

## **RIVERNORTH MARKETPLACE LENDING CORPORATION**

### **STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

RiverNorth Marketplace Lending Corporation (the “Fund”) is a Maryland corporation that is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company and is operated as an interval fund. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek a high level of current income. RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC, the investment adviser of the Fund (“RiverNorth” or the “Adviser”), attempts to achieve the Fund’s investment objective by investing, directly or indirectly, at least 80% of its Managed Assets in marketplace lending investments. See “Investment Objective, Strategies and Policies—Principal Investment Strategies and Policies” in the Fund’s Prospectus (as defined below). There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) relating to the shares of common stock of the Fund (the “Shares”) is not a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the prospectus for the Fund dated August 19, 2016 (the “Prospectus”). This SAI does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing Shares. Investors should obtain and read the Prospectus prior to purchasing such Shares. A copy of the Prospectus may be obtained without charge by calling the Fund at (844) 569-4750.

The Prospectus and this SAI omit certain of the information contained in the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), Washington, D.C. The registration statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the fee prescribed, or inspected at the SEC’s office or via its website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) at no charge. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

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## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise indicated, the Fund's investment policies are not fundamental and may be changed without a vote of shareholders. Any percentage limitations described in this SAI are as of the time of investment by the Fund and may be exceeded on a going-forward basis as a result of market value fluctuations of the Fund's portfolio or other events.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Fund may not:

- (1) borrow money, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
- (2) issue senior securities, except as permitted under the 1940 Act and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time;
- (3) purchase any security if, as a result of such purchase, 25% or more of the Fund's total assets (taken at current value) would be invested in the securities of borrowers and other issuers having their principal business activities in the same industry or group of industries; *provided, however*, that such limitation shall not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States government or by its agencies or instrumentalities; and *provided further* that the Fund will invest more than 25% of its assets in diversified financials;
- (4) engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by others, except to the extent that the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the purchase and sale of portfolio securities;
- (5) purchase or sell real estate, which term does not include securities of companies that deal in real estate or are engaged in the real estate business, including real estate investment trusts, and mortgages or investments secured by real estate or interests therein, except that the Fund reserves freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate or mortgages on real estate acquired as a result of the Fund's ownership of securities;
- (6) purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing or selling options, futures contracts or other derivative instruments or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities);
- (7) make loans, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, and as interpreted, modified or otherwise permitted by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time; and
- (8) invest in loans that are of subprime quality at the time of investment, as determined by the Adviser pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

The Fund has also adopted the following fundamental policies in order to repurchase its Shares:

- The Fund will make an offer to repurchase, on a quarterly basis, a designated percentage of the outstanding Shares from Shareholders (each, a "Repurchase Offer") pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act, as it may be amended from time to time.
- The Fund will repurchase Shares that are tendered by a specific date occurring every three months (each, a "Repurchase Request Deadline"). The Fund's Board of Directors will establish the Repurchase Request Deadline for each Repurchase Offer. The time between the notification to Shareholders of each Repurchase Offer and the Repurchase Request Deadline may vary from no more than 42 days to no less than 21 days, and is expected to be approximately 30 days but may be revised by the Adviser, in its sole discretion, based on factors such as market conditions, the level of the Fund's assets and shareholder servicing considerations provided that the Board of Directors is notified of this change and the reasons for the change.
- Shares will be repurchased at the NAV per Share determined as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange typically as of the Repurchase Request Deadline, but no later than the 14th day after such date, or the next business day if the 14th day is not a business day.

See "Repurchase Policy" in the Prospectus.

For purposes of fundamental policy (3) above, investments in diversified financials shall include, among other things, investments in borrowers of Marketplace Loans and issuers of Pass-Through Notes, as well as any direct investments in marketplace lending platforms.

For purposes of fundamental policy (7) above, Section 21 of the 1940 Act makes it unlawful for a registered investment company, like the Fund, to lend money or other property if (i) the investment company's policies set forth in its registration statement do not permit such a loan or (ii) the borrower controls or is under common control with the investment company. The Fund has not applied for, and currently does not intend to apply for, any exemptive relief that would allow it to make loans outside of the limits of the 1940 Act.

For purposes of fundamental policy (8) above, the Adviser will determine whether loans offered to the Fund are of subprime quality at the time of investment pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors from time to time. Although there is no specific legal or market definition of subprime quality, it is generally understood in the industry to signify

that there is a material likelihood that the loan will not be repaid in full. The Fund considers a consumer Marketplace Loan to be of subprime quality if the individual borrower of such loan has a FICO score of below 640. The Fund considers an SME loan to be of “subprime quality” if the likelihood of repayment on such loan is determined by the Adviser based on its due diligence and the credit underwriting policies of the originating platform to be similar to that of consumer loans that are of subprime quality. In determining whether an SME loan is of subprime quality, the Adviser will generally look to a number of borrower-specific factors, which will include the payment history of the borrower and, as available, financial statements, tax returns and sales data.

The Fund may incur borrowings and/or issue series of notes or other senior securities in an amount up to 33-1/3% of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) less all liabilities other than borrowings. The Fund does not anticipate it will enter into reverse repurchase agreements to incur any borrowings. For a further discussion of the limitations imposed on borrowing by the 1940 Act, please see the section entitled “Use of Leverage” in the Prospectus.

The foregoing fundamental investment policies may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a “majority of the outstanding voting securities” of the Fund, which includes the Shares and the shares of preferred stock of the Fund, if any, voting together as a single class, and the holders of the outstanding shares of preferred stock of the Fund, if any, voting as a single class. The Fund’s investment objective and the remainder of the Fund’s investment policies and limitations (as disclosed in the Prospectus), including its investment strategy, are not considered to be fundamental and can be changed without a vote of the shareholders. However, the Fund’s policy of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in Marketplace Loans and other investments in marketplace lending (as further described in the Prospectus and this SAI) may only be changed by the Board of Directors of the Fund (the “Board of Directors”) following the provision of 60 days’ prior written notice to the shareholders. When used with respect to particular shares of the Fund, a “majority of the outstanding voting securities” means (i) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the shares are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the shares, whichever is less.

Where applicable, the foregoing fundamental investment policies shall be interpreted based on the applicable rules, regulations and pronouncements of the SEC and its staff.

## **INVESTMENT POLICIES AND TECHNIQUES**

### **Marketplace Lending**

The Fund’s investments in marketplace lending may be made through a combination of: (i) investing in loans to consumers, small- and mid-sized companies and other borrowers, including borrowers of student and real estate-related loans, originated through online platforms (or an affiliate) that provide a marketplace for lending (“Marketplace Loans”) through purchases of whole loans (either individually or in aggregations); (ii) investing in notes or other pass-through obligations issued by a marketplace lending platform (or an affiliate) representing the right to receive the principal and interest payments on a Marketplace Loan (or fractional portions thereof) originated through the platform; (iii) purchasing asset-backed securities representing ownership in a pool of Marketplace Loans; (iv) investing in private investment funds that purchase Marketplace Loans, (v) acquiring an equity interest in a marketplace lending platform (or an affiliate); and (vi) providing loans, credit lines or other extensions of credit to a marketplace lending platform (or an affiliate) (the foregoing listed investments are collectively referred to herein as the “Marketplace Lending Instruments”). The Fund may invest without limit in any of the foregoing types of Marketplace Lending Instruments, except that the Fund will not invest greater than 45% of its Managed Assets in the securities of, or loans originated by, any single platform (or a group of related platforms) and the Fund’s investments in private investment funds will be limited to no more than 10% of the Fund’s Managed Assets. The Fund currently anticipates that the Marketplace Loans in which it will invest will be newly issued and/or current as to interest and principal payments at the time of investment, and that a substantial portion of its Marketplace Lending Instrument investments will be made through purchases of whole loans. The Fund will not invest in Marketplace Loans that are of subprime quality at the time of investment. The Fund has no intention as of the date of this SAI to invest in Marketplace Loans originated from lending platforms based outside the United States or made to non-U.S. borrowers (collectively, “non-U.S. Marketplace Loans”). The Fund also has no intention as of the date of this SAI to invest in receivables or merchant cash advances that are originated from lending platforms (collectively, “Marketplace Receivables”). However, the Fund may in the future invest in such non-U.S. Marketplace Loans and/or Marketplace Receivables and, prior to such time, will amend the Prospectus and/or SAI (as applicable) to provide additional information on such investments, including the associated risks. See “Additional Investments and Practices of the Fund—Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund.”

The following supplements the discussion of marketplace lending and Marketplace Loans contained in the Prospectus and includes additional considerations and risks associated with the Fund’s investments in Marketplace Loans. See “Investment Objective, Strategies and Policies—Marketplace Lending” and “Risks—Marketplace Lending-Related Risks” in the Prospectus.

#### ***Regulatory Considerations***

The following highlights various laws and regulations impacting marketplace lending and its participants.

*Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.* The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (the “FDCPA”) provides guidelines and limitations on the conduct of third-party debt servicers in connection with the collection of consumer debts. In order to ensure compliance with the FDCPA, platforms may contract with professional third-party debt collection agencies to engage in debt collection activities. As a loan purchaser and assignee, the FDCPA would not be applicable to loans collected in the Fund’s

name as owner and, under any scenario, vicarious liability for the actions of debt collectors could only be found if the Fund were directing and controlling the debt collectors, which will not be the case.

*The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.* The Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the “GLBA”) limits the disclosure of non-public personal information about a consumer to non-affiliated third parties and requires financial institutions to disclose certain privacy policies and practices with respect to its information sharing with both affiliates and non-affiliated third parties. A number of states have enacted privacy and data security laws requiring safeguards on the privacy and security of consumers’ personally identifiable information. Other federal and state statutes deal with obligations to safeguard and dispose of private information in a manner designed to avoid its dissemination. Privacy rules adopted by the Federal Trade Commission implement the GLBA and other requirements and govern the disclosure of consumer financial information by certain financial institutions, ranging from banks to private investment funds. Platforms employing certain consumer lending models generally have privacy policies that conform to these GLBA and other requirements. In addition, such platforms have policies and procedures intended to maintain platform participants’ personal information securely and dispose of it properly. The platforms do not sell or rent such information to third parties for marketing purposes. Through their participation in the platforms, the Fund may obtain non-public personal information about loan applicants, as defined in GLBA, and intend to conduct themselves in compliance with such law, as if it were subject to the same limitations on disclosure and obligations of safeguarding and proper disposal of non-public personal information. In addition, the Fund could be subject to state data security laws, depending on whether the information obtained is considered non-public personally identifiable information under those state laws. Any violations of state data security laws by the Fund could subject it to fines, penalties, or other regulatory action on a state-by-state basis, which, individually or in the aggregate, could have a material adverse effect on the Fund due to the compliance costs related to any violations as well as costs to ensure compliance with such laws on an on-going basis. Additionally, any violations of the GLBA by the Fund could subject it to regulatory action by the Federal Trade Commission, which could require the Fund to, *inter alia*, implement a comprehensive information security and reporting program and to be subject to audits on an on-going basis.

*OFAC and Bank Secrecy Act.* Certain participants in marketplace lending, including the platforms through which the Fund may invest in Marketplace Loans, may be required to comply with various anti-money laundering and related regulations. The Fund is not able to control or monitor such compliance. Moreover, in the Fund’s participation with the platforms, it is subject to compliance with OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control), the USA PATRIOT Act and Bank Secrecy Act regulations applicable to all businesses, which, for the Fund, generally involves cooperation with authorities in investigating any purported improprieties. Any material failure to comply with OFAC and other similar anti-money laundering restrictions or any investigation relating thereto could result in fines or penalties. Such fines or penalties could have a material adverse effect on the Fund directly for amounts owed for fines or penalties or indirectly as a negative consequence of the decreased demand for Marketplace Loans from the platforms in violation of such requirements resulting from the adverse publicity and other reputation risks associated with any such fines and penalties assessed against the platforms or other industry participants.

*Service Members Civil Relief Act.* Federal law provides borrowers in active military service with rights that may delay or impair a platform’s ability to collect on a Marketplace Loan to such borrower. The Service Members Civil Relief Act (“SCRA”) requires that the interest rate on pre-existing debts be set at no more than six percent while the qualified service member or reservist is on active duty. The holder of any such Marketplace Loan may not receive the difference between six percent and the original stated interest rate under the loan during any such period. This law also permits courts to stay proceedings and execution of judgments against service members and reservists on active duty, which may delay recovery on any such Marketplace Loans in default. If there are any amounts under such a Marketplace Loan still due and owing to a platform (or an affiliate thereof) after the final maturity of the Pass-Through Notes that correspond to such loan, the platform (or affiliate) may not have any further obligation to make payments on such Pass-Through Notes, even if the platform (or affiliate) later receives payments after the final maturity of the Pass-Through Notes.

Platforms may not take military service into account in assigning loan grades to borrower loan requests. In addition, as part of the borrower registration process, platforms may not request borrowers to confirm if they are a qualified service member or reservists within the meaning of the SCRA.

*Registration with the SEC.* Pass-Through Notes are typically offered through private offerings and thus may not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”). In addition, platforms are not registered as investment companies under the 1940 Act. If a platform (or an affiliate thereof) were to fail to comply with a private offering exemption under the 1933 Act, or if it were fail to maintain an exemption from registration as an investment company under the 1940 Act, it (or such affiliate) could become subject to regulatory actions and/or significant civil liabilities. Although a platform (or its affiliate) may intend to operate in compliance with all applicable securities laws, these laws are complex and sometimes subject to alternative interpretations and any failure by a platform (or such affiliate) to comply with applicable securities laws could adversely affect its (or such affiliate’s) ability to make payments on the Pass-Through Notes.

*Trust Indenture Act of 1939.* Any Pass-Through Note offering made in reliance on an exemption from registration pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act will not be subject to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939. Consequently, holders of Pass-Through Notes will not have the protection of an indenture setting forth obligations of the Pass-Through Note issuers for the protection of the Pass-Through Note holders or a trustee appointed to represent their interests.

