Managing Partner & Portfolio Manager & Money Manager, Redwood Investment	N/A	N/A	
c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212			Management, LLC (2015 – present)			
Amy Siefer Year of Birth: 1977	Chief Compliance	Since June 2024	Director of Fund CCO Services, PINE Advisor Solutions LLC (2024 – present);	N/A	N/A	
c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc. 235 W. Galena St. Milwaukee, WI 53212	Officer		Vice President at Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. (2012 – 2024).			

<sup>\*</sup> The fund complex consists of the Fund, Aether Infrastructure & Natural Resources Fund and the Callodine Specialty Income

The Board believes that each of the Trustees' experience, qualifications, attributes and skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees lead to the conclusion that each Trustee should serve in such capacity. Among the attributes common to all Trustees is the ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Trustees, the Investment Manager, the Fund's other service providers, counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties as Trustees. A Trustee's ability to perform his or her duties effectively may have been attained through the Trustee's business, consulting, and public service; experience as a board member of non-profit entities or other organizations; education or professional training; and/or other life experiences. In addition to these shared characteristics, set forth below is a brief discussion of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each Trustee.

*J. Michael Fields.* Mr. Fields has been a Trustee since the Fund's inception. Mr. Fields has more than 19 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Stephen A. Mace. Mr. Mace has been a Trustee since the Fund's inception. Mr. Mace has more than 41 years of experience in the financial services industry.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Ms. Small is deemed an Interested Trustee because of her affiliation with the Fund's Custodian.

Stacy Roode. Ms. Roode has been a Trustee since the Fund's inception. Ms. Roode has more than 31 years of experience in the financial service industry.

Amy Small. Ms. Small has been a Trustee since the Fund's inception. Ms. Small has more than 20 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Specific details regarding each Trustee's principal occupations during the past five years are included in the table above.

# Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for oversight of the Fund rests with the Board. The Fund has engaged the Investment Manager to manage the Fund on a day-to-day basis. The Board is responsible for overseeing the Investment Manager, and other service providers in the operations of the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act, applicable provisions of state and other laws and the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust. The Board is currently composed of four members, three of whom are Independent Trustees. The Board will hold regularly scheduled meetings four times each year. In addition, the Board may hold special in-person or telephonic meetings or informal conference calls to discuss specific matters that may arise or require action between regular meetings. The Independent Trustees have also engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibility. The Independent Trustees will meet with their independent legal counsel in person prior to and/or during each quarterly in-person board meeting. As described below, the Board has established an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee, and may establish ad hoc committees or working groups from time to time to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities.

The Board has appointed Stephen A. Mace, an Independent Trustee, to serve in the role of Chairman. The Chairman's role is to preside at all meetings of the Board and to act as liaison with the Investment Manager, other service providers, counsel and other Trustees generally between meetings. The Chairman serves as a key point person for dealings between management and the Trustees. The Chairman may also perform such other functions as may be delegated by the Board from time to time. The Board has not appointed a lead independent trustee. The Board has determined that the Board's leadership structure is appropriate because it allows the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over matters under its purview and it allocates areas of responsibility among committees of Trustees and the full Board in a manner that enhances effective oversight.

The Fund is subject to a number of risks, including investment, compliance, operational and valuation risks, among others. Risk oversight forms part of the Board's general oversight of the Fund and will be addressed as part of various Board and committee activities. Day-to-day risk management functions are subsumed within the responsibilities of the Investment Manager and other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk), which carry out the Fund's investment management and business affairs. The Investment Manager and other service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify various events or circumstances that give rise to risks, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such events or circumstances if they do occur. Each of the Investment Manager and other service providers has its own independent interests in risk management, and their policies and methods of risk management will depend on their functions and business models. The Board recognizes that it is not possible to identify all of the risks that may affect the Fund or to develop processes and controls to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. The Board will require senior officers of the Fund, including the President, Treasurer and Chief Compliance Officer, and the Investment Manager to report to the full Board on a variety of matters at regular and special meetings of the Board, including matters relating to risk management. The Board and the Audit Committee will also receive regular reports from the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm on internal control and financial reporting matters. The Board will also receive reports from certain of the Fund's other primary service providers on a periodic or regular basis, including the Fund's Custodian, Distributor and Administrator. The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight.

### **Committees of the Board of Trustees**

Audit Committee

The Board has formed an Audit Committee that is responsible for 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 those financial statements; and acting as a liaison between the Fund's independent auditors and the full Board. In performing its responsibilities, the Audit Committee will select and recommend annually to the entire Board a firm of independent certified public accountants to audit the books and records of the Fund for the ensuing year, and will review with the firm the scope and results of each audit. The Audit Committee consists of each of the Fund's Independent Trustees.

The Audit Committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

Nominating Committee

The Board has formed a Nominating Committee that is responsible for selecting and nominating persons to serve as Trustees of the Fund. The Nominating Committee is responsible for both nominating candidates to be appointed by the Board to fill vacancies and for nominating candidates to be presented to Shareholders for election. In performing its responsibilities, the Nominating Committee will consider candidates recommended by management of the Fund and by Shareholders and evaluate them both in a similar manner, as long as the recommendation submitted by a Shareholder includes at a minimum: the name, address and telephone number of the recommending Shareholder and information concerning the Shareholder's interests in the Fund in sufficient detail to establish that the Shareholder held Shares on the relevant record date; and the name, address and telephone number of the recommended nominee and information concerning the recommended nominee's education, professional experience, and other information that might assist the Nominating Committee in evaluating the recommended nominee's qualifications to serve as a trustee. The Nominating Committee may solicit candidates to serve as trustees from any source it deems appropriate. With the Board's prior approval, the Nominating Committee may employ and compensate counsel, consultants or advisers to assist it in discharging its responsibilities. The Nominating Committee consists of each of the Fund's Independent Trustees.

The Nominating Committee held no meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024.

### **Trustee Ownership of Securities**

As of December 31, 2024, none of the Trustees own Shares of the Fund.

## **Independent Trustee Ownership of Securities**

As of December 31, 2024, none of the Independent Trustees (or their immediate family members) owned securities of the Investment Manager, or of an entity (other than a registered investment company) controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Investment Manager.

## **Trustee Compensation**

In consideration of the services rendered by the Independent Trustees, the Fund will pay each Independent Trustee a retainer of \$2,500 per quarter. Messrs. Mace and Fields and Ms. Roode each receive an additional \$500 for their service as chair of the Board, chair of the Audit Committee and chair of the Nominating Committee, respectively. Each Independent Trustee will also receive an additional \$1,000 for each meeting of the Audit Committee and \$1,500 for any special meeting. Interested Trustees will be compensated by the Fund's administrator and/or its affiliates and will not be separately compensated by the Fund.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Independent Trustees were each paid \$14,000.

### **CODES OF ETHICS**

The Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Fund's distributor have each adopted a code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 of the Investment Company Act, which is designed to prevent affiliated persons of the Fund and the Investment Manager from engaging in deceptive, manipulative, or fraudulent activities in connection with securities held or to be acquired by the Fund. The codes of ethics permit persons subject to them to invest in securities, including securities that may be held or purchased by the Fund, subject to a number of restrictions and controls. Compliance with the codes of ethics is carefully monitored and enforced.

The codes of ethics are included as exhibits to the Fund's registration statement filed with the SEC and are available on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>, and may also be obtained after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: <a href="publicinfo@sec.gov">publicinfo@sec.gov</a>.

### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SERVICES

## The Investment Manager

Redwood Investment Management, LLC ("Redwood" or the "Investment Manager"), serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. The Investment Manager is an investment adviser registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Subject to the general supervision of the Board, and in accordance with the investment objective, policies, and restrictions of the Fund, the Investment Manager is responsible for determining and implementing the Fund's overall investment strategy and for the day-to-day management and investment of the Fund's investment portfolio. The Investment Manager provide such services to the Fund pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement. Redwood Investment Holdco, LLC wholly owns RIM Holdco, which owns 99% of Redwood Investment Management, LLC. Redwood Investment Holdco, LLC is controlled, and majority owned by Michael Messinger and related trusts formed by him.

The Investment Management Agreement became effective as of April 14, 2023, and continued in effect for an initial two-year term. Thereafter, the Investment Management Agreement continues in effect from year to year provided such continuance is specifically approved at least annually by (i) the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the Investment Company Act) of the Fund or a majority of the Board, and (ii) the vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees of the Fund, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Investment Management Agreement, or any other investment advisory contracts, is available in the Fund's semi-annual report to Shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2023.

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Fund pays the Investment Manager an Investment Management Fee equal to 1.75% on an annualized basis payable monthly in arrears, based on the Fund's average daily Managed Assets (as defined below), subject to certain adjustments. The Investment Management Fee is paid to the Investment Manager before giving effect to any repurchase of Shares in the Fund effective as of that date, and will decrease the net profits or increase the net losses of the Fund that are credited to its Shareholders. "Managed Assets" means the total assets of the Fund, including leverage, minus liabilities (other than debt representing leverage and any preferred stock that may be outstanding). As a result, the Investment Manager is paid more if the Fund uses leverage, which creates a conflict of interest for the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager will seek to manage that potential conflict by utilizing leverage only when they determine such action is in the best interests of the Fund.

For the fiscal period June 26, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the Fund paid the Investment Management Fee in the amount of \$1,313,243.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund paid the Investment Management Fee in the amount of \$5,623,362.

## The Portfolio Managers

The personnel of the Investment Manager who will initially have primary responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio (the "Portfolio Managers") are Michael Messinger, Richard Duff, and Michael Cheung.