*State Usury Laws.* Some platforms (or their affiliates) may attempt to take advantage of policies in certain states that allow lenders to make Marketplace Loans at advantageous interest rates by incorporating choice of law provisions into Marketplace Loan agreements that hold that the agreements are to be governed by the laws of those lender-friendly states. In the

event that a borrower or state regulator successfully invalidates such choice-of-law clause, platforms (of their affiliates) may not be able to collect some or all of the interest and principal due on such Marketplace Loans.

*Truth-In-Lending Act.* Some Marketplace Loans may also be subject to certain provisions of the Truth-In-Lending Act and other applicable laws and rules concerning loans. These provisions impose additional disclosure and other requirements on creditors with respect to certain loans secured by the borrower's principal dwelling with high interest rates or high up-front fees and charges where the loan funds are primarily used for personal, household or consumer purposes. In general, these home equity loans have annual percentage rates over eight percent greater than the yield on U.S. Treasury securities of comparable maturity and/or fees and points which exceed the greater of six percent of the total loan amount. These provisions can impose specific statutory liabilities upon creditors who fail to comply with such provisions and may affect the enforceability of the related loans. In addition, any assignee of the creditor would generally be subject to all claims and defenses that the consumer could assert against the creditor, including, without limitation, the right to rescind the home equity loan.

*Dodd-Frank Act.* In response to the recent financial crisis, Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act in July of 2010. As a result of its passage, significant new regulation has been enacted or is anticipated in many areas of consumer financial products and services, including private education loans. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, entities in the private education loan sector are subject to regulations developed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (the "CFPB"). The CFPB is an independent agency that is housed within the Federal Reserve Board, but is not subject to Federal Reserve Board jurisdiction or to the congressional appropriations process. It has substantial power to regulate financial products and services received by consumers from both banks and non-bank lenders, including rulemaking authority in enumerated areas of federal law traditionally applicable to consumer lending such as truth-in-lending, fair credit reporting and fair debt collection. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act provides for significant new enforcement authority, including authorization of state attorneys general to bring lawsuits under federal consumer protection laws with the consent of the CFPB.

In addition, on December 6, 2013, the CFPB adopted a rule that enables it to supervise certain non-bank student loan servicers that service more than one million borrower accounts, to ensure that bank and non-bank servicers follow the same rules in the student loan servicing market. The rule covers servicers of both federal and private student loans.

The Dodd-Frank Act also affects student loan portfolio securitization financing transactions which result in the issuance of asset-backed securities. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the SEC and federal banking agencies were directed to adopt regulations requiring issuers of asset-backed securities or persons who organize and initiate asset-backed securities transactions to retain a portion of the credit risk of the underlying assets, new disclosure and reporting requirement for each tranche of asset-backed securities, including new loan-level data, and new disclosure requirements relating to representations, warranties and enforcement mechanisms available to investors in asset-backed securities.

*Tax Treatment of Pass-Through Notes.* There are no statutory provisions, regulations, published rulings or judicial decisions that address the characterization of Pass-Through Notes or other Marketplace Lending Instruments substantially similar to Pass-Through Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes and the proper tax characterization of Pass-Through Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes is uncertain. To address this concern, some Pass-Through Note issuers require investors to agree to treat the Pass-Through Notes as debt of the Pass-Through Note issuer for federal, state and local income and franchise tax purposes. Further, prospective Pass-Through Note holders should be aware that a Pass-Through Note issuer may intend to treat (and report) the Pass-Through Notes as debt instruments that have original issue discount ("OID") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As a result, Pass-Through Note holders will be required to include OID in income as it accrues under a constant yield method, regardless of such note holder's regular method of tax accounting, and so may be required to include OID in income in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to the related Note interest or principal.

Pass-Through Note holders also should be aware that the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and the courts are not bound by the Pass-Through Note issuer's characterization of the Pass-Through Notes, and may take a different position with respect to the Pass-Through Notes' proper characterization. For example, if the Pass-Through Notes were treated as equity in the Pass-Through Note issuer, (i) the issuer would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on income, including interest, accrued on the underlying loans but would not be entitled to deduct interest or OID on the Pass-Through Notes, and (ii) payments on the Pass-Through Notes would be treated by the Pass-Through Note holder as dividends (that may be ineligible for reduced rates of U.S. federal income taxation or the dividends received deduction) for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of the issuer's earnings and profits. Alternatively, the IRS could determine that, in substance, each Pass-Through Note holder owns a proportionate interest in the underlying loans for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or it could instead seek to treat the Pass-Through Notes as some other financial instrument or contract (including a derivative financial instrument). Such different characterizations could significantly reduce the amount available to the Pass-Through Note issuer to pay interest on the Pass-Through Notes, and could significantly affect the amount, timing, and character of income, gain or loss recognized in respect of a Pass-Through Note.

*Risk of Including Foreign Investors.* An issuer of Pass-Through Notes may accept investors who are non-U.S. persons, in which case interest payments made to such an investor by the issuer could be subject to withholding taxes. In the event that the issuer fails to properly withhold on such payments, it could remain liable for a non-U.S. person's individual tax liabilities. There is a further risk that a non-U.S. person investor could be named on the Department of the Treasury's list of "Specially Designated Nationals," "Blocked Persons," or "Sanctioned Countries or Individuals," which, if undiscovered, could result in an enforcement action against the issuer.

#### ***Additional Risk Considerations***

*Bankruptcy Risk.* In the event that a platform (or its affiliate) or its service providers become subject to a bankruptcy, the Fund's investments in Pass-Through Notes issued by such platform (or affiliate) may be negatively impacted.

Although many of the platforms (or their affiliates) through which the Fund invests may have been organized and operated in a manner that is intended to minimize the likelihood that such platforms (or affiliates) will become subject to a bankruptcy or similar proceeding, if the platforms (or their affiliates) were to become subject to bankruptcy proceedings, payments on the Pass-Through Notes issued by such platforms (or their affiliates) could be substantially delayed or reduced, and any interest accrued on those obligations may never be paid.

Platforms (or their affiliates) may have arrangements with servicers who monitor payments by the borrowers of the Marketplace Loans and take action to enforce the platforms' (or affiliates') rights to payment. Arrangements for back-up servicing are limited. If a platform's (or affiliate's) servicer fails to maintain operations or the agreement between the platform (or affiliate) and the servicer is rejected or terminated in a bankruptcy of the servicer, the Fund may experience delays in the distribution of loan proceeds and increased costs in connection with its investments through such platform (or its affiliate). In some instances, the platform operator and its affiliates may be unable to collect and process payments from underlying borrowers and thus the Fund may not realize its expected return on investment on those instruments.

Platforms (or their affiliates) may have arrangements with administrators who manage the daily operations of the platforms (and/or their affiliates). Among other duties, an administrator may calculate the amounts payable by the platform operator or its affiliates on any outstanding Pass-Through Notes and supervise the platform's (or affiliate's) payment of such amounts. If the administrator were to become subject to bankruptcy proceedings and its agreement with the platform operator or its affiliates were terminated for any reason, the platform (or affiliate) would endeavor to locate a replacement administrator but there is no assurance that it would be able to do so. Accordingly, any termination of an administration agreement that occurs in connection with a bankruptcy of the administrator may impair the platform's (or affiliate's) ability to continue to make timely payments on the Pass-Through Notes. This could also prevent the platform operator or its affiliates from issuing any additional Pass-Through Notes until another administrator was located.

*Chargeback Risk.* The Fund may invest in Marketplace Lending Instruments through securities issued by private investment funds that operate accounts with an independent bank whereby investors, such as the Fund, may deposit funds for the purchase of such securities and receive the proceeds from borrower payments on the underlying loans. These accounts may be affected by "borrower chargebacks." A borrower chargeback is a process by which a borrower who has made a payment on an underlying loan has its bank cancel the payment or request a refund of that payment. If a borrower successfully processes a chargeback on a loan payment after proceeds have been distributed to such accounts, the issuer will deduct the amount of that payment from each account where the proceeds were deposited. To offset this risk, issuers utilizing this system may refrain from distributing borrower loan proceeds to these accounts for a period of time after a borrower payment on a loan. In the event that a borrower chargeback is executed after the proceeds of that payment have been distributed to investor accounts and an account holder has withdrawn those distributed proceeds, a negative cash balance may result. Amounts that would otherwise be credited to an investor's account (including amounts deposited or that are payable on other notes) are subject to set-off against any such negative cash balance.

*Market and Economic Conditions Risk.* The ability of borrowers to make payments on Marketplace Loans, as well as the prepayment experience thereon, may be affected by a variety of social and economic factors. Social factors include changes in consumer confidence levels and attitudes toward incurring debt and changing attitudes regarding the stigma of personal bankruptcy. Economic factors include interest rates, unemployment levels, gasoline prices, upward adjustments in monthly mortgage payments, the rate of inflation and consumer perceptions of economic conditions generally. Economic conditions may also be impacted by localized weather events and environmental disasters. For example, following the financial crisis that began in 2008, the United States experienced an extended period of economic weakness or recession. This period was marked by high unemployment, decreases in home values, increased mortgage and consumer loan delinquencies and a lack of available consumer credit that has generally resulted in increased delinquencies, increased volatility in financial markets, general deleveraging of consumer balance sheets, and defaults and losses on consumer loans. Additionally, unstable real estate values, resets of adjustable rate mortgages to higher interest rates, political gridlock on United States federal budget matters, the downgrade of the United States sovereign debt credit rating below "AAA" by Standard & Poor's, the sovereign debt crisis in the European Union, general economic malaise in the United States, Europe and Japan, and other factors have impaired consumer confidence and disposable income in the United States, and may affect delinquencies and defaults on Marketplace Loans, although the severity or duration of this effect is unknown.

*Risk of Platform Failure to Meet Certain Obligations.* Platforms might incur indemnification and repurchase obligations with respect to the Marketplace Loans they originate that exceed their projections, in which case they might not have sufficient capital to meet such obligations. There can be no assurances that platforms can meet their repurchase and indemnification obligations and, if they are unable to do so, the Fund may incur losses related to payments on the affected Marketplace Lending Instruments in which it invests.

*Risks Associated With "Balloon" Payments.* Some of the Marketplace Loans may be interest-only loans providing for relatively small monthly payments with a large "balloon" payment of principal due at the end of the term. Borrowers may be unable to repay such balloon payments out of their own funds and will be compelled to refinance or sell their property. Fluctuations in real estate values, interest rates and the unavailability of mortgage funds could adversely affect the ability of

borrowers to refinance their loans at maturity or successfully sell the property for enough money to pay off the corresponding Marketplace Loan.

*Servicer Autonomy.* A platform (or its affiliate) may have an arrangement with a servicer that authorizes the servicer to waive or modify any non-material term of a Marketplace Loan or consent to the postponement of strict compliance with any such term or in any manner grant a non-material indulgence to any borrower. In addition, if a Marketplace Loan is in default, or the servicer determines that default is reasonably foreseeable or otherwise determines that such action is consistent with its servicing obligation, the servicer may be permitted to waive or modify any material term of a Marketplace Loan, to accept payment of an amount less than the principal balance in final satisfaction of a Marketplace Loan and to grant any indulgence to a borrower, *provided* that the servicer has reasonably determined that such action will not be materially adverse to the interests of the holders of any corresponding Pass-Through Note.

*Subprime Borrower Risk.* Although the Fund will not invest in Marketplace Loans that are of subprime quality at the time of investment, loans held by the Fund may, subsequent to their purchase, become of subprime quality. The risks associated with an investment in Marketplace Loans (as disclosed in the Prospectus and this SAI) are heightened for such loans that have been made to subprime borrowers, particularly with respect to the risk of default. In addition, loans to subprime borrowers could be subject to increased regulatory scrutiny.

#### ***Additional Considerations with Regard to Real Estate Marketplace Lending Instruments***

*Construction, Rehabilitation, Home Improvement and Entitlement Loans.* Real estate-related loans may include construction, rehabilitation, home improvement and entitlement loans for various types of properties, including single family residential, condominiums, multi-family residential, industrial, small commercial, foreclosed (REO), unimproved land with entitlements and small tract properties. The loan underwriting for construction, rehabilitation and unimproved land with entitlement loans is typically based upon a determined “as completed” value, *i.e.*, the projected value of the property after the completion of the construction or rehabilitation of a property. Special builder’s risk insurance, or “course of construction” insurance, may be required by the platform operator and its affiliates in these cases. This specialized insurance is intended to insure structures while they are under construction. Materials, fixtures and appliances that are intended to become an integral part of the structure being built are also insured. The insurance is provided for loss resulting from accidental direct physical damage to the structure under construction. The policies generally include broad coverage, but exclude earthquake, flood and damage caused by earth movement. Some builder’s risk policies limit coverage to physical damage caused by specifically named perils, such as fire and theft. These perils would be specifically listed in the policy.

*Risk of Inadequate Revenues from a Property.* The payment schedules with respect to many real estate-related loans are based on projected revenues generated by the property over the term of the loan. These projections are based on factors such as expected vacancy rates, expense rates and other projected income and expense figures relating to the property. The actual revenues generated by a property could fall short of projections due to factors such as lower-than-expected rental revenues, or greater-than-expected vacancy rates or property management expenses. In such event, the borrower’s cash flow could be inadequate to repay its loan in full.

*Risk of Rising Insurance Costs or Unavailability of Insurance.* Real estate properties are typically insured against risk of fire damage and other property casualties, but are sometimes not covered by severe weather or natural disaster events such as landslides, earthquakes, or floods. Changes in the conditions affecting the economic environment in which insurance companies do business could affect the borrower’s ability to continue insuring the property at a reasonable cost or could result in insurance being unavailable altogether. Moreover, any hazard losses not then covered by the borrower’s insurance policy would result in the Marketplace Loan related to the affected property becoming significantly under secured, which could result in a loss to the investors of any corresponding Pass-Through Note.