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers(1)

	Type of Accounts	Total # of Accounts Managed	Total Assets (\$mm)	# of Accounts Managed that Advisory Fee Based on Performance	Total Assets that Advisory Fee Based on Performance (\$mm)
1. Michael Messinger	Registered Investment Companies	10	\$ 1,633,547,567	0	0
	Other Pooled Vehicles	0	0	0	0
	Other Accounts:	1765	\$ 911,602,022	0	0
2. Richard Duff	Registered Investment Companies	10	\$ 1,633,547,567	0	0
	Other Pooled Vehicles	0	0	0	0
	Other Accounts:	1765	\$ 911,602,022	0	0
3. Michael Cheung	Registered Investment Companies	10	\$ 1,633,547,567	0	0
	Other Pooled Vehicles	0	0	0	0
	Other Accounts:	1765	\$ 911,602,022	0	0

<sup>(1)</sup> As of December 31, 2024.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

The Investment Manager and Portfolio Managers may manage multiple funds and/or other accounts, and as a result may be presented with one or more of the following actual or potential conflicts:

The management of multiple funds and/or other accounts may result in the Investment Adviser or a Portfolio Manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each fund and/or other account. The Investment Adviser seeks to manage such competing interests for the time and attention of a Portfolio Manager by having the Portfolio Manager focus on a particular investment discipline. Most other accounts managed by a Portfolio Manager are managed using the same investment models that are used in connection with the management of the Fund.

If the Investment Adviser or a Portfolio Manager identifies a limited investment opportunity which may be suitable for more than one fund or other account, a fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity due to an allocation of filled purchase or sale orders across all eligible funds and other accounts. To deal with these situations, the Investment Adviser has adopted procedures for allocating portfolio transactions across multiple accounts.

The Investment Adviser has adopted certain compliance procedures which are designed to address these types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation in which a conflict arises.

### **Compensation of the Portfolio Managers**

Investment Manager

Portfolio Manager compensation is comprised of base salary, discretionary bonus, and through ownership stake in the Investment Manager. Base salary is fixed while the bonus is discretionary based on financial performance of the Investment Manager, qualitative assessment of performance of portfolio management team, and qualitative assessment of the Portfolio Manager. Compensation is not directly tied to any investment performance or to the value of assets held in the portfolio.

### Portfolio Managers' Ownership of Shares

Name of Portfolio Manager:	Dollar Range of Shares Beneficially Owned by Portfolio Manager(1):			
Michael Messinger	Over \$1,000,000			
Richard Duff	None			
Michael Cheung	None			
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<sup>(1)</sup> As of December 31, 2024.

### **BROKERAGE**

It is the Fund's policy to obtain the best results in connection with effecting its portfolio transactions, taking into account factors such as price, size of order, difficulty of execution and operational facilities of a brokerage firm and the firm's risk in positioning a block of securities. Generally, equity securities are bought and sold through brokerage transactions for which commissions are payable. Purchases from underwriters will include the underwriting commission or concession, and purchases from dealers serving as market makers will include a dealer's mark-up or reflect a dealer's mark-down. Money market securities and other debt securities are usually bought and sold directly from the issuer or an underwriter or market maker for the securities. Generally, the Fund will not pay brokerage commissions for such purchases. When a debt security is bought from an underwriter, the purchase price will usually include an underwriting commission or concession. The purchase price for securities bought from dealers serving as market makers will similarly include the dealer's mark up or reflect a dealer's mark down. When the Fund executes transactions in the over-the-counter market, it will generally deal with primary market makers unless prices that are more favorable are otherwise obtainable.

In addition, the Investment Manager may place a combined order for two or more accounts it manages, including the Fund, that are engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security if, in its judgment, joint execution is in the best interest of each participant and will result in best price and execution. Transactions involving commingled orders are allocated in a manner deemed equitable to each account or fund. Although it is recognized that, in some cases, the joint execution of orders could adversely affect the price or volume of the security that a particular account or the Fund may obtain, it is the opinion of the Investment Manager that the advantages of combined orders outweigh the possible disadvantages of separate transactions. The Investment Manager believes that the ability of the Fund to participate in higher volume transactions will generally be beneficial to the Fund.

The Investment Manager may pay a higher commission than otherwise obtainable from other brokers in return for brokerage or research services only if a good faith determination is made that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

While it is the Fund's general policy to seek to obtain the most favorable price and execution available in selecting a broker-dealer to execute portfolio transactions for the Fund, weight is also given to the ability of a broker-dealer to furnish brokerage and research services as defined in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, to the Fund or to the Investment Manager, even if the specific services are not directly useful to the Fund and may be useful to the Investment Manager in advising other clients. When one or more brokers is believed capable of providing the best combination of price and execution, the Investment Manager may select a broker based upon brokerage or research services provided to the Investment Manager. In negotiating commissions with a broker or evaluating the spread to be paid to a dealer, the Fund may therefore pay a higher commission or spread than would be the case if no weight were given to the furnishing of these supplemental services, provided that the amount of such commission or spread has been determined in good faith by the Investment Manager to be reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and/or research services provided by such broker-dealer. The standard of reasonableness is to be measured in light of the Investment Manager's overall responsibilities to the Fund.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024 the Fund paid no brokerage commissions.

### CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The below is a general summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant under current law, which is subject to change. Except where otherwise specifically indicated, the discussion relates to investors who are individual U.S. citizens or residents. You should consult your own tax adviser regarding tax considerations relevant to your specific situation, including federal, state, local and non-U.S. taxes.

The following summary describes certain of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations that are not discussed in the Prospectus, relating to the qualification of the Fund as a REIT. The discussion below is based upon the provisions of the Code and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions thereunder as of the date hereof, and such authorities may be repealed, revoked or modified, possibly with retroactive effect, so as to result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. No ruling on the U.S. federal, state, or local tax considerations relevant to the Fund's operation or to the purchase, ownership or disposition of Shares has been requested from the IRS or other tax authority. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described below or in the Prospectus. The summary is also based upon the assumption that the Fund and its subsidiaries and affiliated entities will operate in accordance with the Fund's and their applicable organizational documents.

### The Fund's Taxation as a REIT

The Fund intends to be taxed as a REIT under the Code. Furthermore, the Fund intends to operate in such a manner as to qualify for taxation as a REIT under the applicable provisions of the Code so long as the Fund's board of directors determines that REIT qualification remains in the Fund's best interest. The Fund has not received, and does not intend to seek, any rulings from the IRS regarding the Fund's status as a REIT or the Fund's satisfaction of the REIT requirements. The IRS may challenge the Fund's status as a REIT, and a court could sustain any such challenge. The Fund's qualification and taxation as a REIT depend upon the Fund's ability to meet on a continuing basis, through actual annual operating results, certain qualification tests set forth in the U.S. federal tax laws. Those qualification tests involve the percentage of income that the Fund earns from specified sources, the percentage of the Fund's assets that falls within specified categories, the diversity of the ownership of the Fund's shares, and the percentage of the Fund's taxable income that the Fund distributes. No assurance can be given that the Fund's actual results of operations for any particular taxable year will satisfy such requirements. For a discussion of the tax consequences of the Fund's failure to qualify as a REIT, see "— Failure to Qualify."

The sections of the Code and the corresponding regulations that govern the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a REIT and its stockholders are highly technical and complex. The following discussion is qualified in its entirety by the applicable Code provisions, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and administrative interpretations thereof.

### **Taxation of REITs in General**

As indicated above, the Fund's qualification and taxation as a REIT depends upon the Fund's ability to meet, on a continuing basis, various qualification requirements imposed upon REITs by the Code. The material qualification requirements are summarized below under "— Requirements for Qualification as a REIT." While the Fund intends to operate so that the Fund qualifies as a REIT, no assurance can be given that the IRS will not challenge the Fund's qualification, or that the Fund will be able to operate in accordance with the REIT requirements in the future. See "— Failure to Qualify."

Provided that the Fund qualifies as a REIT, generally the Fund will be entitled to a deduction for dividends that the Fund pays and therefore will not be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on the Fund's net taxable income that is currently distributed to the Fund's stockholders. This treatment substantially eliminates the "double taxation" that generally results from an investment in a C corporation (i.e., a corporation generally subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax), wherein the corporation is first taxed when income is earned and the stockholders are taxed when the income is distributed. In general, the income that the Fund generates, to the extent declared as a dividend and subsequently paid to its stockholders, is taxed only at the stockholder level.

If the Fund qualifies as a REIT, the Fund will nonetheless be subject to U.S. federal tax in the following circumstances:

- The Fund will pay U.S. federal income tax on the Fund's taxable income, including net capital gain, that
  the Fund does not distribute to stockholders during, or within a specified time after, the calendar year in
  which the income is earned.
- If the Fund has net income from "prohibited transactions," which are, in general, sales or other dispositions of property held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business, other than foreclosure property, such income will be subject to a 100% tax.
- If the Fund elects to treat property that the Fund acquires in connection with a foreclosure of a mortgage loan or from certain leasehold terminations as "foreclosure property," the Fund may thereby avoid (a) the 100% tax on gain from a resale of that property (if the sale would otherwise constitute a prohibited transaction) and (b) the inclusion of any income from such property not qualifying for purposes of the REIT gross income tests discussed below, but the income from the sale or operation of the property may be subject to U.S. corporate income tax at the highest applicable rate.
- If due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect the Fund fails to satisfy either the 75% gross income test or the 95% gross income test discussed below, but nonetheless maintain the Fund's qualification as a REIT because other requirements are met, the Fund will be subject to a 100% tax on the greater of the amount by which the Fund fails the 75% gross income test or the 95% gross income test, multiplied in either case by a fraction intended to reflect the Fund's profitability.
- If (i) the Fund fails to satisfy the asset tests (other than a de minimis failure of the 5% asset test or the 10% vote or value test, as described below under "— Asset Tests") due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, (ii) the Fund disposes of the assets or otherwise comply with such asset tests within six months after the last day of the quarter in which the Fund identifies such failure and (iii) the Fund files a schedule with the IRS describing the assets that caused such failure, the Fund will pay a tax equal to the greater of \$50,000 or the net income from the nonqualifying assets during the period in which the Fund failed to satisfy such asset tests multiplied by the highest corporate tax rate.
- If the Fund fails to satisfy one or more requirements for REIT qualification, other than the gross income tests and the asset tests, and the failure was due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, the Fund will be required to pay a penalty of \$50,000 for each such failure.
- The Fund may be required to pay monetary penalties to the IRS in certain circumstances, including if the Fund fails to meet recordkeeping requirements intended to monitor the Fund's compliance with rules relating to the composition of a REIT's stockholders, as described below in "— Requirements for Qualification as a REIT."
- If the Fund fails to distribute during each calendar year at least the sum of:
  - 85% of the Fund's ordinary income for such calendar year;
  - 95% of the Fund's capital gain net income for such calendar year; and
  - any undistributed taxable income from prior taxable years,

the Fund will pay a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the excess of the required distribution over the amount the Fund actually distributed, plus any retained amounts on which income tax has been paid at the corporate level.

• The Fund may elect to retain and pay income tax on the Fund's net long-term capital gain. In that case, a U.S. holder would include its proportionate share of the Fund's undistributed long-term capital gain (to the extent the Fund makes a timely designation of such gain to the stockholder) in its income and would receive a credit or a refund for its proportionate share of the tax the Fund paid.

- The Fund will be subject to a 100% excise tax on amounts received by the Fund from a taxable REIT subsidiary (or on certain expenses deducted by a taxable REIT subsidiary) if certain arrangements between the Fund and a taxable REIT subsidiary of the Fund's, as further described below, are not comparable to similar arrangements among unrelated parties.
- If the Fund acquires any assets from a non-REIT C corporation in a carry-over basis transaction, the Fund could be liable for specified tax liabilities inherited from that non-REIT C corporation with respect to that corporation's "built-in gain" in its assets. Built-in gain is the amount by which an asset's fair market value exceeds its adjusted tax basis at the time the Fund acquires the asset. Applicable Treasury regulations, however, allow the Fund to avoid the recognition of gain and the imposition of corporate-level tax with respect to a built-in gain asset acquired in a carryover basis transaction from a non-REIT C corporation unless and until the Fund disposes of that built-in gain asset during the 5-year period following its acquisition, at which time the Fund would recognize, and would be subject to tax at the highest regular corporate rate on, the built-in gain.
- In addition, notwithstanding the Fund's status as a REIT, the Fund may also have to pay certain state
  and local income taxes, because not all states and localities treat REITs in the same manner that they are
  treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Moreover, as further described below, any domestic taxable
  REIT subsidiary in which the Fund owns an interest will be subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax
  on its net income.

Requirements for Qualification as a REIT. The Code defines a REIT as a corporation, trust or association:

- (1) that is managed by one or more trustees or directors;
- (2) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares, or by transferable certificates of beneficial interest;
- (3) that would be taxable as a domestic corporation, but for its election to be subject to tax as a REIT;
- (4) that is neither a financial institution nor an insurance company subject to certain provisions of the Code;
- (5) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons;
- (6) of which not more than 50% in value of the outstanding shares are owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities) after applying certain attribution rules;
- (7) that makes an election to be a REIT for the current taxable year or has made such an election for a previous taxable year, which has not been terminated or revoked; and
- (8) that meets other tests described below regarding the nature of its income and assets.

Conditions (1) through (4), inclusive, must be met during the entire taxable year. Condition (5) must be met during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months, or during a proportionate part of a taxable year of less than 12 months. Condition (6) must be met during the last half of each taxable year. The Fund believes that the Fund will maintain sufficient diversity of ownership to allow the Fund to satisfy conditions (5) and (6) above. In addition, the Fund's charter contains restrictions regarding the ownership and transfer of the Fund's stock that are intended to assist the Fund in continuing to satisfy the share ownership requirements described in (5) and (6) above. The provisions of the Fund's charter restricting the ownership and transfer of the Fund's stock are described in "Certain Provisions in the Charter and Bylaws — Transfer Restrictions." These restrictions, however, may not ensure that the Fund will be able to satisfy these share ownership requirements. If the Fund fails to satisfy these share ownership requirements, the Fund will fail to qualify as a REIT.

If the Fund complies with regulatory rules pursuant to which the Fund is required to send annual letters to holders of the Fund's stock requesting information regarding the actual ownership of the Fund's stock (as discussed below), and the Fund does not know, and after exercising reasonable diligence would not have known, whether the Fund failed to meet requirement (6) above, the Fund will be treated as having met the requirement.

To monitor compliance with the share ownership requirements, the Fund generally is required to maintain records regarding the actual ownership of the Fund's shares. To do so, the Fund must demand written statements each year from the record holders of significant percentages of the Fund's stock pursuant to which the record holders must disclose the actual owners of the shares (i.e., the persons required to include the Fund's dividends in their gross income). The Fund must maintain a list of those persons failing or refusing to comply with this demand as part of the Fund's records. The Fund could be subject to monetary penalties if the Fund fails to comply with these record-keeping requirements. If you fail or refuse to comply with the demands, you will be required by Treasury regulations to submit a statement with your tax return disclosing your actual ownership of the Fund's shares and other information. In addition, the Fund must satisfy all relevant filing and other administrative requirements established by the IRS to elect and maintain REIT status, use a calendar year for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and comply with the record keeping requirements of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Ownership of Partnership Interests. In the case of a REIT that is a partner in an entity that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Treasury regulations provide that the REIT is deemed to own its proportionate share of the partnership's assets and to earn its proportionate share of the partnership's gross income based on its pro rata share of capital interests in the partnership for purposes of the asset and gross income tests applicable to REITs, as described below. However, solely for purposes of the 10% value test described below (see "— Asset Tests"), the determination of a REIT's interest in a partnership's assets will be based on the REIT's proportionate interest in any securities issued by the partnership, excluding for these purposes, certain excluded securities as described in the Code. In addition, the assets and gross income of the partnership generally are deemed to retain the same character in the hands of the REIT. Thus, the Fund's proportionate share of the assets and items of income of partnerships in which the Fund owns an equity interest is treated as assets and items of income of the Fund's company for purposes of applying the REIT requirements described below. Consequently, to the extent that the Fund directly or indirectly holds a preferred or other equity interest in a partnership, the partnership's assets and operations may affect the Fund's ability to qualify as a REIT, even though the Fund may have no control or only limited influence over the partnership.

Disregarded Subsidiaries. If a REIT owns a corporate subsidiary that is a "qualified REIT subsidiary," the separate existence of that subsidiary is disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Generally, a qualified REIT subsidiary is a corporation, other than a taxable REIT subsidiary, all of the stock of which is owned directly or indirectly by the REIT. Other entities that are wholly-owned by the Fund, including single member limited liability companies that have not elected to be taxed as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes, are also generally disregarded as separate entities for U.S. federal income tax purposes, including for purposes of the REIT income and asset tests. All assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of qualified REIT subsidiaries and disregarded subsidiaries will be treated as assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction and credit of the REIT itself. A qualified REIT subsidiary of the Fund's is not subject to U.S. federal corporate income taxation, although it may be subject to state and local taxation in some states.

In the event that a qualified REIT subsidiary or another disregarded subsidiary ceases to be wholly owned by the Fund (for example, if any equity interest in the subsidiary is acquired by a person other than the Fund or another disregarded subsidiary of us), the subsidiary's separate existence would no longer be disregarded for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Instead, it would have multiple owners and would be treated as either a partnership or a taxable corporation. Such an event could, depending on the circumstances, adversely affect the Fund's ability to satisfy the various asset and gross income tests applicable to REITs, including the requirement that REITs generally may not own, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the value or voting power of the outstanding securities of another corporation. See "— Asset Tests" and "— Income Tests."

Taxable REIT Subsidiaries. A "taxable REIT subsidiary" is an entity that is taxable as a corporation in which the Fund directly or indirectly owns stock and that elects with the Fund to be treated as a taxable REIT subsidiary. The separate existence of a taxable REIT subsidiary is not ignored for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, a domestic taxable REIT subsidiary generally is subject to U.S. federal corporate income tax on its earnings, which may reduce the cash flow that the Fund and its subsidiaries generate in the aggregate and may reduce the Fund's ability to make distributions to the Fund's stockholders. In addition, if a taxable REIT subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, securities representing 35% or more of the vote or value of a subsidiary corporation, that subsidiary will also be treated as a taxable REIT subsidiary. However, an entity will not qualify as a taxable REIT subsidiary if it directly or indirectly operates or manages a lodging or health care facility or, generally, provides to another person, under a franchise, license or otherwise, rights to any brand name under which any lodging facility or health care facility is operated. The Fund generally may not own more than 10%, as measured by voting power or value, of the securities of a corporation

that is not a qualified REIT subsidiary unless the Fund and such corporation elect to treat such corporation as a taxable REIT subsidiary. Overall, no more than 20% of the value of a REIT's assets may consist of stock or securities of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries. In addition to these limitations, ownership of a taxable REIT subsidiary can affect the Fund's computation of its other REIT asset tests.

Income earned by a taxable REIT subsidiary is not attributable to the REIT. Rather, the stock issued by a taxable REIT subsidiary to the Fund is an asset in the Fund's hands, and the Fund treats dividends paid to it from such taxable REIT subsidiary, if any, as income. This dividend income can affect the Fund's income test calculations, as described below. As a result, income that might not be qualifying income for purposes of the income tests applicable to REITs could be earned by a taxable REIT subsidiary without affecting the Fund's status as a REIT. For example, the Fund may use taxable REIT subsidiaries to perform services or conduct activities that give rise to certain categories of income such as management fees, or to conduct activities that, if conducted by the Fund directly, would be treated in the Fund's hands as prohibited transactions.