*Environmental Risks.* If toxic environmental contamination is discovered to exist on a property underlying a Marketplace Loan, it might affect the borrower’s ability to repay the Marketplace Loan. To the extent that the platform operator and/or its affiliates are forced to foreclose and/or operate such a property, potential additional liabilities and responsibilities include reporting requirements, remediation costs, fines, penalties and damages. Of particular concern may be those properties that are, or have been, the site of manufacturing, industrial or disposal activity. These environmental risks may give rise to a diminution in value of the security property or liability for clean-up costs or other remedial actions. This liability could exceed the value of the real property or the principal balance of the related loan. For this reason, the platform operator and its affiliates may choose not to foreclose on contaminated property rather than risk incurring liability for remedial actions.

Under the laws of certain states, an owner’s failure to perform remedial actions required under environmental laws may give rise to a lien on mortgaged property to ensure the reimbursement of remedial costs. In some states this lien has priority over the lien of an existing mortgage against the real property. Because the costs of remedial action could be substantial, the value of a mortgaged property as collateral for a real estate-related loan could be adversely affected by the existence of an environmental condition giving rise to a lien.

The state of law is currently unclear as to whether and under what circumstances clean-up costs, or the obligation to take remedial actions, can be imposed on a secured lender. If a lender does become liable for cleanup costs, it may bring an action for contribution against the current owners or operators, the owners or operators at the time of on-site disposal activity or any other party who contributed to the environmental hazard, but these persons or entities may be bankrupt or otherwise

judgment-proof. Furthermore, an action against the borrower may be adversely affected by the limitations on recourse in the loan documents.

*Risk of Inadequate Resources Devoted to the Collection of Marketplace Loans.* A substantial amount, if not all, of a platform operator's revenues may be derived from origination fees or loan rate "spreads" generated through making and arranging Marketplace Loans and offering related Pass-Through Notes. As a result, it has an incentive to finance as many projects as possible to maximize the amount of origination fees it is able to generate. Increased project volume increases the demands on a platform's management resources and its ability to devote adequate attention and resources to the collection of corresponding Marketplace Loans. The ability of a platform and its affiliates to make timely payments on their Pass-Through Notes may be adversely affected in the event that they take on loan volumes that exceed their ability to service outstanding Marketplace Loans.

*Risk of Declining Property Value.* The value of the real property security for a Marketplace Loan will be subject to the risks generally incident to the ownership of improved and unimproved real estate, including changes in general or local economic conditions, increases in interest rates for real estate financing, physical damage that is not covered by insurance, zoning, entitlements, and other risks. Many borrowers expect to use resale proceeds to repay their borrower loan. A decline in property values could result in a borrower loan amount being greater than the property value, which could increase the likelihood of borrower default. The maximum permissible loan-to-value ratio of the Fund's real estate-related investments is 80% (determined at the time of investment).

*Risks of Construction and Rehabilitation Loans.* Construction and rehabilitation loans involve a number of particular risks, involving, among other things, the timeliness of the project's completion, the integrity of appraisal values, whether or not the completed property can be sold for the amount anticipated, and the length of the sale process. If construction work is not completed (due to contractor abandonment, unsatisfactory work performance, or various other factors) and all the Marketplace Loan funds have already been expended, then, in the event of a default, the platform operator and its affiliates may have to invest significant additional funds to complete the construction work. Any such investment would be recuperated by the platform operator and its affiliates prior to any payment on any corresponding Pass-Through Notes. Default risk also exists where it takes a borrower longer than anticipated either to construct or then resell the property, or if the borrower does not receive sufficient proceeds from the sale to repay the corresponding Marketplace Loan in full.

*Certain Risks Associated With Foreclosure.* Different property types involve different types of risks in terms of realizing on the collateral in the event that the borrower defaults. These risks include completion costs in the case of an incomplete project, partial resale for condominiums and tracts and lease-up (finding tenants) for multi-family residential, small commercial and industrial properties. The platform operator and its affiliates may not be able to sell a foreclosed commercial property, for example, before expending efforts to find tenants to make the property more fully leased and more attractive to potential buyers.

Moreover, foreclosure statutes vary widely from state to state. Properties underlying defaulted loans will need to be foreclosed upon in compliance with the laws of the state where such property is located. Many states require lengthy processing periods or the obtaining of a court decree before a mortgaged property may be sold or otherwise foreclosed upon. Further, statutory rights to redemption and the effects of anti-deficiency and other laws may limit the ability for a platform operator (and its affiliates) to timely recover the value of a loan in the event of borrower default.

*Certain Risks Associated With Bankruptcy.* If a borrower enters bankruptcy, an automatic stay of all proceedings against the borrower's property will be granted. This stay will prevent platforms and their affiliates from foreclosing on such property unless relief from the stay can be obtained from the bankruptcy court, and there is no guarantee that any such relief will be obtained. Significant legal fees and costs may be incurred in attempting to obtain relief from a bankruptcy stay from the bankruptcy court and, even if such relief is ultimately granted, it may take several months or more to obtain. In such event, the platform operator and its affiliates will be unable to promptly exercise their foreclosure remedy and realize any proceeds from a property sale.

In addition, bankruptcy courts have broad powers to permit the sale of any real property free of any lien that a platform operator or its affiliate may have, to compel the platform operator and its affiliates to accept an amount less than the balance due under a loan and to permit the borrower to repay the loan over a term which may be substantially longer than the original term of the loan.

*Tax Considerations.* The ability of a platform (or its affiliate) to pay principal and interest on a Pass-Through Note may be affected by its ability, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to match the timing of income it receives from an underlying Marketplace Loan that it holds and the timing of deductions that it may be entitled to in respect of payments made on the Pass-Through Notes that it issues. For example, if the Pass-Through Notes are treated as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes but the corresponding Marketplace Loans are not, there could be a potential mismatch in the timing of the Pass-Through Note issuer's income and deductions for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and the Pass-Through Note issuer's resulting tax liabilities could affect its ability to make payments on the Pass-Through Notes.

#### **Additional Investments and Practices of the Fund**

The Fund intends to invest substantially all of its Managed Assets in Marketplace Lending Instruments; however, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in other income-producing securities of any maturity and credit quality,

including below investment grade securities (which are commonly referred to as “junk” bonds). Such income-producing securities in which the Fund may invest may include, without limitation, corporate debt securities, U.S. government debt securities, short-term debt securities, asset-backed securities, exchange-traded notes, loans other than Marketplace Loans, including secured and unsecured senior loans, and cash and cash equivalents. The Fund also may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in equity securities, including exchange-traded funds. The following describes these instruments in which the Fund may, but is not required to, invest, and certain of the risks associated with an investment in such instruments, and supplements the discussion from the Prospectus. See “Risks—Other Investment-Related Risks” in the Prospectus. It is possible that certain types of financial instruments or investment techniques described herein may not be available, permissible, economically feasible or effective for their intended purposes in all markets. Certain practices, techniques or instruments may not be principal activities of the Fund but, to the extent employed, could from time to time have a material impact on the Fund’s performance.

*Asset-Backed Securities.* Asset-backed securities represent direct or indirect participations in, or are secured by and payable from, pools of assets such as, among other things, motor vehicle installment sales contracts, installment loan contracts, leases of various types of real and personal property, and receivables from revolving credit (credit card) agreements or a combination of the foregoing. These assets are securitized through the use of trusts and special purpose entities. Credit enhancements, such as various forms of cash collateral accounts or letters of credit, may support payments of principal and interest on asset-backed securities. Although these securities may be supported by letters of credit or other credit enhancements, payment of interest and principal ultimately depends upon individuals paying the underlying loans or accounts, which payment may be adversely affected by general downturns in the economy. Asset-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk. There is risk that recovery on repossessed collateral might be unavailable or inadequate to support payments on the underlying investments.

*Below Investment Grade Securities.* The Fund may invest in securities of any credit quality, including securities that are rated below investment grade. Below investment grade securities are rated below “BBB-” by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Group, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, or Fitch Ratings, Inc., below “Baa” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or comparably rated by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization (“NRSRO”) or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable credit quality at the time of purchase. Below investment grade securities are commonly referred to as “junk” or “high yield” securities and are considered speculative with respect to the issuer’s capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Ratings assigned by an NRSRO are not absolute standards of credit quality and do not evaluate market risk or the liquidity of securities. Consequently, securities with the same maturity, duration, coupon and rating may have different yields. Any shortcomings or inefficiencies in an NRSRO’s processes for determining credit ratings may adversely affect the credit ratings of securities held by the Fund and, as a result, may adversely affect those securities’ perceived or actual credit risk. See “Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—Below Investment Grade Securities Risk.”

*Commercial Paper.* Commercial paper represents short-term unsecured promissory notes issued in bearer form by corporations such as banks or bank holding companies and finance companies. The rate of return on commercial paper may be linked or indexed to the level of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and a foreign currency or currencies.

*Corporate Debt Securities.* Corporate debt securities are debt obligations issued by U.S. and foreign corporations and other business entities to borrow money from investors. Corporate debt securities may be either secured or unsecured. Collateral used for secured debt includes, but is not limited to, real property, machinery, equipment, accounts receivable, stocks, bonds, or notes. If a bond is unsecured, it is known as a debenture. Holders of corporate debt securities, as creditors, have a prior legal claim over common and preferred stockholders as to both income and assets of the corporation for the principal and interest due them and may have a prior claim over other creditors if liens or mortgages are involved. Interest on corporate debt securities may be fixed rate, floating rate, adjustable rate, zero coupon, contingent, deferred, or have payment-in-kind features. Interest on corporate debt securities is typically paid semi-annually and is fully taxable to the holder of such securities. Corporate debt securities contain elements of both interest rate risk and credit risk. The market value of a corporate debt security generally may be expected to rise and fall inversely with interest rates and may also be affected by the credit rating of the corporation, the corporation’s performance, and perceptions of the corporation in the marketplace. Corporate debt securities usually yield more than government or agency securities due to the presence of credit risk. See “Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—Fixed Income Securities Risk.”

*Equity Securities.* The Fund may invest in equity securities, including but not limited to common stock, preferred stock and shares of exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”).

Common stock represents an equity ownership interest in a company, providing voting rights and entitling the holder to a share of the company’s success through dividends and/or capital appreciation. In the event of liquidation, common stockholders have rights to a company’s remaining assets after bondholders, other debt holders and preferred stockholders have been paid in full. Typically, common stockholders are entitled to one vote per share to elect the company’s board of directors (although the number of votes is not always directly proportional to the number of shares owned). Common stockholders also receive voting rights regarding other company matters such as mergers and certain important company policies such as issuing securities to management. Common stock fluctuates in price in response to many factors, including historical and prospective earnings of the issuer, the value of its assets, general economic conditions, interest rates, investor perceptions and market liquidity. See “Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—Common Stock Risk.”

Preferred stock represents an equity ownership interest in an issuer, but generally entitles the holder to receive, in preference to the holders of other stocks such as common stock, dividends and a fixed share of the proceeds resulting from the liquidation of the issuer. Some preferred stock also entitles their holders to receive additional liquidation proceeds on the same basis as holders of the issuer's common stock. Some preferred stock offers a fixed rate of return with no maturity date. Preferred stock with no maturity may perform similarly to long term bonds, and can be more volatile than other types of preferred stock with heightened sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Other preferred stock has a variable dividend, generally determined on a quarterly or other periodic basis. Because preferred stock represents an equity ownership interest in a company, its value usually will react more strongly than bonds and other debt instruments to actual or perceived changes in an issuer's financial condition or prospects or to fluctuations in the equity markets. Unlike common stock, preferred stock does not usually have voting rights absent the occurrence of specified events; preferred stock, in some instances, is convertible into common stock. In order to be payable, dividends on preferred stock must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. There is, however, no assurance that dividends will be declared by the boards of directors of issuers of the preferred stocks in which the Fund invests. See "Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—Preferred Stock Risk" below.

ETFs are funds whose shares are traded on securities exchanges and generally seek to approximate the investment performance of their respective benchmarks by investing in a variety of U.S. and foreign equity, debt, commodities, money market securities, futures and other instruments. The shares of an ETF may be assembled in a block (typically 50,000 shares) known as a creation unit and redeemed in-kind for a portfolio of the underlying securities (based on the ETF's net asset value ("NAV")) together with a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends as of the date of redemption. Conversely, a creation unit may be purchased from the ETF by depositing a specified portfolio of the ETF's underlying securities, as well as a cash payment generally equal to accumulated dividends of the securities (net of expenses) up to the time of deposit. See "Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—ETFs Risk."

*Exchange-Traded Notes.* The Fund may invest in exchange-traded notes ("ETNs"), which are a type of unsecured, unsubordinated debt security. ETNs combine certain aspects of bonds and ETFs. Similar to ETFs, ETNs are traded on a major exchange (e.g., the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE")) during normal trading hours, although trading volume can be limited. However, investors can also hold the ETN until maturity. At maturity, the issuer pays to the investor a cash amount equal to the principal amount, subject to the day's index factor. ETN returns are based upon the performance of a market index minus applicable fees. ETNs do not make periodic coupon payments and provide no principal protection. The value of an ETN may be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the ETN, volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying markets, changes in the applicable interest rates, changes in the issuer's credit rating and economic, legal, political or geographic events that affect the referenced index. The value of the ETN may drop due to a downgrade in the issuer's credit rating, despite the underlying index remaining unchanged. See "Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—ETNs Risk."

*Government Debt Securities.* The Fund may invest in government debt securities, which are debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities include bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury, as well as "stripped" or "zero coupon" U.S. Treasury obligations representing future interest or principal payments on U.S. Treasury notes or bonds. Stripped securities are sold at a discount to their "face value," and may exhibit greater price volatility than interest-bearing securities because investors receive no payment until maturity. Other obligations of certain agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. The U.S. Government may choose not to provide financial support to U.S. Government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities if it is not legally obligated to do so, in which case, if the issuer were to default, the Fund might not be able to recover its investment from the U.S. Government.