Several provisions of the Code regarding the arrangements between a REIT and its taxable REIT subsidiaries ensure that a taxable REIT subsidiary will be subject to an appropriate level of U.S. federal income taxation. For example, a taxable REIT subsidiary is limited in its ability to deduct interest payments made to affiliated REITs. In addition, the Fund would be obligated to pay a 100% penalty tax on some payments that the Fund receives from, or on certain expenses deducted by, a taxable REIT subsidiary if the IRS were to assert successfully that the economic arrangements between the Fund and a taxable REIT subsidiary are not comparable to similar arrangements among unrelated parties.

Deductions are disallowed for business interest expense (even if paid to third parties) in excess of the sum of a taxpayer's business interest income and 30% of the adjusted taxable income of the business, which is its taxable income computed without regard to business interest income or expense, net operating losses or the pass-through income deduction. Such limitations may also impact the amount of U.S. federal income tax paid by any of the Fund's taxable REIT subsidiaries.

Taxable Mortgage Pools and Excess Inclusion Income

An entity, or a portion of an entity, that does not elect to be treated as a REMIC may be classified as a taxable mortgage pool under the Code if:

- substantially all of its assets consist of debt obligations or interests in debt obligations;
- more than 50% of those debt obligations are real estate mortgage loans or interests in real estate mortgage loans as of specified testing dates;
- the entity has issued debt obligations that have two or more maturities; and
- the payments required to be made by the entity on its debt obligations "bear a relationship" to the payments to be received by the entity on the debt obligations that it holds as assets.

Under applicable Treasury regulations, if less than 80% of the assets of an entity (or a portion of an entity) consists of debt obligations, these debt obligations are not considered to comprise "substantially all" of its assets, and therefore the entity would not be treated as a taxable mortgage pool.

A taxable mortgage pool generally is treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and cannot be included in any consolidated U.S. federal corporate income tax return. However, if a REIT is a taxable mortgage pool, or if a REIT owns a qualified REIT subsidiary that is a taxable mortgage pool, then the REIT or the qualified REIT subsidiary will not be taxable as a corporation, but a portion of the REIT's income will be treated as "excess inclusion income" and a portion of the dividends the REIT pays to its shareholders will be considered to be excess inclusion income. Similarly, a portion of the income from a REMIC residual interest may be treated as excess inclusion income. A shareholder's share of excess inclusion income (i) would not be allowed to be offset by any losses otherwise available to the shareholder, (ii) would be subject to tax as unrelated business taxable income, or UBTI, in the hands of most types of shareholders that are otherwise generally exempt from U.S. federal income tax, and (iii) would result in the application of U.S. federal income tax withholding at the maximum rate (30%), without reduction under any otherwise applicable income tax treaty, to the extent allocable to most types of foreign shareholders. IRS guidance indicates that a REIT's excess inclusion income will be allocated among its shareholders in proportion to its dividends paid.

However, the manner in which excess inclusion income would be allocated to dividends attributable to a tax year that are not paid until a subsequent tax year or to dividends attributable to a portion of a tax year when no excess inclusion income-generating assets were held or how such income is to be reported to shareholders is not clear under current law. Although the law is unclear, the IRS has taken the position that a REIT is taxable at the highest corporate tax rate on the portion of any excess inclusion income that it derives from an equity interest in a taxable mortgage pool equal to the percentage of its shares that is held in record name by "disqualified organizations". Similar rules apply if the Fund owns a residual interest in a REMIC. If as a result of ownership by "disqualified organizations," the Fund is subject to tax on any excess inclusion income, under the Fund's declaration of trust, the Fund will reduce distributions to such shareholders by the amount of tax paid by the Fund that is attributable to such shareholder's ownership. Treasury regulations provide that such a reduction in distributions does not give rise to a preferential dividend that could adversely affect the Fund's compliance with the distribution requirement. See "- Distribution Requirements." To the extent that shares owned by "disqualified organizations" are held by a broker or other nominee, the broker/dealer or other nominees would be liable for a tax at the highest corporate tax rate on the portion of the Fund's excess inclusion income allocable to the shares held by the broker/dealer or other nominee on behalf of the "disqualified organizations." A regulated investment company or other pass-through entity owning the Fund's shares will be subject to tax at the highest corporate tax rate on any excess inclusion income allocated to its record name owners that are "disqualified organizations." The Fund does not currently intend to hold REMIC residual interests (other than through a TRS) or engage in financing activities that may result in treatment of the Fund or a portion of the Fund's assets as a taxable mortgage pool.

### Income Tests

To qualify as a REIT, the Fund must satisfy two gross income requirements, each of which is applied on an annual basis. First, at least 75% of the Fund's gross income, excluding gross income from prohibited transactions and certain hedging and foreign currency transactions, for each taxable year generally must be derived directly or indirectly from:

- rents from real property;
- interest on debt secured by mortgages on real property or on interests in real property;
- dividends or other distributions on, and gain from the sale of, stock in other REITs;
- gain from the sale of real property or mortgage loans;
- abatements and refunds of taxes on real property;
- income and gain derived from foreclosure property (as described below);
- amounts (other than amounts the determination of which depends in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person) received or accrued as consideration for entering into agreements (i) to make loans secured by mortgages on real property or on interests in real property or (ii) to purchase or lease real property (including interests in real property and interests in mortgages on real property); and
- interest or dividend income from investments in stock or debt instruments attributable to the temporary investment of new capital during the one-year period following the Fund's receipt of new capital that the Fund raises through equity offerings or public offerings of debt obligations with at least a five-year term.

Second, at least 95% of the Fund's gross income, excluding gross income from prohibited transactions and certain hedging transactions, for each taxable year must be derived from sources that qualify for purposes of the 75% test, and from (i) dividends, (ii) interest and (iii) gain from the sale or disposition of stock or securities, which need not have any relation to real property.

If the Fund fails to satisfy one or both of the 75% and 95% gross income tests for any taxable year, the Fund may nevertheless qualify as a REIT for that year if the Fund is entitled to relief under the Code. These relief provisions generally will be available if the Fund's failure to meet the tests is due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, and the Fund attaches a schedule of the sources of the Fund's income to the Fund's U.S. federal income tax return. It is not possible, however, to state whether in all circumstances the Fund would be entitled to the benefit of these relief provisions. For example, if the Fund fails to satisfy the gross income tests because nonqualifying income

that the Fund intentionally recognizes exceeds the limits on nonqualifying income, the IRS could conclude that the failure to satisfy the tests was not due to reasonable cause. If these relief provisions are inapplicable to a particular set of circumstances, the Fund will fail to qualify as a REIT. Even if these relief provisions apply, a penalty tax would be imposed based on the amount of nonqualifying income. See "— Taxation of REITs in General."

Gross income from the Fund's sale of property that the Fund holds primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business is excluded from both the numerator and the denominator in both gross income tests (but, as discussed below, is subject to a 100% tax). In addition, certain foreign currency gains will be excluded from gross income for purposes of one or both of the gross income tests. The Fund will monitor the amount of its nonqualifying income, and the Fund will manage the Fund's portfolio to comply at all times with the gross income tests. The following paragraphs discuss some of the specific applications of the gross income tests to the Fund.

Dividends. The Fund may directly or indirectly receive distributions from taxable REIT subsidiaries or other corporations that are not REITs or qualified REIT subsidiaries. These distributions generally are treated as dividend income to the extent of earnings and profits of the distributing corporation. The Fund's dividend income from stock in any corporation (other than any REIT), including any taxable REIT subsidiary, will be qualifying income for purposes of the 95% gross income test, but not the 75% gross income test. Dividends that the Fund receives from any REITs in which the Fund owns stock and the Fund's gain on the sale of the stock in those REITs will be qualifying income for purposes of both gross income tests. However, if a REIT in which the Fund owns stock fails to qualify as a REIT in any year, the Fund's income from such REIT would be qualifying income for purposes of the 95% gross income test, but not the 75% gross income test.

Interest. The term "interest," as defined for purposes of both gross income tests, generally excludes any amount that is based in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person; however, it generally includes the following: (i) an amount that is received or accrued based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales, and (ii) an amount that is based on the income or profits of a debtor, as long as the debtor derives substantially all of its income from the real property securing the debt by leasing substantially all of its interest in the property, and only to the extent that the amounts received by the debtor would be qualifying "rents from real property" if received directly by a REIT.

Interest on debt secured by mortgages on real property or on interests in real property (including, for this purpose, prepayment penalties, loan assumption fees and late payment charges that are not compensation for services) generally is qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test. However, if the highest principal amount of a loan outstanding during a taxable year exceeds the fair market value of the real property securing the loan as of the date the Fund agreed to originate or acquire the loan, a portion of the interest income from such loan will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test but will be qualifying income for purposes of the 95% gross income test. The portion of the interest income that will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test will be equal to the portion of the principal amount of the loan that is not secured by real property — that is, the amount by which the loan exceeds the value of the real estate that is security for the loan.

Income derived from REMIC interests will generally be treated as qualifying income for purposes of the 75% and 95% gross income tests. If less than 95% of the assets of the REMIC are real estate assets, however, then only a proportionate part of the Fund's interest in the REMIC and income derived from the interest will qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test. In addition, some REMIC securitizations include imbedded interest swap or cap contracts or other derivative instruments that potentially could produce nonqualifying income for the holder of the related REMIC securities. Interest, original issue discount and market discount income that the Fund receives or accrues from mortgage-related assets generally will be qualifying income for purposes of both gross income tests.

Hedging Transactions. The Fund and its subsidiaries may enter into hedging transactions with respect to one or more of the Fund's assets or liabilities. Hedging transactions could take a variety of forms, including interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements, options, futures contracts, forward rate agreements or similar financial instruments. Except to the extent provided by Treasury regulations, any income from a hedging transaction the Fund enters into (i) in the normal course of its business primarily to manage risk of interest rate or price changes or currency fluctuations with respect to borrowings made or to be made, or ordinary obligations incurred or to be incurred, to acquire or carry real estate assets, which is clearly identified as a hedge along with the risk that it hedges within prescribed time periods specified in Treasury regulations, (ii) primarily to manage risk of currency fluctuations with respect to any item of income or gain that would be qualifying income under the 75% or 95% income tests which is clearly identified as a hedge along with the risk that it hedges within prescribed time periods, or (iii) in connection with the effective termination of certain hedging transactions described above will be excluded from gross income for

purposes of both the 75% or 95% gross income tests. To the extent that the Fund enters into other types of hedging transactions, the income from those transactions is likely to be treated as nonqualifying income for purposes of both of the 75% and 95% gross income tests. Moreover, to the extent that a position in a hedging transaction has positive value at any particular point in time, it may be treated as an asset that does not qualify for purposes of the asset tests described below. The Fund intends to structure any hedging transactions in a manner that does not jeopardize the Fund's qualification as a REIT. No assurance can be given, however, that the Fund's hedging activities will not give rise to income or assets that do not qualify for purposes of the REIT tests, or that the Fund's hedging will not adversely affect the Fund's ability to satisfy the REIT qualification requirements.

The Fund may conduct some or all of its hedging activities through a taxable REIT subsidiary or other corporate entity, the income of which may be subject to U.S. federal income tax, rather than by participating in the arrangements directly or through pass-through subsidiaries.

*Fee Income*. Any fee income that the Fund earns will generally not be qualifying income for purposes of either gross income test. Any fees earned by a taxable REIT subsidiary will not be included for purposes of the gross income tests.

Rents from Real Property. The Fund does not principally invest in real property, but could, in certain circumstances (such as in the case of a foreclosure) hold real property. Rents the Fund receives, if any, will qualify as "rents from real property" in satisfying the gross income requirements for a REIT described above only if several conditions described below are met. These conditions relate to the identity of the tenant, the computation of the rent payable, and the nature of the property leased and any services provided in connection with the property. First, the amount of rent must not be based in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person. However, an amount received or accrued generally will not be excluded from rents from real property solely by reason of being based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales. Second, rents the Fund receives from a "related party tenant" will not qualify as rents from real property in satisfying the gross income tests unless the tenant is a taxable REIT subsidiary, at least 90% of the property is leased to unrelated tenants, the rent paid by the taxable REIT subsidiary is substantially comparable to the rent paid by the unrelated tenants for comparable space and the rent is not attributable to an increase in rent due to a modification of a lease with a "controlled taxable REIT subsidiary" (i.e., a taxable REIT subsidiary in which the Fund owns directly or indirectly more than 50% of the voting power or value of the stock). A tenant is a related party tenant if the REIT, or an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of the REIT, actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the tenant. Whether rents paid by a taxable REIT subsidiary are substantially comparable to rents paid by other tenants is determined at the time the lease with the taxable REIT subsidiary is entered into, extended, or modified, if such modification increases the rents due under such lease. Third, if rent attributable to personal property leased in connection with a lease of real property is greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease, then the portion of rent attributable to the personal property will not qualify as rents from real property. Finally, for rents to qualify as "rents from real property" for purposes of the gross income tests, the Fund is only allowed to provide services that are both usually or "customarily rendered" in connection with the rental of real property and not otherwise considered "rendered to the occupant" of the property. Examples of these permitted services include the provision of light, heat, or other utilities, trash removal and general maintenance of common areas. The Fund may, however, render services to its tenants through an "independent contractor" who is adequately compensated and from whom the Fund does not derive revenue if certain requirements are satisfied. The Fund may also own an interest in a taxable REIT subsidiary which provides non-customary services to tenants without tainting the Fund's rental income from the related properties.

Even if a REIT furnishes or renders services that are non-customary with respect to a property, if the greater of (i) the amounts received or accrued, directly or indirectly, or deemed received by the REIT with respect to such services, or (ii) 150% of the Fund's direct cost in furnishing or rendering the services during a taxable year is not more than 1% of all amounts received or accrued, directly or indirectly, by the REIT with respect to the property during the same taxable year, then only the amounts with respect to such non-customary services are not treated as rent for purposes of the REIT gross income tests.

To the extent the Fund holds real property, the Fund intends to cause any services that are not usually or "customarily rendered," or that are for the benefit of a particular tenant in connection with the rental of real property, to be provided through a taxable REIT subsidiary or through an "independent contractor" who is adequately compensated

and from which the Fund does not derive revenue, and which meets certain other requirements. However, no assurance can be given that the IRS will concur with the Fund's determination as to whether a particular service is usual or customary, or otherwise in this regard.

Prohibited Transactions Tax. A REIT will incur a 100% tax on the net income derived from any sale or other disposition of property, other than foreclosure property, that the REIT holds primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business. Whether a REIT holds an asset primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business depends, however, on the facts and circumstances in effect from time to time, including those related to a particular asset. Nevertheless, the Fund intends to conduct the Fund's operations so that no asset that the Fund owns (or is treated as owning) will be treated as, or as having been, held for sale to customers, and that a sale of any such asset will not be treated as having been in the ordinary course of the Fund's business. The Fund cannot assure you that the Fund will comply with certain safe harbor provisions or that the Fund will avoid owning property that may be characterized as property that the Fund holds primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business. The 100% tax will not apply to gains from the sale of property that is held through a taxable REIT subsidiary or other taxable corporation, although such income will be subject to tax in the hands of such corporation at regular corporate income tax rates. The Fund intends to structure the Fund's activities to avoid prohibited transaction characterization.

*Foreclosure Property.* Foreclosure property is any real property, including interests in real property, and any personal property incident to such real property:

- that is acquired by a REIT as the result of the REIT having bid on such property at foreclosure, or having
  otherwise reduced such property to ownership or possession by agreement or process of law, after there
  was a default or default was imminent on a lease of such property or on indebtedness that such property
  secured;
- for which the related loan was acquired by the REIT at a time when the default was not imminent or anticipated; and
- for which the REIT makes a proper election to treat the property as foreclosure property.

However, a REIT will not be considered to have foreclosed on a property where the REIT takes control of the property as a mortgagee-in-possession and cannot receive any profit or sustain any loss except as a creditor of the mortgagor.

Property generally ceases to be foreclosure property at the end of the third taxable year following the taxable year in which the REIT acquired the property, or longer if an extension is granted by the Secretary of the Treasury. This grace period terminates and foreclosure property ceases to be foreclosure property on the first day:

- on which a lease is entered into for the property that, by its terms, will give rise to income that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test, or any amount is received or accrued, directly or indirectly, pursuant to a lease entered into on or after such day that will give rise to income that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test;
- on which any construction takes place on the property, other than completion of a building or any other improvement, if more than 10% of the construction was completed before default became imminent; or
- which is more than 90 days after the day on which the REIT acquired the property and the property is used
  in a trade or business that is conducted by the REIT, other than through an independent contractor from
  whom the REIT itself does not derive or receive any income.

The Fund will be subject to tax at the maximum corporate rate on any income from foreclosure property, including gain from the disposition of the foreclosure property, other than income that otherwise would be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test, less expenses directly connected with the production of that income. However, net income from foreclosure property, including gain from the sale of foreclosure property held for sale in the ordinary course of a trade or business, will qualify for purposes of the 75% and 95% gross income tests. Any gain from the sale of property for which a foreclosure property election has been made will not be subject to the 100% tax on gains from prohibited transactions described above, even if the property would otherwise constitute inventory or dealer property.

Phantom Income. Due to the nature of the assets in which the Fund will invest, the Fund may be required to recognize taxable income from certain assets in advance of the Fund's receipt of cash flow from or proceeds from disposition of such assets, and may be required to report taxable income that exceeds the economic income ultimately realized on such assets.

The Fund may acquire debt instruments in the secondary market for less than their face amount. The amount of such discount generally will be treated as "market discount" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accrued market discount is reported as income when, and to the extent that, any payment of principal of the debt instrument is made, unless the Fund elects to include accrued market discount in income as it accrues. Principal payments on certain debt instruments may be made monthly, and consequently accrued market discount may have to be included in income each month as if the debt instrument were assured of ultimately being collected in full. If the Fund collects less on the debt instrument than the Fund's purchase price plus the market discount the Fund had previously reported as income, the Fund may not be able to benefit from any offsetting loss deductions.

The terms of the debt instruments that the Fund holds may be modified under certain circumstances. These modifications may be considered "significant modifications" for U.S. federal income tax purposes that give rise to a deemed debt-for-debt exchange upon which the Fund may recognize taxable income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash.

Some of the debt securities that the Fund acquires may have been issued with original issue discount. In general, the Fund will be required to accrue non-*de minimis* original issue discount based on the constant yield to maturity of such debt securities, and to treat it as taxable income in accordance with applicable U.S. federal income tax rules even though such yield may exceed cash payments, if any, received on such debt instrument.

In addition, in the event that any debt instruments or debt securities acquired by the Fund are delinquent as to mandatory principal and interest payments, or in the event payments with respect to a particular debt instrument are not made when due, the Fund may nonetheless be required to continue to recognize the unpaid interest as taxable income. Similarly, the Fund may be required to accrue interest income with respect to subordinated mortgage-backed securities at the stated rate regardless of whether corresponding cash payments are received.

Finally, the Fund may be required, under the terms of indebtedness that the Fund incurs, to use cash received from interest payments to make principal payments on that indebtedness, with the effect of recognizing income but not having a corresponding amount of cash available for distribution to the Fund's stockholders.

As a result of each of these potential timing differences between income recognition or expense deduction and cash receipts or disbursements, there is a risk that the Fund may have taxable income in excess of cash available for distribution. In that event, the Fund may need to borrow funds or take other action to satisfy the REIT distribution requirements for the taxable year in which this "phantom income" is recognized. See "— Annual Distribution Requirements Applicable to REITs."