*Loans.* In addition to Marketplace Lending Instruments, the Fund may invest in loans other than Marketplace Loans that are senior and secured loans as well as unsecured or subordinated loans. In addition, the Fund may invest in secured and unsecured participations in loans. While the loans purchased by the Fund may be secured by a first-priority security interest in most tangible and intangible assets of the issuer, they are not required to be and the Fund will not be subject to any limit on purchasing loans with lower-priority security interests or loans whose security interests exclude material assets of the issuer.

The Fund may invest in term loans and other types of loans, including those that are attached to a term loan tranche or otherwise required to be purchased along with the purchase of a term loan tranche. The loans purchased by the Fund may be negotiated and structured by a syndicate of lenders consisting of commercial banks, investment banks, thrift institutions, insurance companies, finance companies or other financial institutions, one or more of which will administer the loan on behalf of all the lenders. The Fund may purchase assignments of these loans, in which case it will typically become a lender for purposes of the relevant loan agreement with direct contractual rights against the borrower, including the right to receive payments of principal and interest. However, the Fund may also purchase participation interests, in which case it will not have any direct relationship with the borrower and will instead rely on the lender or participant that sold the participation interest for enforcement of rights against the borrower and to receive and process payments of interest, principal and other amounts due to the Fund. See "Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund—Loan Risk."

#### ***Additional Risks of Investing in the Fund***

*Below Investment Grade Securities Risk.* The Fund may invest in below investment grade securities, which are commonly referred to as "junk" or "high yield" securities. These securities are considered to be high-risk investments. The risks include the following:

These securities are regarded as predominately speculative. There is a greater risk that issuers of lower rated securities will default than issuers of higher rated securities. Issuers of lower-rated securities generally are less creditworthy and may be highly indebted, financially distressed or bankrupt. These issuers are more vulnerable to real or perceived economic changes, political changes or adverse industry developments. In addition, below investment grade securities are frequently subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. If an issuer fails to pay principal or interest, the Fund would experience a decrease in income and a decline in the market value of its investments. The Fund also may incur additional expenses in seeking recovery from the issuer.

The income and market value of lower-rated securities may fluctuate more than higher-rated securities. Although certain below investment grade securities may be less sensitive to interest rate changes than investment grade securities, below investment grade securities generally are more sensitive to short-term corporate, economic and market developments. During periods of economic uncertainty and change, the market price of the investments in lower-rated securities may be volatile. The default rate for high yield bonds tends to be cyclical, with defaults rising in periods of economic downturn.

It is often more difficult to value lower-rated securities than higher-rated securities. If an issuer's financial condition deteriorates, accurate financial and business information may be limited or unavailable. In addition, the lower-rated investments may be thinly traded and there may be no established secondary market. Because of the lack of market pricing and current information for investments in lower-rated securities, valuation of such investments is much more dependent on judgment than is the case with higher-rated securities.

There may be no established secondary or public market for investments in lower-rated securities. Such securities are frequently traded in markets that may be relatively less liquid than the market for higher-rated securities. In addition, relatively few institutional purchasers may hold a major portion of an issue of lower-rated securities at times. As a result, lower-rated securities may be required to be sold at substantial losses or retained indefinitely even where an issuer's financial condition is deteriorating.

Credit quality of below investment grade securities can change suddenly and unexpectedly, and even recently-issued credit ratings may not fully reflect the actual risks posed by a particular below investment grade security.

Future legislation may have a possible negative impact on the market for below investment grade securities.

*Common Stock Risk.* Common stock risk is the risk that the value of the common stock held by the Fund will fall, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the issuers of common stock held by the Fund participate or factors relating to specific companies in which the Fund invests. Common stock of an issuer in the Fund's portfolio may decline in price if the issuer fails to make anticipated dividend payments because, among other reasons, the issuer of the common stock experiences a decline in its financial condition. Common stock in which the Fund may invest is structurally subordinated to preferred stock, bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater dividend risk than preferred stock or debt instruments of such issuers. In addition, while common stock has historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, common stock has also experienced significantly more volatility in those returns. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of common stock of an issuer held by the Fund. Also, the price of common stock of an issuer is sensitive to general movements in the stock market, changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of the issuer and the occurrence of political or economic events affecting issuers. A drop in the stock market may depress the price of most or all of the common stock to which the Fund has investment exposure. In addition, common stock prices may be sensitive to rising interest rates as the costs of capital rise and borrowing costs increase.

The Fund may invest in common stock of companies of any market capitalization. Accordingly, the Fund may invest in common stock of companies having smaller market capitalizations, including mid-cap and small-cap common stocks. The common stock of these companies often have less liquidity than the common stock of larger companies and these companies frequently have less management depth, narrower market penetrations, less diverse product lines and fewer resources than larger companies. Due to these and other factors, common stock of smaller companies may be more susceptible to market downturns and other events, and their prices may be more volatile than the common stock of larger companies. Larger, more established companies in which the Fund may invest may be unable to attain the high growth rates of successful, smaller companies during periods of economic expansion.

*Currency Risk.* The value of securities denominated or quoted in foreign currencies may be adversely affected by fluctuations in the relative currency exchange rates and by exchange control regulations. The Fund's investment performance may be negatively affected by a devaluation of a currency in which the Fund's investments are denominated or quoted. Further, the Fund's investment performance may be significantly affected, either positively or negatively, by currency exchange rates because the U.S. dollar value of securities denominated or quoted in another currency will increase or decrease in response to changes in the value of such currency in relation to the U.S. dollar.

*Deflation Risk.* Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time, which may have an adverse effect on the market valuation of companies, their assets and revenues. In addition, deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio.

*ETFs Risk.* To the extent the Fund invests a portion of its Managed Assets in ETFs, those assets will be subject to the risks of the purchased funds' portfolio securities, and a Shareholder in the Fund will bear not only his or her proportionate share of the Fund's expenses, but also indirectly the expenses of the purchased funds. Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other funds. The Fund's investments in other funds also are subject to the ability of the managers of those funds to achieve the funds' investment objective(s).

Risks associated with investments in ETFs may generally include the risks described in the Prospectus associated with the Fund's structure as a closed-end fund, including market risk. Most ETFs are investment companies that aim to track or replicate a desired index, such as a sector, market or global segment. Most ETFs are passively managed and their shares are traded on a national exchange. ETFs do not sell individual shares directly to investors and only issue their shares in large blocks known as "creation units." The investor purchasing a creation unit may sell the individual shares on a secondary market. Therefore, the liquidity of ETFs depends on the adequacy of the secondary market. There can be no assurance that an ETF's investment objective(s) will be achieved, as ETFs based on an index may not replicate and maintain exactly the composition and relative weightings of securities in the index. ETFs are subject to the risks of investing in the underlying securities. ETF shares may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV. As ETFs trade on an exchange, they are subject to the risks of any exchange-traded instrument, including: (i) an active trading market for its shares may not develop or be maintained, (ii) trading of its shares may be halted by the exchange, and (iii) its shares may be delisted from the exchange. Some ETFs are highly leveraged and therefore will expose the Fund to risks posed by leverage, including the risk that the use of leverage by an ETF can magnify the effect of any of its losses.

*ETNs Risk.* The Fund may invest in ETNs, which are notes representing unsecured debt of the issuer. ETNs are typically linked to the performance of an index plus a specified rate of interest that could be earned on cash collateral. The value of an ETN may be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the ETN, volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying markets, changes in the applicable interest rates, changes in the issuer's credit rating and economic, legal, political or geographic events that affect the referenced index. ETNs typically mature 30 years from the date of issue. There may be restrictions on the Fund's right to liquidate its investment in an ETN prior to maturity (for example, the Fund may only be able to offer its ETN for repurchase by the issuer on a weekly basis), and there may be limited availability of a secondary market.

*Fixed Income Securities Risk.* In addition to the risks described elsewhere in this prospectus, such as below investment grade securities risk, fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest are subject to certain other risks, including the following. These risks may also pertain to the loans in which the Fund may invest.

- *Issuer Risk.* The value of fixed income securities may decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services, historical and projected earnings, and the value of its assets. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness may also affect the value of the Fund's investment in that issuer.
- *Interest Rate Risk.* Interest rate risk is the risk that income securities will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of fixed income securities generally will fall. These risks may be greater in the current market environment because interest rates are near historically low levels. Market value generally falls further for fixed rate securities with longer duration. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected prepayments. This may lock in a below-market yield, increase the security's duration and further reduce the value of the security. Investments in fixed income securities with long-term maturities may experience significant price declines if long-term interest rates increase. Fluctuations in the value of portfolio securities will not affect interest income on existing portfolio securities but will be reflected in the Fund's NAV. Since the magnitude of these fluctuations will generally be greater at times when the Fund's average maturity is longer, under certain market conditions the Fund may, for temporary defensive purposes, accept lower current income from short-term investments rather than investing in higher yielding long-term securities.
- *Liquidity Risk.* Certain fixed income securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks traded on an exchange. Illiquid securities involve the risk that the securities will not be able to be sold at the time desired by the Fund or at prices approximating the value at which the Fund is carrying the securities on its books.
- *Prepayment Risk.* During periods of declining interest rates, the issuer of a security may exercise its option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, forcing the Fund to reinvest the proceeds from such prepayment in lower yielding securities, which may result in a decline in the Fund's income and distributions to Shareholders. This is known as call or prepayment risk. Certain fixed income securities frequently have call features that allow the issuer to redeem the security prior to its stated maturity. An issuer may redeem an obligation if the issuer can refinance the debt at a lower cost due to declining interest rates or an improvement in the credit standing of the issuer. If the Fund bought a security at a premium, the premium could be lost in the event of a prepayment.
- *Reinvestment Risk.* Reinvestment risk is the risk that income from the Fund's portfolio will decline if the Fund invests the proceeds from matured, traded or called securities at market interest rates that are below the Fund portfolio's current earnings rate. A decline in income could affect the Shares' market price or the overall return of the Fund.

*Inflation Risk.* Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Shares and distributions can decline.

*Interest Rate Risk.* Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of the debt securities held by the Fund will decline because of rising market interest rates. Interest rate risk is generally lower for shorter-term investments and higher for longer-term investments. Duration is a common measure of interest rate risk, which measures a bond's expected life on a present value basis, taking into account the bond's yield, interest payments and final maturity. Duration is a reasonably accurate measure of a bond's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. The longer the duration of a bond, the greater the bond's price sensitivity is to changes in interest rates.

*Loan Risk.* The Fund's investments in loans may create substantial risk. The Fund may invest in senior and secured loans and in unsecured or subordinated loans. In addition, the Fund may invest in secured and unsecured participations in loans. These loans will generally be rated below investment grade. See "—Below Investment Grade Securities Risk" above. In making investments in such loans, which are made by banks or other financial intermediaries to borrowers, the Adviser will depend primarily upon the creditworthiness of the borrower for payment of principal and interest which will expose the Fund to the credit risk of the underlying borrower. If the Fund invests in a loan through a participation, the Fund will also be exposed to the credit risk of the financial institution selling the participation to the Fund as well as the credit risk of the underlying borrower. The market for loans may not be liquid and the Fund may have difficulty selling them. Loans have similar risks to high yield bonds and are speculative, involve greater risks of default, downgrade, or price declines and are more volatile and tend to be less liquid than investment grade securities. Companies issuing loans may be less financially strong, more likely to encounter financial difficulties, and more vulnerable to adverse market events and negative sentiments than companies with higher credit ratings.

Senior loans hold the most senior position in the capital structure of a business entity, are typically secured with specific collateral and have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the borrower that is senior to that held by subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the borrower. Senior loans that the Fund may invest in may be rated below investment grade, and share the same risks of other below investment grade debt instruments. Although the Fund may invest in senior loans that are secured by specific collateral, there can be no assurance the liquidation of such collateral would satisfy a borrower's obligation to the Fund in the event of borrower default or that such collateral could be readily liquidated under such circumstances. If the terms of a senior loan do not require the borrower to pledge additional collateral in the event of a decline in the value of the already pledged collateral, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the value of the collateral will not at all times equal or exceed the amount of the borrower's obligations under the senior loan. In the event of bankruptcy of a borrower, the Fund could also experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing a senior loan. Some senior loans are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws, could subordinate the senior loans to presently existing or future indebtedness of the borrower or take other action detrimental to lenders, including the Fund. Such court action could under certain circumstances include invalidation of senior loans.

Second lien loans and unsecured loans generally are subject to the same risks associated with investments in senior loans, as discussed above. Because second lien loans and unsecured loans are lower in priority of payment to senior loans, they are subject to the additional risk that the cash flow of the borrower and property securing the loan, if any, may be insufficient to meet scheduled payments after giving effect to the senior secured obligations of the borrower. This risk is generally higher for unsecured loans, which are not backed by a security interest in any specific collateral. Second lien loans and unsecured loans are expected to have greater price volatility than senior loans and may be less liquid. Second lien loans and unsecured loans of below investment grade quality also share the same risks of other below investment grade debt instruments.

*Preferred Stock Risk.* Preferred stocks are unique securities that combine some of the characteristics of both common stocks and bonds. See "—Common Stock Risk" and "—Fixed Income Securities Risk" above. In addition to the risks described elsewhere in this section, such as those described for common stock and fixed income securities, including interest rate risk, preferred stocks are subject to certain other risks, including:

- *Deferral and Omission Risk.* Preferred stocks may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer or omit distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer.
- *Subordination Risk.* Preferred stocks are generally subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure in terms of having priority to corporate income, claims to corporate assets and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than more senior debt instruments.
- *Floating Rate and Fixed-to-Floating Rate Securities Risk.* The market value of floating rate securities is a reflection of discounted expected cash flows based on expectations for future interest rate resets. The market value of such securities may fall in a declining interest rate environment and may also fall in a rising interest rate environment if there is a lag between the rise in interest rates and the reset. This risk may also be present with respect to fixed-to-floating rate securities in which the Fund may invest. A secondary risk associated with declining interest rates is the risk that income earned by the Fund on floating rate and fixed-to-floating rate securities may decline due to lower coupon payments on floating-rate securities.
- *Call and Reinvestment Risk.* During periods of declining interest rates or certain varying circumstances, an issuer may be able to exercise an option to redeem its issue at par earlier than scheduled, which is generally known as call risk. If this occurs, the Fund may be forced to reinvest in lower yielding securities.

- *Limited Voting Rights Risk.* Generally, traditional preferred stock offers no voting rights with respect to the issuer unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred stockholders may have the ability to elect a director or directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred stockholders no longer have voting rights.
- *Special Redemption Rights.* In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred stock may redeem the securities prior to their scheduled call or maturity date. As with call provisions, a redemption by the issuer may negatively impact the return of the security held by the Fund.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

### **Investment Adviser**

RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC is the investment adviser for the Fund pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement. RiverNorth is headquartered at 325 North LaSalle Street, Suite 645, Chicago, Illinois 60654. Under the oversight of the Board of Directors, the Adviser will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio, managing the Fund's business affairs and providing certain clerical, bookkeeping and other administrative services. The Adviser will also be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy and overseeing its implementation. Founded in 2000, RiverNorth is registered with the SEC and as of June 30, 2016 managed approximately \$3.34 billion for four series of a registered open-end management investment company, one registered closed-end management investment company and four private investment funds. Patrick W. Galley, a portfolio manager of the Fund, and Brian H. Schmucker owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of RiverNorth Financial Holdings LLC, the parent company of the Adviser and is deemed to control the Adviser.

### **Investment Advisory Agreement**

For its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays the Adviser a monthly management fee computed at the annual rate of 1.25% of the average monthly Managed Assets. The Adviser has agreed to waive a portion of such management fee for the first two years of the Investment Advisory Agreement and, therefore, the Fund will pay a monthly management fee computed at an annual rate of 0.95% of the average monthly Managed Assets for such two year period. "Managed Assets" means the total assets of the Fund, including assets attributable to leverage, minus liabilities (other than debt representing leverage and any preferred stock that may be outstanding). In addition to the monthly advisory fee, the Fund pays all other costs and expenses of its operations, including, but not limited to, compensation of its directors (other than those affiliated with the Adviser), custodial expenses, transfer agency and dividend disbursing expenses, legal fees, expenses of independent auditors, expenses of repurchasing shares, expenses of any leverage, expenses of preparing, printing and distributing prospectuses, shareholder reports, notices, proxy statements and reports to governmental agencies, and taxes, if any.

If the Fund determines to use leverage, the fees paid to the Adviser for investment management services will be higher than if the Fund did not use leverage because the fees paid will be calculated based on Managed Assets, which would include assets attributable to leverage. Because the fees paid to the Adviser are determined on the basis of Managed Assets, this creates a conflict of interest for the Adviser. The Board of Directors monitors the Fund's use of leverage and in doing so monitors this potential conflict.

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that the Adviser shall not be liable for any act or omission in the course of, connected with or arising out of any services to be rendered under such agreement, except by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Adviser in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard by the Adviser of its obligations and duties under such agreement.

The Adviser will make available, without additional expense to the Fund, the services of such of its officers, directors and employees as may be duly elected as officers or directors of the Fund, subject to the individual consent of such persons to serve and to any limitations imposed by law. The Adviser will pay all expenses incurred in performing its services under the Investment Advisory Agreement, including compensation of and office space for directors, officers and employees of the Adviser connected with management of the Fund. The Fund will be required to pay brokerage and other expenses of executing the Fund's portfolio transactions; taxes or governmental fees; interest charges and other costs of borrowing funds; litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business.

The Investment Advisory Agreement will remain in effect for an initial term ending two years from the date the registration statement of the Fund has been declared effective by the SEC (unless soon terminated), and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter if approved annually (i) by a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund or by a vote of the Fund's Board of Directors, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval, and (ii) by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors who are not parties to the Investment Advisory Agreement or "interested persons" of any party to the Investment Advisory Agreement, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. In addition, the Fund's Charter requires the favorable vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors to advise, approve, adopt or authorize entering into, terminating or amending the Investment Advisory Agreement, which supermajority voting requirement is greater than the minimum voting requirement under the 1940 Act. Information regarding the Board of Directors' approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement will be available in the Fund's semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ended December 31, 2016. The Investment Advisory Agreement will terminate upon assignment by any party and is terminable,

without penalty, on 60 days' written notice by the Board of Directors or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or upon 60 days' written notice by the Adviser.

### **Portfolio Managers**

Philip K. Bartow and Patrick W. Galley will be responsible for implementing portfolio management decisions for the Fund.

Philip K. Bartow is a co-portfolio manager of the Fund. Mr. Bartow joined RiverNorth in 2015 and manages the firm's Marketplace Lending strategy. Prior to joining RiverNorth, Mr. Bartow was a Principal at Spring Hill Capital, where he focused on analyzing and trading structured credit, commercial mortgage and asset-backed fixed income investments. Mr. Bartow started his career in the Mortgage Department at Lehman Brothers Inc. in New York. Mr. Bartow holds an MBA from Columbia Business School with a concentration in Accounting and Finance. Mr. Bartow is also a graduate of Williams College, where he received a B.A. in Economics.

Patrick W. Galley, CFA is a portfolio manager of the Fund. Mr. Galley is the Chief Investment Officer for the Adviser. Mr. Galley heads the firm's research and investment team and oversees all portfolio management activities at the Adviser. Mr. Galley also serves as the President and Chairman of RiverNorth Funds. Prior to joining the Adviser in 2004, he was most recently a Vice President at Bank of America in the Global Investment Bank's Portfolio Management group, where he specialized in analyzing and structuring corporate transactions for investment management firms in addition to closed-end and open-end funds, hedge funds, funds of funds, structured investment vehicles and insurance/reinsurance companies. Mr. Galley graduated with honors from Rochester Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Finance. He has received the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, is a member of the CFA Institute and is a member of the CFA Society of Chicago.

### **Compensation of Portfolio Managers**

Mr. Bartow's and Mr. Galley's total compensation includes a base salary fixed from year to year and a variable performance bonus consisting of cash incentives. The amounts paid to Mr. Galley may include compensation based on a percentage of the fees earned by the Adviser from managing the Fund and other investment accounts. The performance bonus reflects individual performance and the performance of the Adviser's business as a whole. Mr. Bartow and Mr. Galley also participate in a 401K program on the same basis as other employees of the Adviser.

### **Portfolio Manager Ownership of Fund Shares**

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities of the Fund beneficially owned by the portfolio managers of the Fund as May 31, 2016.

<b>Name of Portfolio Manager</b>	<b>Dollar Range of Equity Securities of the Fund</b>
Philip K. Bartow	None
Patrick W. Galley	None

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to more than one fund or other accounts. More specifically, portfolio managers who manage multiple funds are presented with the following potential conflicts:

The management of multiple accounts may result in a portfolio manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each account. The management of multiple funds and accounts also may give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons and fees as the portfolio manager must allocate his time and investment ideas across multiple funds and accounts. Another potential conflict of interest may arise where another account has the same investment objective as the Fund, whereby the portfolio manager could favor one account over another.

With respect to securities transactions for the Fund, the Adviser determines which broker to use to execute each order, consistent with the duty to seek best execution of the transaction. A portfolio manager may execute transactions for another fund or account that may adversely impact the value of securities held by the Fund. Securities selected for funds or accounts other than the Fund may outperform the securities selected for the Fund. Further, a potential conflict could include a portfolio manager's knowledge about the size, timing and possible market impact of Fund trades, whereby they could use this information to the advantage of other accounts and to the disadvantage of the Fund. These potential conflicts of interest could create the appearance that a portfolio manager is favoring one investment vehicle over another.

The management of personal accounts also may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. Although the portfolio manager generally does not trade securities in his or her own personal account, the Adviser and the Fund have each adopted a code of ethics that, among other things, permits personal trading by employees (including trading in securities that can be purchased, sold or held by the Fund) under conditions where it has been determined that such trades would not adversely impact client accounts. Nevertheless, the management of personal accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest, and there is no assurance that these codes of ethics will adequately address such conflicts.

The 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.

#### Other Accounts Managed

As of May 31, 2016, the portfolio managers of the Fund were responsible for the management of the following other accounts (in addition to the Fund):

NUMBER OF OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED AND ASSETS BY ACCOUNT TYPE AS OF MAY 31, 2016						
PORTFOLIO MANAGER	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES (OTHER THAN THE FUND)	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE -BASED ADVISORY FEES	OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES	OTHER POOLED INVESTMENT VEHICLES SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE -BASED ADVISORY FEES	OTHER ACCOUNTS	OTHER ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO PERFORMANCE- BASED ADVISORY FEES
	Philip K. Bartow	Number: 0 Assets: \$0	Number: 0 Assets: \$0	Number: 1 Assets: \$1.125 million	Number: 0 Assets: \$0	Number: 0 Assets: \$0
Patrick W. Galley	Number: 5 Assets: \$2.95 billion	Number: 0 Assets: \$0	Number: 1 Assets: \$1.125 million	Number: 3 Assets: \$379.9 million	Number: 1 Assets: \$42.0 million	Number: 1 Assets: \$42.0 million

#### Administrator

Under an Administration Servicing Agreement (the "Administration Agreement"), subject to the supervision of the Board of Directors, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("USBFS") is responsible for calculating NAVs, providing additional fund accounting and tax services, and providing fund administration and compliance-related services. USBFS will bear all expenses in connection with the performance of its services under the Administration Agreement, except for certain out of pocket expenses described therein. USBFS will not bear any expenses incurred by the Fund, including but not limited to initial organization and offering expenses; litigation expenses; costs of preferred shares (if any); expenses of conducting repurchase offers pursuant to the Fund's repurchase policy; transfer agency and custodial expenses; taxes; interest; Fund directors' fees; compensation and expenses of Fund officers who are not associated with USBFS or its affiliates; brokerage fees and commissions; state and federal registration fees; advisory fees; insurance premiums; fidelity bond premiums; Fund legal and audit fees and expenses; costs of maintenance of Fund existence; printing and delivery of materials in connection with meetings of the Fund's directors; printing and mailing shareholder reports, offering documents, and proxy materials; securities pricing and data services; and expenses in connection with electronic filings with the SEC.

#### Codes of Ethics

The Fund and the Adviser have each adopted a code of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. These codes permit personnel subject to the code to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. These codes can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 942-8090. The codes of ethics are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>), and copies of these codes may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the SEC Public Reference Section, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

### FUND SERVICE PROVIDERS

#### Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

KPMG LLP, 200 Randolph Drive, Suite 5500, Chicago, Illinois 60601, has been appointed as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.

#### Legal Counsel

Certain legal matters in connection with the Shares will be passed upon for the Fund by Chapman and Cutler LLP. Chapman and Cutler LLP has served as special tax counsel for the Fund as well. Chapman and Cutler LLP may rely as to certain

matters of Maryland law on the opinion of Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A. Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP serves as legal counsel to the independent directors of the Fund.

### **Custodians and Transfer Agent**

Millennium Trust Company, located at 2001 Spring Road #700, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523, will serve as the Fund's loan custodian and will maintain custody of the loans held by the Fund pursuant to a Custody Agreement. Under the Custody Agreement, the custodian will hold the Fund's loans in compliance with the 1940 Act.

U.S. Bank, N.A., located at 1555 N. RiverCenter Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, will serve as the Fund's custodian of the Fund's cash and other securities pursuant to a Custody Agreement. Under the Custody Agreement, the custodian will hold the Fund's cash and securities in compliance with the 1940 Act.

DST Systems, Inc., located at 1055 Broadway, 7th Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64105, will serve as the transfer agent and registrar for the Fund.

## **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS**

The Adviser is responsible for the Fund's portfolio decisions and the placing of the Fund's portfolio transactions. In placing portfolio transactions, the Adviser seeks the best qualitative execution for the Fund, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), the execution capability, financial responsibility and responsiveness of the broker or dealer and the brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. The Adviser generally seeks favorable prices and commission rates that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received.

The Adviser is specifically authorized to select brokers or dealers who also provide brokerage and research services to the Fund and/or the other accounts over which the Adviser exercises investment discretion, and to pay such brokers or dealers a commission in excess of the commission another broker or dealer would charge if the Adviser determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. The determination may be viewed in terms of a particular transaction or the Adviser's overall responsibilities with respect to the Fund and to other accounts over which it exercises investment discretion. The Adviser may not give consideration to sales of Shares as a factor in the selection of brokers and dealers to execute portfolio transactions. However, the Adviser may place portfolio transactions with brokers or dealers that promote or sell Shares so long as such placements are made pursuant to policies approved by the Board of Directors that are designed to ensure that the selection is based on the quality of the broker's execution and not on its sales efforts.

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

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

When the Fund and another of the Adviser's clients seek to purchase or sell the same security at or about the same time, the Adviser may execute the transaction on a combined ("blocked") basis. Blocked transactions can produce better execution for the Fund because of the increased volume of the transaction. If the entire blocked order is not filled, the Fund may not be able to acquire as large a position in such security as it desires or it may have to pay a higher price for the security. Similarly, the Fund may not be able to obtain as large an execution of an order to sell or as high a price for any particular portfolio security if the other client desires to sell the same portfolio security at the same time. In the event that the entire blocked order is not filled, the purchase or sale will normally be allocated on a pro rata basis. The Adviser may adjust the allocation when, taking into account such factors as the size of the individual orders and transaction costs, the Adviser believes an adjustment is reasonable.

The Fund has no obligation to deal with any particular broker or dealer in the execution of its transactions, but has no present intention of using affiliated broker-dealers for Fund portfolio trades.