### **Asset Tests**

At the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, the Fund must satisfy the following tests relating to the nature of the Fund's assets:

- At least 75% of the value of the Fund's total assets must be represented by the following:
- interests in real property, including leaseholds and options to acquire real property and leaseholds;
- interests in mortgages on real property;
- stock in other REITs and debt instruments issued by publicly offered REITs;
- cash and cash items (including certain receivables);
- government securities;
- investments in stock or debt instruments attributable to the temporary investment of new capital during the
  one-year period following the Fund's receipt of new capital that the Fund raises through equity offerings
  or public offerings of debt obligations with at least a five-year term; and

- regular or residual interests in a REMIC. However, if less than 95% of the assets of a REMIC consists of assets that are qualifying real estate-related assets under U.S. federal income tax laws, determined as if the Fund held such assets directly, the Fund will be treated as holding directly the Fund's proportionate share of the assets of such REMIC.
- Not more than 25% of the Fund's total assets may be represented by securities, other than those in the 75% asset class described above.
- Except for securities in taxable REIT subsidiaries and the securities in the 75% asset class described in the
  first bullet point above, the value of any one issuer's securities owned by the Fund may not exceed 5% of
  the value of the Fund's total assets.
- Except for securities in taxable REIT subsidiaries and the securities in the 75% asset class described in the first bullet point above, the Fund may not own more than 10% of any one issuer's outstanding voting securities.
- Except for securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries and the securities in the 75% asset class described in the first bullet point above, the Fund may not own more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer, other than securities that qualify for the "straight debt" exception or other exceptions discussed below.
- Not more than 20% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be represented by the securities of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries.
- Not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets may be represented by nonqualified publicly offered REIT debt instruments.

Notwithstanding the general rule, as noted above, that for purposes of the REIT income and asset tests the Fund is treated as owning the Fund's proportionate share of the underlying assets of a subsidiary partnership, if the Fund holds indebtedness issued by a partnership, the indebtedness will be subject to, and may cause a violation of, the asset tests unless the indebtedness is a qualifying mortgage asset or other conditions are met. Similarly, although stock of another REIT is a qualifying asset for purposes of the REIT asset tests, any non-mortgage debt that is issued by another REIT may not so qualify (although such debt will not be treated as "securities" for purposes of the 10% value test, as explained below).

Securities, for purposes of the asset tests, may include debt the Fund holds from other issuers. However, debt the Fund holds in an issuer that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% asset test will not be taken into account for purposes of the 10% value test if the debt securities meet the straight debt safe harbor. Subject to certain exceptions, debt will meet the "straight debt" safe harbor if the debt is a written unconditional promise to pay on demand or on a specified date a sum certain in money, the debt is not convertible, directly or indirectly, into stock, and the interest rate and the interest payment dates of the debt are not contingent on the profits of any person, the borrower's discretion or similar factors. In the case of an issuer that is a corporation or a partnership, securities that otherwise would be considered straight debt will not be so considered if the Fund, and any of the Fund's "controlled taxable REIT subsidiaries" as defined in the Code, hold any securities of the corporate or partnership issuer that (a) are not straight debt or other excluded securities (prior to the application of this rule), and (b) have an aggregate value greater than 1% of the issuer's outstanding securities (including, in the case of a partnership issuer, the Fund's interest as a partner in the partnership).

In addition to straight debt, the Code provides that certain other securities will not violate the 10% asset test. Such securities include (i) any loan made to an individual or an estate, (ii) certain rental agreements pursuant to which one or more payments are to be made in subsequent years (other than agreements between a REIT and certain persons related to the REIT under attribution rules), (iii) any obligation to pay rents from real property, (iv) securities issued by governmental entities that are not dependent in whole or in part on the profits of (or payments made by) a non-governmental entity, (v) any security (including debt securities) issued by another REIT and (vi) any debt instrument issued by a partnership if the partnership's income is of such a nature that the partnership would satisfy the 75% gross income test described above under "— Income Tests." In applying the 10% asset test, a debt security issued by a partnership (other than straight debt or any other excluded security) is not taken into account to the extent, if any, of the REIT's proportionate interest as a partner in that partnership.

Any stock that the Fund holds or acquires in other REITs will be a qualifying asset for purposes of the 75% asset test. However, if a REIT in which the Fund owns stock fails to qualify as a REIT in any year, the stock in such REIT will not be a qualifying asset for purposes of the 75% asset test. Instead, the Fund would be subject to the second, third, fourth, and fifth asset tests described above with respect to the Fund's investment in such a disqualified REIT. The Fund will also be subject to those asset tests with respect to the Fund's investments in any non-REIT C corporations for which the Fund does not make a taxable REIT subsidiary election.

The Fund will monitor the status of its assets for purposes of the various asset tests and will seek to manage its portfolio to comply at all times with such tests. There can be no assurances, however, that the Fund will be successful in this effort. Independent appraisals may not have been obtained to support the Fund's conclusions as to the value of the Fund's total assets or the value of any particular security or securities. Moreover, the values of some assets may not be susceptible to a precise determination, and values are subject to change in the future. Furthermore, the proper classification of an instrument as debt or equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes may be uncertain in some circumstances, which could affect the application of the REIT asset requirements. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the IRS will not contend that the Fund's interests in the Fund's subsidiaries or in the securities of other issuers will not cause a violation of the REIT asset tests.

However, certain relief provisions are available to allow REITs to satisfy the asset requirements or to maintain REIT qualification notwithstanding certain violations of the asset and other requirements. For example, if the Fund failed to satisfy the asset tests at the end of a calendar quarter, such a failure would not cause the Fund to lose the Fund's REIT qualification if (i) the Fund satisfied the asset tests at the close of the preceding calendar quarter and (ii) the discrepancy between the value of the Fund's assets and the asset requirements was not wholly or partly caused by an acquisition of nonqualifying assets, but instead arose from changes in the relative market values of the Fund's assets. If the condition described in (ii) were not satisfied, the Fund could nevertheless avoid disqualification by eliminating any discrepancy within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which it arose or by making use of the relief provisions described above.

In the case of *de minimis* violations of the 10% and 5% asset tests, a REIT may maintain its qualification despite a violation of such requirements if (i) the value of the assets causing the violation does not exceed the lesser of 1% of the REIT's total assets and \$10,000,000 and (ii) the REIT either disposes of the assets causing the failure within six months after the last day of the quarter in which it identifies the failure, or the relevant tests are otherwise satisfied within that time frame.

Even if the Fund did not qualify for the foregoing relief provisions, one additional provision allows a REIT which fails one or more of the asset requirements for a particular tax quarter to nevertheless maintain its REIT qualification if (i) the REIT provides the IRS with a description of each asset causing the failure, (ii) the failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, (iii) the REIT pays a tax equal to the greater of (a) \$50,000 per failure and (b) the product of the net income generated by the assets that caused the failure multiplied by the highest applicable corporate tax rate and (iv) the REIT either disposes of the assets causing the failure within six months after the last day of the quarter in which it identifies the failure, or otherwise satisfies the relevant asset tests within that time frame.

## **Annual Distribution Requirements Applicable to REITs**

To qualify for taxation as a REIT, the Fund generally must distribute dividends (other than capital gain dividends) to its stockholders in an amount at least equal to:

- the sum of (i) 90% of the Fund's REIT taxable income, computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction and the Fund's net capital gain and (ii) 90% of the Fund's net income after tax, if any, from foreclosure property; minus
- the excess of the sum of specified items of non-cash income (including original issue discount on the Fund's mortgage loans) over 5% of the Fund's REIT taxable income, computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction and the Fund's net capital gain.

Distributions generally must be made during the taxable year to which they relate. Distributions may be made in the following year in two circumstances. First, if the Fund declares a dividend in October, November or December of any year with a record date in one of these months and pay the dividend on or before January 31 of the following year, the Fund will be treated as having paid the dividend on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

Second, distributions may be made in the following year if the dividends are declared before the Fund timely files its tax return for the year and if made before the first regular dividend payment made after such declaration. These distributions are taxable to the Fund's stockholders in the year in which paid, even though the distributions relate to the Fund's prior taxable year for purposes of the 90% distribution requirement. To the extent that the Fund does not distribute all of its net capital gain or the Fund distributes at least 90%, but less than 100% of the Fund's REIT taxable income, as adjusted, the Fund will be subject to tax on the undistributed amount at regular corporate tax rates.

To the extent that in the future the Fund may have available net operating losses carried forward from prior tax years, such losses may reduce the amount of distributions that the Fund must make in order to comply with the REIT distribution requirements. Such losses, however, will generally not affect the tax treatment to the Fund's stockholders of any distributions that are actually made.

If the Fund fails to distribute during a calendar year (or, in the case of distributions with declaration and record dates falling in the last three months of the calendar year, by the end of January following such calendar year) at least the sum of (i) 85% of the Fund's ordinary income for such year, (ii) 95% of the Fund's capital gain net income for such year and (iii) any undistributed taxable income from prior years, the Fund will be subject to a 4% excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the sum of (x) the amounts actually distributed (taking into account excess distributions from prior years) and (y) the amounts of income retained on which the Fund has paid corporate income tax.

Although several types of non-cash income are excluded in determining the annual distribution requirement, the Fund will incur corporate income tax and the 4% nondeductible excise tax with respect to those non-cash income items if the Fund does not distribute those items on a current basis. As a result of the foregoing, the Fund may not have sufficient cash to distribute all of its taxable income and thereby avoid corporate income tax and the excise tax imposed on certain undistributed income. In such a situation, the Fund may need to borrow funds or issue additional stock.

The Fund may elect to retain rather than distribute all or a portion of its net capital gains and pay the tax on the gains. In that case, the Fund may elect to have the Fund's stockholders include their proportionate share of the undistributed net capital gains in income as long-term capital gains and receive a credit for their share of the tax paid by it. The Fund's stockholders would then increase the adjusted basis of their stock by the difference between (i) the amounts of capital gain dividends that the Fund designated and that they include in their taxable income, minus (ii) the tax that the Fund paid on their behalf with respect to that income. For purposes of the 4% excise tax described above, any retained amounts for which the Fund elects this treatment would be treated as having been distributed.