## **U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX MATTERS**

The following is a summary discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a Shareholder that acquires, holds and/or disposes of Shares. This discussion only addresses U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Shareholders who hold their Shares as capital assets and does not address all of the U.S. federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to particular Shareholders in light of their individual circumstances. This discussion also does not address

the tax consequences to Shareholders who are subject to special rules, including, without limitation, banks and financial institutions, insurance companies, dealers in securities or foreign currencies, foreign holders, persons who hold their Shares as or in a hedge against currency risk, a constructive sale, or conversion transaction, or tax-exempt or tax-deferred plans, accounts, or entities. In addition, the discussion does not address any state, local, or foreign tax consequences. The discussion reflects applicable income tax laws of the United States as of the date hereof, which tax laws may be changed or subject to new interpretations by the courts or the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) retroactively or prospectively and could affect the continued validity of this summary. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal income tax concerns affecting the Fund and its Shareholders, and the discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. **Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers before making an investment in the Fund to determine the specific tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund, including the applicable federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences as well as the effect of possible changes in tax laws.**

### **Fund Taxation**

The Fund intends to elect to be treated, and to qualify each year, as a “regulated investment company” under Subchapter M of the Code, so that it will not pay U.S. federal income tax on income and capital gains timely distributed (or treated as being distributed as described below) to Shareholders. In order to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, the Fund must, among other things, derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, other income (including gains from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from interests in qualified publicly traded partnerships (collectively, the “90% income test”). In addition to the 90% income test, the Fund must also diversify its holdings (commonly referred to as the “diversification test”) so that, at the end of each quarter of its taxable year (i) at least 50% of the value of the Fund’s total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities, with such other securities of any one issuer limited for the purposes of this calculation to an amount not greater in value than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities or securities of other regulated investment companies) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers controlled by the Fund and engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses, or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

As described above, the Fund intends to purchase and hold consumer and small business loans. Historically, the IRS has viewed the person who is liable for making payments on an instrument as the issuer of the instrument. In the present situation, neither the lending bank nor the platform have guaranteed the performance or payment of the underlying consumer and small business loans. Even if the platforms are still the servicers, if the consumer or small business borrower fails to pay, the platform is not responsible for making up the short fall to the Fund.

This increases the risk in the portfolio to the Fund, but also means that the IRS is likely to view the underlying consumers and small businesses as the issuers for the purposes of the regulated investment company qualification tests.

Chapman and Cutler LLP, special tax counsel to the Fund, has given the Fund its opinion that the underlying consumers and small businesses will be treated as the issuers for the purposes of the regulated investment company qualifications tests. As to the Pass-Through Notes and Marketplace Lending Instruments other than whole consumer and small business loans, the identity of the issuer for purposes of the regulated investment company tests may be less clear, so the Fund will take the position that the writer of such instrument held by the Fund will be the issuer for the regulated investment company tests even if arguments could be made that the consumers and small businesses referenced in such instruments were the persons liable for making payments.

If the IRS were to take the position that the original lenders or the servicers were the issuers of the consumer and small business loans, it is possible that the Fund would fail the regulated investment company diversification tests and be taxed as a corporation. If, for any taxable year, the Fund did not qualify as a regulated investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it would be treated as a U.S. corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax, and possibly state and local income tax, and distributions to its Shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income. In such event, the Fund’s distributions, to the extent derived from the Fund’s current or accumulated earnings and profits, would generally constitute ordinary dividends, which would generally be eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporate Shareholders, and non-corporate Shareholders would generally be able to treat such distributions as “qualified dividend income” eligible for reduced rates of U.S. federal income taxation, provided in each case that certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

If the Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and distributes to its Shareholders at least 90% of the sum of (i) its “investment company taxable income” as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest, the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses and certain net foreign exchange gains as reduced by certain deductible expenses) without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and (ii) the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest, if any, over certain disallowed deductions, the Fund will be relieved of U.S. federal income tax on any income of the Fund, including long-term capital gains, distributed to Shareholders. However, if the Fund retains any investment company taxable income or “net capital gain” (*i.e.*, the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses), it will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate federal income tax rates (currently a maximum rate of 35%) on the

amount retained. The Fund intends to distribute at least annually all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income (determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid), net tax-exempt interest, if any, and net capital gain. Under the Code, the Fund will generally be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax on its undistributed ordinary income and capital gains if it fails to meet certain distribution requirements with respect to a calendar year. In order to avoid the 4% federal excise tax, the required minimum distribution is generally equal to the sum of 98% of the Fund's ordinary income (computed on a calendar year basis), plus 98.2% of the Fund's capital gain net income (generally computed for the one-year period ending on October 31), plus undistributed amounts from prior years. The Fund initially intends to make distributions in a timely manner in an amount at least equal to the required minimum distribution but may be subject to the excise tax from time to time depending upon distribution levels.

If for any taxable year the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it would be treated as a U.S. corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax, and possibly state and local income tax, and distributions to its Shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income. In such event, the Fund's distributions, to the extent derived from the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits, would generally constitute ordinary dividends, which generally would be eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporate Shareholders under Section 243 of the Code, discussed below, and non-corporate Shareholders of the Fund generally would be able to treat such distributions as qualified dividend income eligible for reduced rates of U.S. federal income taxation, as discussed below, provided in each case that certain holding period and other requirements are satisfied.

If the Fund invests in certain positions such as pay-in-kind securities, zero coupon securities, deferred interest securities or, in general, any other securities with original issue discount (or with market discount if the Fund elects to include market discount in income currently), the Fund must accrue income on such investments for each taxable year, which generally will be prior to the receipt of the corresponding cash payments. However, the Fund must distribute, at least annually, all or substantially all of its net investment income, including such accrued income, to Shareholders to avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Therefore, the Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash, or may have to leverage itself by borrowing the cash, to satisfy distribution requirements.

The Fund may also acquire market discount bonds. A market discount bond is a security acquired in the secondary market at a price below its redemption value (or its adjusted issue price if it is also an original issue discount bond). If the Fund invests in a market discount bond, it will be required for federal income tax purposes to treat any gain recognized on the disposition of such market discount bond as ordinary income (instead of capital gain) to the extent of the accrued market discount unless the Fund elects to include the market discount in income as it accrues.

The Fund may invest in debt obligations that are in the lowest rating categories or are unrated, including debt obligations of issuers not currently paying interest or who are in default. Investments in debt obligations that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues for the Fund. Tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as when the Fund may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount or market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless securities, how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income and whether exchanges of debt obligations in a bankruptcy or workout context are taxable. These and other related issues will be addressed by the Fund when, as and if it invests in such securities, in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its status as a regulated investment company and does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise taxes.

If the Fund utilizes leverage through borrowing, asset coverage limitations imposed by the 1940 Act as well as additional restrictions that may be imposed by certain lenders on the payment of dividends or distributions could potentially limit or eliminate the Fund's ability to make distributions on its Shares until the asset coverage is restored. These limitations could prevent the Fund from distributing at least 90% of its investment company taxable income as is required under the Code and therefore might jeopardize the Fund's qualification as a regulated investment company and/or might subject the Fund to the nondeductible 4% federal excise tax discussed above. Upon any failure to meet the asset coverage requirements imposed by the 1940 Act, the Fund may, in its sole discretion and to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, purchase or redeem shares of preferred stock, if any, in order to maintain or restore the requisite asset coverage and avoid the adverse consequences to the Fund and its Shareholders of failing to meet the distribution requirements. There can be no assurance, however, that any such action would achieve these objectives. The Fund generally will endeavor to avoid restrictions on its ability to distribute dividends.

### **Shareholder Taxation**

Distributions of investment company taxable income are generally taxable as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions of net investment income designated by the Fund as derived from qualified dividend income will be taxed in the hands of individuals and other noncorporate taxpayers at the rates applicable to long-term capital gain, provided certain holding period and other requirements are met at both the Shareholder and Fund levels. A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income (at either the Fund or Shareholder level) (i) if the dividend is received with respect to any share of stock held for fewer than 61 days during the 121-day period beginning on the date which is 60 days before the date on which such share becomes ex-dividend with respect to such dividend (or, in the case of certain preferred stock, 91 days during the 181-day period beginning 90 days before such date), (ii) to the extent that the recipient is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to positions in substantially similar or related property, (iii) if the recipient elects to have the dividend income treated as investment income for purposes of the limitation on deductibility of investment interest, or (iv) if the dividend is received from a foreign corporation

that is (a) not eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the U.S. (with the exception of dividends paid on stock of such a foreign corporation that is readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S.) or (b) treated as a passive foreign investment company. Qualified dividend income does not include interest from fixed income securities. If the Fund lends portfolio securities, amounts received by the Fund that is the equivalent of the dividends paid by the issuer on the securities loaned will not be eligible for qualified dividend income treatment. The Fund does not expect a significant portion of its dividends to constitute qualified dividend income.

Distributions of net capital gain, if any, are taxable at long-term capital gain rates for U.S. federal income tax purposes without regard to the length of time the Shareholder has held its Shares. A distribution of an amount in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, if any, will be treated by a Shareholder as a tax-free return of capital, which is applied against and reduces the Shareholder's basis in his, her or its Shares. To the extent that the amount of any such distribution exceeds the Shareholder's basis in his, her or its Shares, the excess will be treated by the Shareholder as gain from the sale or exchange of such Shares. The U.S. federal income tax status of all distributions will be designated by the Fund and reported to Shareholders annually.

Certain distributions by the Fund may qualify for the dividends received deduction available to corporate Shareholders under Section 243 of the Code, subject to certain holding period and other requirements, but generally only to the extent the Fund earned dividend income from stock investments in U.S. domestic corporations (but not including real estate investment trusts). The Fund does not expect a significant portion of its dividends to qualify for the dividends received deduction.

A Shareholder may elect to have all dividends and distributions automatically reinvested in Shares. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, all dividends and distributions are generally taxable regardless of whether a Shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested in additional Shares of the Fund.

If a Shareholder's distributions are automatically reinvested in additional Shares, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Shareholder will be treated as having received a taxable distribution in the amount of the cash dividend that the Shareholder would have received if the Shareholder had elected to receive cash, unless the distribution is in newly issued Shares that are trading at or above net asset value, in which case the Shareholder will be treated as receiving a taxable distribution equal to the fair market value of the stock the Shareholder receives.

The Fund intends to distribute all realized net capital gains, if any, at least annually. If, however, the Fund were to retain any net capital gain, the Fund may designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice to Shareholders who, if subject to U.S. federal income tax on long-term capital gains, (i) will be required to include in income, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate share of such undistributed amount, and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate share of the federal income tax paid by the Fund on the undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of Shares owned by a Shareholder will be increased by the difference between the amount of undistributed net capital gain included in the Shareholder's gross income and the federal income tax deemed paid by the Shareholder.

Any dividend declared by the Fund in October, November or December with a record date in such a month and paid during the following January will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as paid by the Fund and received by Shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which it is declared.

At the time of an investor's purchase of Shares, a portion of the purchase price may be attributable to realized or unrealized appreciation in the Fund's portfolio or undistributed taxable income of the Fund. Consequently, subsequent distributions by the Fund with respect to these Shares from such appreciation or income may be taxable to such investor even if the NAV of the investor's Shares is, as a result of the distributions, reduced below the investor's cost for such Shares and the distributions economically represent a return of a portion of the investment. Investors should consider the tax implications of purchasing Shares just prior to a distribution.

The IRS has taken the position that if a regulated investment company has two or more classes of shares, it must designate distributions made to each class in any year as consisting of no more than such class' proportionate share of particular types of income (e.g., ordinary income and net capital gains). Consequently, if both common stock and preferred stock are outstanding, the Fund intends to designate distributions made to each class of particular types of income in accordance with each class' proportionate share of such income. Thus, the Fund will designate to the extent applicable, dividends qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction (if any), income not qualifying for the dividends received deduction, qualified dividend income, ordinary income and net capital gain in a manner that allocates such income between the holders of common stock and preferred stock in proportion to the total dividends paid to each class during or for the taxable year, or otherwise as required by applicable law. However, for purposes of determining whether distributions are out of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits, the Fund's earnings and profits will be allocated first to the Fund's preferred stock, if any, and then to the Shares. In such a case, since the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be used to pay dividends on the preferred stock, distributions in excess of such earnings and profits, if any, will be made disproportionately to Shareholders.

In addition, solely for the purpose of satisfying the 90% distribution requirement and the distribution requirement for avoiding federal income taxes, certain distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the Fund may be "spilled back" and treated as paid during such taxable year. In such case, Shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distribution was actually made. The IRS has ruled privately that dividends paid following the close of the taxable year that are treated for federal income tax purposes as derived from income from the prior year will be treated as

dividends “paid” in the prior year for purposes of determining the proportionate share of a particular type of income for each class. Accordingly, the Fund intends to treat any such dividends that are paid following the close of a taxable year as “paid” in the prior year for purposes of determining a class’ proportionate share of a particular type of income. However, the private ruling is not binding on the IRS, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will respect such treatment.

Sales, exchanges and other dispositions of the Shares generally are taxable events for Shareholders that are subject to federal income tax. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisors regarding their individual circumstances to determine whether any particular transaction in the Shares is properly treated as a sale or exchange for federal income tax purposes (as the following discussion assumes) and the tax treatment of any gains or losses recognized in such transactions. Generally, gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of other property received (including securities distributed by the Fund) and the Shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the Shares sold or exchanged. In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year. Otherwise, the gain or loss on the taxable disposition of the Shares will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized by a Shareholder upon the sale or other disposition of Shares with a tax holding period of six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any amounts treated as distributions of long-term capital gain with respect to such Shares. For the purposes of calculating the six-month period, the holding period is suspended for any periods during which the Shareholder’s risk of loss is diminished as a result of holding one or more other positions in substantially similar or related property or through certain options, short sales or contractual obligations to sell. Long-term capital gain rates of non-corporate Shareholders have been reduced to a maximum rate of 20% with a 0% rate applying to taxpayers in the 10% and 15% federal income tax brackets and a 15% rate applying for taxpayers in other federal income tax brackets below 39.6%. The ability to deduct capital losses may be subject to limitations. In addition, losses on sales or other dispositions of Shares may be disallowed under the “wash sale” rules in the event a Shareholder acquires substantially identical stock or securities (including those made pursuant to reinvestment of dividends) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after a sale or other disposition of Shares. In such a case, the disallowed portion of any loss generally would be included in the U.S. federal income tax basis of the Shares acquired. See “—Sale or Exchange of Shares” below.