The Fund intends to make timely distributions sufficient to satisfy the distribution requirements. However, it is possible that, from time to time, the Fund may not have sufficient cash or other liquid assets to meet the distribution requirements due to timing differences between the actual receipt of income and actual payment of deductible expenses, and the inclusion of items of income and deduction of expenses by the Fund for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, the Fund may decide to retain its cash, rather than distribute it, in order to repay debt, acquire assets or for other reasons. In the event that such timing differences occur, and in other circumstances, it may be necessary in order to satisfy the distribution requirements to arrange for short-term, or possibly long-term, borrowings, or to pay the dividends in the form of other property (including, for example, shares of the Fund's own stock).

If the Fund's taxable income for a particular year is subsequently determined to have been understated, under some circumstances the Fund may be able to rectify a failure to meet the distribution requirement for a year by paying deficiency dividends to stockholders in a later year, which may be included in the Fund's deduction for dividends paid for the earlier year. Thus, the Fund may be able to avoid being taxed on amounts distributed as deficiency dividends. However, the Fund will be required to pay interest to the U.S. Department of Treasury based upon the amount of any deduction taken for deficiency dividends.

### **Penalty Tax**

Any redetermined rents, redetermined deductions, excess interest or redetermined taxable REIT subsidiary service income the Fund generates will be subject to a 100% penalty tax. In general, redetermined rents are rents from real property that are overstated as a result of any services furnished to any of the Fund's tenants by a taxable REIT subsidiary, and redetermined deductions and excess interest represent any amounts that are deducted by a taxable

REIT subsidiary for amounts paid to the Fund that are in excess of the amounts that would have been deducted based on arm's length negotiations. Rents that the Fund receives will not constitute redetermined rents if they qualify for certain safe harbor provisions contained in the Code. Redetermined taxable REIT subsidiary service income earned by a taxable REIT subsidiary that is attributable to services provided to the Fund, or on the Fund's behalf to any of the Fund's tenants, that is less than the amounts that would have been charged based upon arms' length negotiations.

### **Record Keeping Requirements**

The Fund is required to comply with applicable record keeping requirements. Failure to comply could result in monetary fines. For example, the Fund must request on an annual basis information from its stockholders designed to disclose the actual ownership of its outstanding Shares and report noncompliant stockholders.

# Failure to Qualify

If the Fund fails to satisfy one or more requirements of REIT qualification, other than the income tests or asset requirements, then the Fund may still retain REIT qualification if the failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, and the Fund pay a penalty of \$50,000 for each failure.

If the Fund fails to qualify for taxation as a REIT in any taxable year and the relief provisions do not apply, the Fund will be subject to tax on the Fund's taxable income as a corporation. This would significantly reduce both the Fund's cash available for distribution to the Fund's stockholders and the Fund's earnings. If the Fund fails to qualify as a REIT, the Fund will not be required to make any distributions to stockholders and any distributions that are made will not be deductible by the Fund. Moreover, all distributions to stockholders would be taxable as dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, whether or not attributable to capital gains of the Fund. Furthermore, subject to certain limitations in the Code, corporate distributees may be eligible for the dividends received deduction with respect to those distributions, and individual, trust and estate distributees may be eligible for reduced U.S. federal income tax rates on such dividends. Unless the Fund is entitled to relief under specific statutory provisions, it also will be disqualified from taxation as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which qualification was lost.

# Legislative or Other Actions Affecting REITs

The present U.S. federal income tax treatment of REITs may be modified, possibly with retroactive effect, by legislative, judicial or administrative action at any time. The REIT rules are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the Treasury, which may result in statutory changes as well as revisions to regulations and interpretations. Changes to the U.S. federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could adversely affect an investment in Shares.

### **State and Local Taxes**

The Fund and its stockholders may be subject to state or local taxation in various state or local jurisdictions, including those in which the Fund or they transact business or reside. The Fund's state and local tax treatment and that of the Fund's stockholders may not conform to the U.S. federal income tax treatment discussed above. Consequently, prospective stockholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the effect of state and local tax laws on an investment in Shares.

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Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, Suite 2000, Philadelphia, PA 19103-6996, serves as counsel to the Fund and the Independent Trustees.

### **CUSTODIAN**

UMB Bank, n.a. (the "Custodian"), serves as the primary custodian of the assets of the Fund, and may maintain custody of such assets with U.S. and non-U.S. subcustodians (which may be banks, trust companies, securities depositories and clearing agencies) in accordance with the requirements of Section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act. Assets of the Fund are not held by the Investment Manager or commingled with the assets of other accounts other than to the extent that securities are held in the name of the Custodian or U.S. or non-U.S. subcustodians in a securities depository, clearing agency or omnibus customer account of such custodian. The Custodian's principal business address is 1010 Grand Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64106. The Custodian is an affiliate of UMB Fund Services, Inc., which serves as the Fund's administrator.

### **ADMINISTRATOR**

The Fund has contracted with UMB Fund Services, Inc. (the "Administrator") to provide it with certain administrative and accounting services. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund paid the Administrator \$239,963 in accounting and administration fees. For the fiscal period from June 26, 2023 to December 31, 2023, the Fund paid the Administrator \$84,548 in accounting and administration fees.

### DISTRIBUTOR

Distribution Services, LLC, (the "Distributor") is the distributor of Shares and is located at Three Canal Plaza, Portland, ME 04101. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor acts as the agent of the Fund in connection with the continuous offering of Shares of the Fund. The Distributor continually distributes Shares of the Fund on a best efforts basis. The Distributor has no obligation to sell any specific quantity of Shares. The Distributor and its officers have no role in determining the investment policies of the Fund.

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Board has delegated responsibility for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by the Fund to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures. Copies of the Investment Manager's proxy policies and procedures are included as Appendix A to this SAI. The Board will periodically review the Fund's proxy voting record.

The Fund will be required to file Form N-PX, with its complete proxy voting record for the twelve months ended June 30, no later than August 31 of each year. The Fund's Form N-PX filing will be available: (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at 888-988-9882; or (ii) by visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

### CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

A control person is a shareholder that (1) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly through controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company, (2) acknowledges or asserts the existence of control, or (3) has a final adjudication under section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act that control exists. A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of the Fund. Shareholders owning voting securities in excess of 25% may determine the outcome of any matter affecting and voted on by shareholders of the Fund. Any control person of a class, as noted below, may be able to significantly influence the outcome of any item presented to shareholders for approval. As of April 1, 2025, the following were the only record owners (or to the knowledge of the Fund, beneficial owner) of 5% or more of the Fund's Shares.

Name and Address	Percentage of Ownership
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., 211 Main Street, San Francisco, CA 94105	13%
Redwood Systematic Macro Trend Fund, C/O Ultimus Fund Solutions, 225 Pictoria Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246	8%
Redwood Alphafactor Tactical International Fund, C/O Ultimus Fund Solutions, 225 Pictoria Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45246	7%

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Fund's audited financial statements and financial highlights for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, including the report of Grant Thornton LLP, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm also appearing therein, are incorporated by reference into this SAI. No other parts of the Annual Report are incorporated by reference herein. A copy of the Annual Report may be obtained without charge by writing to the Fund, c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc., 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212, by calling the Fund toll-free at 888-988-9882.

### APPENDIX A — Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

## REDWOOD INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC

### EXHIBIT F — PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEURES

## August 2022

Redwood Investment Management, LLC ("Redwood") has a general policy of voting proxies on behalf of clients for any securities held in a client's managed account, including our affiliated private hedge fund. RIM implemented this new policy for separately managed accounts in Q4 2019. Previously, it was RIM's policy that separately managed account clients were responsible for voting proxies. As part of the implementation process, we sent notice and attempted to obtain to the best of our abilities a properly executed custodian authorization form switching the voting authority to RIM. As a result, there may be legacy accounts or new accounts that have not granted us the authority to vote proxies on the client's behalf.

In addition, Redwood has been delegated proxy voting responsibility by its affiliated registered mutual funds and ETF, ("Redwood Funds" or "Funds"), for proxies solicited on the securities held in the Funds' portfolios, which are managed by Redwood. These policies and procedures, which may be amended from time to time, only apply to the voting of such proxies by Redwood.

## SECTION 1 — VOTING RESPONSIBILITY

Redwood's Chief Compliance Officer has the responsibility of voting the Funds' proxies received by Redwood (the "Responsible Voting Party"). Redwood may delegate to a non-affiliated third-party vendor the responsibility to review proxy proposals and make voting recommendations. Redwood will ensure that any third-party recommendations followed will be consistent with the Proxy Voting Guidelines.

### **SECTION 2 — PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

The fundamental guidelines followed by Redwood in voting proxies on behalf of the Funds is to make every effort to ensure that the manner in which shares are voted is in the best interest of the Funds or separately managed account clients and the value of the specific investment. Absent special circumstances of the types described below, it is the policy of Redwood to exercise its proxy voting discretion in accordance with the guidelines set forth below.

# Proposals Specific to Redwood Funds

Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") restricts investments by registered investment companies in the securities of other investment companies. Section 12(d)(1)(A) states that a registered investment company may not invest in the securities of another investment company if the acquiring company owns more than 3% of the total outstanding voting securities of the acquired company; the acquiring company owns securities issued by the acquired company with an aggregate value greater than 5% of its total assets; or the acquiring company owns securities issued by the acquired company and all other investment companies having an aggregate value greater than 10% of the value of its total assets.

Funds (including ETFs) advised by RIM may invest in other investment companies in excess of the limitations in section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act. Certain Redwood Funds invest a majority of the Funds' assets in other registered investment companies that are not affiliated with the Fund ("Underlying Funds"), generally under the reliance of Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act and are therefore required by Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act to vote proxies received from Underlying Funds in a certain manner. In order to benefit from the safe harbor of section 12(d)(1)(F), Funds must mirror vote proposals on proxies issued by Underlying Funds. Notwithstanding any other guidelines provided in these procedures, it is the policy of Redwood to vote all Fund proxies received from Underlying Funds in the same proportion that all shares of the Underlying Funds are voted, or in accordance with instructions received from fund shareholders, pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act.