Certain net investment income received by an individual having adjusted gross income in excess of \$200,000 (or \$250,000 for married individuals filing jointly) is subject to a Medicare tax of 3.8%. Undistributed net investment income of trusts and estates in excess of a specified amount is also subject to this tax. Dividends and capital gains distributed by the Fund, and gain realized on the sale of Shares, will constitute investment income of the type subject to this tax.

Because the Fund does not expect to distribute dividends that would give rise to an adjustment to an individual’s alternative minimum taxable income, an investment in the Shares should not, by itself, cause the Shareholders to become subject to alternative minimum tax.

Pursuant to its repurchase policy, the Fund may repurchase its Shares at periodic intervals. Shareholders who tender all Shares held, and those considered to be held (through attribution rules contained in the Code), by them will be treated as having sold their Shares and generally will realize a capital gain or loss. If a Shareholder tenders fewer than all of his, her or its Shares (including those considered held through attribution), such Shareholder may be treated as having received a taxable dividend upon the tender of its Shares. If a tender offer is made, there is a risk that non-tendering Shareholders will be treated as having received taxable distributions from the Fund. To the extent that the Fund recognizes net gains on the liquidation of portfolio securities to meet such tenders of Shares, the Fund will be required to make additional distributions to its Shareholders. If the Board of Directors determines that a tender offer will be made by the Fund, the federal income tax consequences of such offer will be discussed in materials that will be available at such time in connection with the specific tender offer, if any.

The Code requires that the Fund withhold, as “backup withholding,” 28% of reportable payments, including dividends, capital gain distributions and the proceeds of sales or other dispositions of the Fund’s stock paid to Shareholders who have not complied with IRS regulations. In order to avoid this withholding requirement, Shareholders must certify on their account applications, or on a separate IRS Form W-9, that the social security number or other taxpayer identification number they provide is their correct number and that they are not currently subject to backup withholding, or that they are exempt from backup withholding. The Fund may nevertheless be required to withhold if it receives notice from the IRS or a broker that the number provided is incorrect or backup withholding is applicable. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld may be allowed as a refund or a credit against the Shareholder’s U.S. federal income tax liability if the appropriate information (such as the timely filing of the appropriate federal income tax return) is provided to the IRS.

Under Treasury regulations, if a Shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to shares of \$2 million or more in a single taxable year (or \$4 million or more in any combination of taxable years) for an individual Shareholder, S corporation or trust or \$10 million or more in a single taxable year (or \$20 million or more in any combination of years) for a Shareholder who is a C corporation, such Shareholder will generally be required to file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are generally excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a regulated investment company are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all regulated investment companies. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer’s treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

## Sale or Exchange of Shares

The sale or exchange of Shares may give rise to a gain or loss. In general, any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than 12 months. Otherwise, the gain or loss on the taxable disposition of Shares will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. However, any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term, rather than short-term, to the extent of any long-term capital gain distributions received (or deemed received) by the Shareholder with respect to the Shares. All or a portion of any loss realized upon a taxable disposition of Shares will be disallowed if other substantially identical Shares are purchased within 30 days before or after the disposition. In such a case, the basis of the newly purchased Shares will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

A repurchase by the Fund of Shares generally will be treated as a sale or exchange of the Shares by a Shareholder provided that after the repurchase the Shareholder does not own, either directly or by attribution under Section 318 of the Code, any Shares. Likewise, if (i) a repurchase of Shares by the Fund reduces a Shareholder's percentage ownership of the Fund by at least 20% (determined after applying the ownership attribution rules under Section 318 of the Code and taking into consideration the reduction in the total number of Shares outstanding that is caused by the repurchase) or (ii) a Shareholder does not hold more than a few percent of the Shares (determined after applying the ownership attribution rules under Section 318 of the Code), the repurchase will be treated as a sale or exchange of the Shares by the Shareholder. This discussion does not address the tax treatment of tendering Shareholders who hold Shares other than as capital assets. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisors on the specific tax consequences to them of participating or not participating in a repurchase offer.

If a tendering Shareholder's proportionate ownership of the Fund (determined after applying the ownership attribution rules under Section 318 of the Code) is not substantially reduced as a result of the tender, such Shareholder will be deemed to receive a distribution from the Fund with respect to the Shares held (or deemed held under Section 318 of the Code) by the Shareholder after the tender. The amount of this distribution will equal the price paid by the Fund to such Shareholder for the Shares sold. The distribution would be taxable as a dividend, *i.e.*, as ordinary income, to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits allocable to such distribution. The adjusted basis of the Shares held (or deemed held under Section 318 of the Code) by the Shareholder after the tender will be increased by the Shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the Shares sold in the tender and decreased by the portion of such distribution not treated as a dividend. If the portion of the distribution not treated as a dividend exceeds the adjusted tax basis of the Shares held (or deemed held under Section 318 of the Code) by the Shareholder after the tender (determined after increasing such basis by the adjusted tax basis of the Shares sold in the tender), such excess portion of the distribution will be a capital gain in the hands of the Shareholder. In the case of a tendering U.S. Shareholder that is a corporation treated as receiving a distribution from the Fund pursuant to the repurchase offer, special basis adjustments may also apply with respect to any Shares of such Shareholder not repurchased pursuant to a repurchase offer.

If no tendering Shareholder were treated as receiving a dividend as a result of selling Shares pursuant to a particular repurchase offer, Shareholders who do not sell Shares pursuant to that repurchase offer, or whose percentage interest in the Fund nonetheless increase as a result thereof, would not realize constructive distributions on their Shares as a result of other Shareholders selling Shares in the repurchase offer. If, however, any tendering Shareholder is deemed to receive a dividend, it is possible that Shareholders whose proportionate ownership of the Fund increases as a result of that repurchase will be deemed to receive a constructive distribution in an amount equal to the increase in their proportionate ownership of the Fund as a result of the tender. Such constructive distribution will be treated as a dividend to the extent of current accumulated earnings and profits allocable to it.

Use of the Fund's cash to repurchase Shares may adversely affect the Fund's ability to satisfy the distribution requirements described above. The Fund may also recognize income in connection with the liquidation of portfolio securities to fund Share purchases. Any such income would be taken into account in determining whether the distribution requirements have been satisfied.

## Other Taxes

The description of certain U.S. federal income tax provisions above relates only to U.S. federal income tax consequences for Shareholders who are U.S. persons (*i.e.*, U.S. citizens or residents or U.S. corporations, partnerships, trusts or estates). Non-U.S. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors concerning the tax consequences of ownership of Shares, including the possibility that distributions may be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax (or a reduced rate of withholding provided by an applicable treaty if the investor provides proper certification of such status).

**Shareholders should consult their own tax advisors on these matters and on any specific question of U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and other applicable tax laws before making an investment in the Fund.**

## BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The following table presents certain information regarding the members of the Board of Directors (each, a "Board Member"). Each Board Member's year of birth is set forth in parentheses after his or her name.

Except as otherwise noted, the address for all directors and officers is 325 North LaSalle Street, Suite 645, Chicago, Illinois 60654. The “independent directors” consist of those directors who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as that term is defined under the 1940 Act (each, an “Independent Director” and collectively, the “Independent Directors”).

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Registrant</b>	<b>Term of and Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios Fund Complex(1) Overseen by Director</b>	<b>Other Directorships(2) Held by Director During Past 5</b>
<i>Independent Directors</i>					
John K. Carter (1961)	Director	Annual term. Has served since 2015.	Partner, Law Office of John K. Carter, P.A. (2015 to present); Managing Partner, Global Recruiters of St. Petersburg (a financial services consulting and recruiting firm) (2012 to present); Business Unit Head, Transamerica Asset Management (2006 to 2012).	6	Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Transamerica Funds (120 funds) (2006 to 2012). Board Member, United Way of Tampa Bay (2011 to 2012)
James G. Kelley (1948)	Director	Annual term. Has served since 2015.	Certified Business Coach, JGK & Associates (2000 to present).	5	N/A
John S. Oakes (1943)	Director	Annual term. Has served since 2015.	Principal, Financial Search and Consulting (a recruiting and consulting firm) (2013 to present); Regional Vice President, Securities America (a broker-dealer) (2007 to 2013)	6	N/A
Fred G. Steingraber (1938)	Director	Annual term. Has served since 2015.	Chairman, Board Advisors LLC (a consulting firm) (2001 to present). Retired, Chairman Emeritus, A.T. Kearney (a business consulting firm) (2001 to present).	5	Director, Diamond Hill Financial Trends Fund (a closed-end fund) (1989-2013); Director, Elkay Manufacturing (2004 to present). Director, Talent Intelligence (leadership development) (2004 to present). Chairman Emeritus, A.T. Kearney (management consulting) (2001 to present). Chairman, Board Advisors (Board consulting) (2001 to present).

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<i>Interested Director</i>					
Patrick W. Galley <sup>(3)</sup> (1975)	Director, Chairman and President	Annual term. Has served since 2015.	Chief Investment Officer, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2004 to present).	6	Board of Managers of RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2010 to present); Board of Managers of RiverNorth Securities, LLC (2010 to 2012) and Board of Directors RiverNorth Holdings, Co. (2010 to present)
<i>Officers</i>					
Jonathan M. Mohrhardt (1974)	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Has served since 2015.	Chief Compliance Officer, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2009 to 2012); Chief Operating Officer, RiverNorth Capital Management LLC (2011 to present) and President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Compliance Officer, RiverNorth Securities, LLC (2010 to 2012)	N/A	Board of Managers of RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2010 to present); Board of Managers of RiverNorth Securities, LLC (2010 to 2012) and Board of Directors RiverNorth Holdings, Co. (2010 to present)
Marcus L. Collins (1968)	Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	Has served since 2015.	General Counsel, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2012 to present), Chief Compliance Officer, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (2012 to present); Counsel, Thompson Hine, LLP (2007 to 2012)	N/A	N/A

(1) The term “Fund Complex” means two or more registered investment companies that:

(a) hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services; or

(b) have a common investment adviser or that have an investment adviser that is an affiliated person of the investment adviser of any of the other registered investment companies.

(2) The numbers enclosed in the parentheses represent the number of funds overseen in each respective directorship held by the director.

(3) Mr. Galley is deemed an “interested person” of the Fund due to his position as Chief Investment Officer of RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC, investment adviser to the Fund.

*Board Leadership Structure.* The Board of Directors, which has overall responsibility for the oversight of the Fund’s investment programs and business affairs, believes that it has structured itself in a manner that allows it to effectively perform its oversight obligations. Mr. Patrick W. Galley, the Chairman of the Board (“Chairman”), is not an Independent Director. The Board believes that the use of an interested director as Chairman is the appropriate leadership structure for the Fund given (i) Mr. Patrick Galley’s role in the day to day operations of the Adviser, (ii) the extent to which the work of the Board of Directors is conducted through the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Audit Committee”) and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee”), each of whose meetings is chaired by an Independent Director, (iii) the frequency that Independent Directors meet with their independent legal counsel and auditors in the absence of members of the Board of Directors who are interested directors of the Fund and

management, and (iv) the overall sophistication of the Independent Directors, both individually and collectively. The members of Board of Directors also complete an annual self-assessment during which the directors review their overall structure and consider where and how its structure remains appropriate in light of the Fund's current circumstances. The Chairman's role is to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and in between meetings of the Board of Directors to generally act as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the Fund's officers, attorneys and various other service providers, including but not limited to the Adviser and other such third parties servicing the Fund. The Board of Directors believes that having an interested person serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors enables Mr. Patrick Galley to more effectively carry out these liaison activities. The Board of Directors also believes that it benefits during its meetings from having a person intimately familiar with the operation of the Fund to set the agenda for meetings of the Board of Directors to ensure that important matters are brought to the attention of and considered by the Board of Directors.

The Fund has two standing committees, each of which enhances the leadership structure of the Board: the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Audit Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are each chaired by, and composed of, members who are Independent Directors.

The Audit Committee is comprised of Messrs. Carter, Kelley, Oakes and Steingraber. Mr. Kelley is the Chair of the Audit Committee. The role of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of (i) the quality and integrity of the Fund's financial statements, reporting process and the independent registered public accounting firm (the "independent accountants") and reviews thereof, (ii) the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, its internal controls and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers, (iii) the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, and (iv) the independent accountants' qualifications, independence and performance. The Audit Committee is also required to prepare an audit committee report pursuant to the rules of the SEC for inclusion in the Fund's annual proxy statement. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter (the "Charter") that was most recently reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on September 24, 2015. The Charter is available at the Fund's website, [www.rivernorth.com](http://www.rivernorth.com). As set forth in the Charter, management is responsible for maintaining appropriate systems for accounting and internal control, and the Fund's independent accountants are responsible for planning and carrying out proper audits and reviews. The independent accountants are ultimately accountable to the Board of Directors and to the Audit Committee, as representatives of the Shareholders. The independent accountants for the Fund report directly to the Audit Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is comprised of Messrs. Carter, Kelley, Oakes and Steingraber. Mr. Carter is the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending to the Board of Directors individuals believed to be qualified to become members of the Board of Directors in the event that a position is vacated or created. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by Shareholders. In considering candidates submitted by Shareholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will take into consideration the needs of the Board of Directors, the qualifications of the candidate and the interests of Shareholders. Shareholders wishing to recommend candidates to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should submit such recommendations to the Secretary of the Fund, who will forward the recommendations to the committee for consideration. The submission must include: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before the annual or special meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at the annual or special meeting, (ii) the name and address, as they appear on the Fund's books, of the Shareholder proposing such business or nomination, (iii) a representation that the Shareholder is a holder of record of Shares entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to present such nomination; (iv) whether the Shareholder plans to deliver or solicit proxies from other Shareholders; (v) the class and number of Shares of the capital stock of the Fund, which are beneficially owned by the Shareholder and the proposed nominee to the Board of Directors, (vi) any material interest of the Shareholder or nominee in such business; (vii) the extent to which such Shareholder (including such Shareholder's principals) or the proposed nominee to the Board of Directors has entered into any hedging transaction or other arrangement with the effect or intent of mitigating or otherwise managing profit, loss or risk of changes in the value of the Shares or the daily quoted market price of the Fund held by such Shareholder (including the Shareholder's principals) or the proposed nominee, including independently verifiable information in support of the foregoing; and (viii) such other information regarding such nominee proposed by such Shareholder as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each eligible Shareholder or Shareholder group may submit no more than one Independent Director nominee each calendar year. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not determined any minimum qualifications necessary to serve as a director of the Fund.