### Other Proposals

Proxies received by Redwood from issuers of securities held by Redwood Funds that are not Underlying Funds, are initially referred to the Responsible Voting Party for voting. Redwood will vote all proxies based upon its policies or instructions. In keeping with its fiduciary obligations to the Fund, Redwood reviews all proxy proposals, even those that may be considered to be routine matters. Although these guidelines are to be followed as a general policy, Redwood may deviate from these general guidelines when it determines that the particular facts and circumstances warrant such deviation to protect the interests of Fund shareholders. These guidelines cannot provide an exhaustive list of all the issues that may arise, nor can Redwood anticipate all future situations. The following guidelines reflect what Redwood believes to be good corporate governance and behavior:

- I. Board of Directors Redwood generally supports a majority independent board of directors.
- II. Auditors Redwood will generally vote for the routine ratification of auditors unless there is clear and compelling evidence of accounting irregularities or negligence attributable to the auditors.
- III. Compensation A company's equity-based compensation plan should be in alignment with the shareholders' long-term interests.
- IV. Corporate Structure Redwood conducts a review of each anti-takeover proposal.
- V. *Capital Structure* Redwood will carefully review proposals by companies to increase authorized shares and the purpose for the increase.
- VI. Social and Corporate Policy Issues Redwood will take a holistic approach considering both the long-term and the short-term impact a social and/or corporate issue can have on the company and its value.
- VII. Activist Leaders® Fund For securities that are in the Redwood Activist Leaders® Fund, to align with the Fund's investment process and philosophy, Redwood will typically support activist leader initiatives.

Redwood will generally give management discretion with regard to social, environmental and ethical issues although Redwood may vote in favor of those issues that are believed to have significant economic benefits or implications.

# **Special Situations**

Redwood may choose not to vote proxies in certain situations, such as: 1) where Redwood deems the cost of voting would exceed any anticipated benefit to the Funds, or 2) where a proxy is received for a security no longer held in the Funds' portfolio (*i.e.*, Redwood had previously sold the entire position).

Any changes to the Proxy Voting Guidelines must be pre-approved in writing by Redwood's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO").

# SECTION 3 — APPLICATION OF PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

It is intended that the Proxy Voting Guidelines will be applied with a measure of flexibility. Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in these policies and procedures, the Responsible Voting Party (with the pre- approval of the CCO) may vote a proxy contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines if it is determined that such action is in the best interests of the Funds. In the exercise of such discretion, the Responsible Voting Party may take into account a wide array of factors relating to the matter under consideration, the nature of the proposal, and the company involved. Similarly, poor past performance, uncertainties about management and future directions, and other factors may lead to a conclusion that particular proposals by an issuer, present unacceptable investment risks and should not be supported. In addition, the proposals should be evaluated in context. For example, a particular proposal may be acceptable standing alone, but objectionable when part of an existing or proposed package, such as where the effect may be to entrench management. Special circumstances or instructions from the Funds may also justify casting different votes.

The Responsible Voting Party will document the rationale for any proxy voted contrary to the Proxy Voting Guidelines. Such information will be maintained as part of the recordkeeping process.

### SECTION 4 — CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Redwood may occasionally be subject to conflicts of interest in the voting of proxies due to business or personal relationships it maintains with persons having an interest in the outcome of certain votes. For example, Redwood and/or one of its, or the Funds' affiliates, may provide investment management, brokerage, underwriting, and related services to accounts owned or controlled by companies whose management is soliciting proxies. Redwood, its, or the Funds' affiliates and/or employees may also occasionally have business or personal relationships with other proponents of proxy proposals, participants in proxy contests, corporate directors or candidates for directorships.

If at any time, Redwood and/or the Responsible Voting Party become aware of any type of potential or actual conflict of interest relating to a particular proxy proposal, they will promptly report such conflict to the CCO. Conflicts of interest will be handled in various ways depending on the type and materiality. This includes:

- I. Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline Redwood's voting position, as either "for" or "against" such proxy proposal, voting will be in accordance with the Proxy Voting Guidelines.
- II. Where the Proxy Voting Guidelines outline Redwood's voting position to be determined on a "case by case" basis for such proxy proposal, or such proposal is not listed in the Proxy Voting Guidelines, then one of the two following methods will be selected by Redwood depending upon the facts and circumstances of each situation and the requirements of applicable law:
  - A. Voting the proxy in accordance with the voting recommendation of non-affiliated third-party vendors. If the third-party vendor's recommendations are not received in a timely fashion, Redwood will abstain from voting the proxy.
  - B. Voting the proxy pursuant to direction by the Board of Trustees of the Funds.

## **SECTION 5 — PROXY VOTING RECORDS**

Redwood will maintain the following records under these policies and procedures:

- I. A copy of all policies and procedures.
- II. A copy of each proxy statement received regarding the Funds' and the firm's separately managed account client's securities.
- III. A record of each vote cast by Redwood on behalf of the Fund and the firm's separately managed account
- IV. A copy of any document created by Redwood that was material to making a decision on how to vote proxies on behalf of the Funds and the firm's separately managed account clients or that memorializes the basis for that decision.
- V. A copy of each written request by the Funds and the firm's separately managed account clients for information on how Redwood voted proxies on behalf of the Fund, and a copy of any written response by Redwood to any (written or verbal) request for information on how Redwood voted proxies on behalf of the Fund.

The foregoing records will be retained for at least six (6) years from the end of the year the document was created. Redwood may rely on one or more third parties to create and retain the records referred to in items II and III above.

## SECTION 6 — REPORTING AND DISCLOSURES

A copy of these policies and procedures will be provided to the Funds and the Board of Trustees anytime upon request and at least annually for review and approval. In addition, information on each proxy voted will be provided to the Fund, in accordance with its written policies and procedures as follows:

I. The Responsible Voting Party shall complete a Form N-PX Report at the time a proxy is voted on behalf of the Funds and deliver a copy to the CCO.

- II. On or around July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the CCO shall review the proxy voting records to determine whether any proxy votes were cast on behalf of the Funds for which reports were not filed. If an unreported vote is discovered, the CCO shall contact the Responsible Voting Party for an explanation and documentation.
- III. Upon completion of the review, the CCO shall compile all Form N-PX reports submitted for the 12-month period ended July 1 and complete Form N-PX. The CCO will send a completed Form N-PX to the Funds Administrator who is responsible for filing the Form N-PX with the SEC by August 1 of each year.
- IV. The CCO shall provide the Board of Trustees, at least annually, a copy of Redwood's Proxy Voting Policy, along with a record of each proxy voted on behalf of the Fund, including a report on the resolution of all proxies identified by Redwood as involving a conflict of interest.

The CCO will ensure that Redwood's proxy voting policy is disclosed in the firm's Form ADV Part 2A.

## EXHIBIT G — CYBERSECURITY POLICIES

### Dated: August 2022

The following procedures will allow Redwood Investment Management ("RIM") employees to decrease the chance of a technological security breach and inform them of who to notify should such an event occur. As needed, the ISO will send an email to all employees to ensure these procedures are being followed and ensure everything on the cybersecurity checklist is being completed as necessary.

## 1. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

All issues related to cybersecurity should be promptly reported to Michael Cheung, the Information Security Officer. In the event of a serious cybersecurity breach (i.e. server breach, sensitive information leak, fraud in accounts) the issue will be escalated to John Yung, Redwood's CCO. Sensitive information is defined as personal identifying information ("PII") (see definition in Identity Theft Prevention Program in Sec.VII(G)(2)) of a client that a reasonable person would deem as sensitive, including: bank account information, account numbers, social security numbers.

## 2. POSSIBLE THREATS

Internal threats are threats that arise from employees and associated persons of RIM. Usually these issues are not intentional, but the cause of inexperience when dealing with technological security. Internal threats are serious and can be caused by actions such as accidental download of malicious software and accidental information leakage. Following these policies and procedures will mitigate these risks.

External threats are threats that originate from outside of RIM's employees and associated persons. The main external threats with respect to Redwood are hacking of computer systems, identity and data theft, extortion, and phishing. Phishing is the illegal attempt to acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and sometimes, indirectly, money), often for malicious reasons, by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

## a. <u>POLICY</u>

It is RIM's policy to notify the appropriate people as determined by the governance structure above any time a threat is identified.

# b. PROCEDURE

If a threat is identified the ISO should be notified immediately. From there he will decide what appropriate steps need to be taken depending on the seriousness of the threat.

## 3. PASSWORDS

## a. POLICY

Using strong passwords is crucial to defending against cybersecurity. All passwords are to be stored in LastPass Enterprise, which is a Zero-Knowledge and SOC2 Compliant Password Manager. Identity access to LastPass is protected by Single Sign On (SSO) to Azure Active Directory, and Conditional Access policies which require Multi

Factor Authentication (MFA) daily. All passwords must be 15 characters or longer, comprised of at least one capital letter, one lower case letter and a numerical character/symbol. LastPass Enterprise will have password segmentation by group, on a need-to-know basis. The CCO, Managing Partner, and ISO will have access to delegate access to password groups based on need. Passwords will not be written down or stored in any other area. Employees will never save passwords to the built-in browser password manager, or store them in any other non-secure manner, especially by writing them down on paper.

# b. PROCEDURE

Any employee not following these policies will be forced to change their password or attend further training by IT Management on security best practices.

## 4. SERVERS/FILE STORAGE

RIM has adopted Microsoft Azure for virtualization of servers and databases used for various modeling, reporting, and research purposes. Access to virtual machines or databases is only given explicitly to employees based on job function which requires it and is granted by the ISO or other senior company member and monitored by the ISO and CCO. The Microsoft Azure virtual machine is backed up using Azure Site Recovery services with a low Recovery Time Objective and Recovery Point Objective and is geo-redundant between the US West and US East datacenters. Other collaborative documents within the firm are stored in Microsoft.