*Trustee Qualifications.* Mr. Patrick Galley is the Chief Investment Officer for the Fund's investment adviser and a portfolio manager of the Fund. His knowledge regarding the investment strategy of the Fund, more specifically the closed-end mutual fund industry makes him uniquely qualified to serve as the Fund's President.

Mr. John K. Carter possesses extensive mutual fund industry experience. Mr. Carter was most recently a Business Unit Head at Transamerica Asset Management, a subsidiary of Aegon, N.V. Mr. Carter oversaw the mutual fund servicing, operations and advisory services for Transamerica's approximately 120 mutual funds. He also served as a compliance officer. Mr. Carter brings experience managing a large mutual fund complex, including experience overseeing multiple sub-advisers. Mr. Carter was previously an investment management attorney with experience as in-house counsel, serving with the Securities and Exchange Commission and in private practice with a large law firm. The Board feels Mr. Carter's industry-specific experience,

including as a chairman of another fund complex, as a compliance officer and as an experienced investment management attorney will be valuable to the Board as the Fund continues to grow and deal with legally complex issues.

Mr. James G. Kelley is currently a Certified Business & Life Coach, JGK & Associates and formerly the Vice President Finance & Operation with Paymaster Technologies, Inc. and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Hedman Company, a manufacturing company. Mr. Kelley has not only executive experience but is knowledgeable in both finance and accounting. His experience in these areas benefits the Board in its review of the Fund's financial statements.

Mr. Oakes has many years of experience in the securities industry. Additionally he had served on the Board of Directors of another registered investment company, including serving as its Chairman. The Board feels Mr. Oakes' industry and board experience adds an operational perspective to the Board and his experience in marketing can assist the Fund in its efforts to expand into different distribution channels.

Mr. Fred G. Steingraber currently serves as Chairman of Board Advisors LLC, a consulting and advisory firm which assists organizations and corporate boards in assessing corporate governance, strategy and organization issues and executive compensation. Prior to his experience with Board Advisors LLC, Mr. Steingraber was Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of A.T. Kearney, a global business consulting firm. Mr. Steingraber has extensive experience serving on advisory boards, corporate boards (of both publically-traded and privately-held companies) and not-for-profit boards, including boards of foundations, universities and hospitals. He also currently serves as the President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Kenilworth, Illinois. The Board believes Mr. Steingraber's experience and expertise as a business consultant, including his expertise in corporate governance issues, adds depth and understanding to its consideration of the Directors' obligations to the Fund and shareholders.

*Risk Oversight.* The Fund is confronted with a multitude of risks, such as investment risk, counterparty risk, valuation risk, political risk, risk of operational failures, business continuity risk, regulatory risk, legal risk and other risks not listed here. The Board of Directors recognizes that not all risk that may affect the Fund can be known, eliminated or even mitigated. In addition, there are some risks that may not be cost effective or an efficient use of the Fund's limited resources to moderate. As a result of these realities, the Board of Directors, through its oversight and leadership, has and will continue to deem it necessary for Shareholders to bear certain and undeniable risks, such as investment risk, in order for the Fund to operate in accordance with its Prospectus, SAI and other related documents.

However, as required under the 1940 Act, the Board of Directors has adopted on the Fund's behalf a vigorous risk program that mandates the Fund's various service providers, including the Adviser, to adopt a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify various risks, mitigate the likelihood of adverse events from occurring and/or attempt to limit the effects of such adverse events on the Fund. The Board of Directors fulfills its leadership role by receiving a variety of quarterly written reports prepared by the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") that (i) evaluate the operation, policies and procedures of the Fund's service providers, (ii) make known any material changes to the policies and procedures adopted by the Fund or its service providers since the CCO's last report, and (iii) disclose any material compliance matters that occurred since the date of the last CCO report. In addition, the Independent Directors meet quarterly in executive sessions without the presence of any interested directors, the Adviser, or any of their affiliates. This configuration permits the Independent Directors to effectively receive the information and have private discussions necessary to perform their risk oversight role, exercise independent judgment and allocate areas of responsibility between the full Board of Directors, its committees and certain officers of the Fund. Furthermore, the Independent Directors have engaged independent legal counsel and auditors to assist the Independent Directors in performing their oversight responsibilities. As discussed above and in consideration of other factors not referenced herein, the Board of Directors has determined its leadership role concerning risk management as one of oversight and not active management of the Fund's day-to-day risk management operations.

As of the date of this SAI, the non-interested members of the boards of the funds in the Fund Complex have had two meetings, and the audit committee and nominating and corporate governance committee of such boards have each had one meeting.

*Compensation.* The Fund pays no salaries or compensation to any of its interested directors or its officers. For their services, the Independent Directors of the Fund receive an annual retainer in the amount of \$16,500, and an additional \$1,500 for attending each meeting of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Chair of the Audit Committee receives \$500 annually and the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives \$250 annually. The Independent Directors are also reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors. The following tables show compensation from the Fund. Patrick W. Galley is an interested persons of the Fund and has not received any compensation from the Fund.

Name of Board Member	Estimated Compensation from the Fund (1)	Estimated Total Compensation from the Fund Complex (2)
<b>Independent Directors:</b>		
John Carter	\$22,750	\$85,250
John Oakes	\$22,500	\$85,000
James Kelley	\$23,000	\$61,500

Fred Steingraber	\$22,500	\$60,000
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- (1) The compensation estimated to be paid by the Fund for the first full fiscal year for services to the Fund.
- (2) The total estimated compensation estimated to be paid to the Independent Directors from the Fund and the Fund Complex for a full calendar year.

#### Director Ownership in the Fund

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each director in the Fund and Fund Complex as of December 31, 2015.

Director	Dollar Range of Beneficial Ownership in Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Ownership in all Funds Overseen by Director in the Fund Complex (1)
<b>Independent Director:</b>		
John Carter	None	None
John Oakes	None	Over \$100,000
James Kelley	None	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Fred G. Steingraber	None	None
<b>Interested Director:</b>		
Patrick W. Galley	None	Over \$100,000

(1) The Fund Complex consists of RiverNorth Core Opportunity Fund, RiverNorth/DoubleLine Strategic Income Fund, RiverNorth Equity Opportunity Fund, RiverNorth/Oaktree High Income Fund and RiverNorth Opportunities Fund, Inc.

As of the date of this SAI, the directors and officers of the Fund owned, as a group, less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

#### PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

The Fund has delegated proxy voting responsibilities to the Adviser, subject to the Board of Directors' general oversight. The Adviser votes proxies pursuant to the proxy voting policy and guidelines set forth in Appendix A to this SAI.

You may also obtain information about how the Fund voted proxies related to its portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30 by visiting the SEC's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by visiting the Fund's website at [www.rivernorth.com](http://www.rivernorth.com) (this reference to the Fund's website does not incorporate the contents of the website into this SAI).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A Registration Statement on Form N-2, including amendments thereto, relating to the Shares offered hereby, has been filed by the Fund with the SEC, Washington, D.C. The Fund's Prospectus and this SAI do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement, including any exhibits and schedules thereto. For further information with respect to the Fund and the Shares offered hereby, reference is made to the Fund's Registration Statement. Statements contained in the Fund's Prospectus and this SAI as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

The Registration Statement may be viewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information about the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. The Registration Statement also may be available on the Edgar Database on the SEC's website, <http://www.sec.gov>, or be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request to [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing to: Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC  
ACCOUNTING FIRM**

**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of  
RiverNorth Marketplace Lending Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of RiverNorth Marketplace Lending Corporation (the "Fund") as of June 8, 2016 and the related statement of operations for the period from June 9, 2015 (date of organization) through June 8, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Fund as of June 8, 2016 and the results of its operations for the period from June 9, 2015 (date of organization) through June 8, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois,  
August 15, 2016

RIVERNORTH MARKETPLACE LENDING CORPORATION

Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As of June 8, 2016

ASSETS

Cash	\$	100,000
Receivable from Adviser for reimbursement of organizational costs (Note 3)		178,545
Deferred offering costs (Note 3)		799,978
Total Assets		<u>1,078,523</u>

LIABILITIES

Accrued organizational costs (Note 3)		178,545
Accrued offering costs (Note 3)		799,978
Total Liabilities		<u>978,523</u>

NET ASSETS	\$	<u>100,000</u>
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COMPONENTS OF NET ASSETS

Paid in Capital	\$	<u>100,000</u>
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NET ASSETS	\$	<u>100,000</u>
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Shares of common stock outstanding at \$0.0001 par value, and 40,000,000 shares authorized	\$	4,000
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Net Asset Value per Common Share outstanding	\$	<u>25.00</u>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

RIVERNORTH MARKETPLACE LENDING CORPORATION

Statement of Operations  
For the Period from June 9, 2015 (organization of the Fund) to June 8, 2016

INCOME		
Total Income	\$	—
EXPENSES		
Organizational costs (Note 3)		178,545
Total Expenses		178,545
Less: Expense waiver by Adviser (Note 4)		(178,545)
Net Expenses		—
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$	—
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$	—

See accompanying notes to financial statements

**RIVERNORTH MARKETPLACE LENDING CORPORATION**

**Notes to Financial Statements  
As of June 8, 2016**

**(1) ORGANIZATION**

RiverNorth Marketplace Lending Corporation (the “Fund”) was organized as a Maryland corporation on June 9, 2015, and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The Fund has been inactive since that date and has no operations through June 8, 2016 other than those relating to organizational matters, including the Fund’s establishment, designation, registration of the Fund’s shares of common stock (“Common Shares”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the sale and issuance of 4,000 shares (“Initial Shares”) for \$100,000 to RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (the “Adviser”). The proceeds of such Initial Shares in the Fund were held in cash.

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek a high level of current income. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing, directly or indirectly, at least 80% of its Managed Assets (the total assets of the Fund, including assets attributable to leverage, minus liabilities (other than debt representing leverage and any preferred stock that may be outstanding)) in marketplace lending investments.

**(2) SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in preparation of its financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). The Fund is an investment company and, accordingly, follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946,

*Investment Companies.*

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The Fund believes that these estimates utilized in preparing the financial statements are reasonable and prudent; however, actual results could differ from these estimates. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations which provide general indemnifications. The Fund’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund expects the risk of loss to be remote.

**Federal Income Taxes**

The Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company and comply in its initial fiscal year and thereafter with the provisions available to certain investment companies as defined in Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to make distributions from net investment income and from net realized capital gains sufficient to relieve it from all, or substantially all, federal income taxes.

### **(3) ORGANIZATION AND OFFERING COSTS**

Organization costs are expensed as incurred. Organization costs consist of costs incurred to establish the Fund and enable it legally to do business. Organization costs will be reimbursed by the Adviser, subject to potential recoupment in future periods, and are estimated to be \$178,545. Offering costs include registration fees and legal fees regarding the preparation of the initial registration statement. Offering costs are accounted for as deferred costs until operations begin. Offering costs are then amortized to expense over twelve months on a straight-line basis. The total amount of the offering costs incurred by the Fund is estimated to be approximately \$799,978.

### **(4) INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

The Adviser will provide general investment advisory services for the Fund. For providing these services, the Adviser will receive a fee from the Fund, accrued daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate equal to 1.25% of the Fund's average daily Managed Assets. The Adviser has agreed to waive a portion of such management fee for the first two years of the Fund's operation and, therefore, the Fund will pay a monthly management fee computed at an annual rate of 0.95% of the average daily Managed Assets for such two year period. In addition, the Adviser has agreed to waive or reimburse expenses of the Fund (other than brokerage fees and commissions; loan servicing fees; borrowing costs such as (i) interest and (ii) dividends on securities sold short; taxes; indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund may invest; the cost of leverage; and extraordinary expenses) to the extent necessary to limit the Fund's total annual operating expenses at 1.95% of the average daily Managed Assets for that period. The Adviser may recover from the Fund expenses reimbursed for three years after the date of the payment or waiver if the Fund's operating expenses, including the recovered expenses, falls below the expense cap.

### **(5) CAPITAL SHARES**

The Fund will be continuously offering an unlimited number of shares through the Distributor. Shares are offered in a continuous offering at the Fund's current NAV per share.

The Fund is a closed-end "interval" fund and will make periodic offers to repurchase shares. Except as permitted by the Fund's structure, no shareholder will have the right to require the Fund to repurchase its shares. No public market for shares exists, and none is expected to develop in the future. Consequently, shareholders generally will not be able to liquidate their investment other than as a result of repurchases of their shares by the Fund.

The Fund will make quarterly offers to repurchase between 5% and 25% of its outstanding shares at NAV. The Fund, subject to applicable law, will conduct quarterly repurchase offers

typically for 5% of the Funds outstanding shares at NAV subject to approval of the Board of Directors.

## APPENDIX A:

### PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

#### Proxy Voting RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Pursuant to the recent adoption by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) of Rule 206(4)-6 (17 CFR 275.206(4)-6) and amendments to Rule 204-2 (17 CFR 275.204-2) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Act”), it is a fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act, practice or course of business, within the meaning of Section 206(4) of the Act, for an investment adviser to exercise voting authority with respect to client securities, unless (i) the adviser has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes proxies in the best interests of its clients, (ii) the adviser describes its proxy voting procedures to its clients and provides copies on request, and (iii) the adviser discloses to clients how they may obtain information on how the adviser voted their proxies.

In its standard investment advisory agreement, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (RiverNorth Capital) specifically states that it does not vote proxies and the client, including clients governed by ERISA, is responsible for voting any proxies. Therefore, RiverNorth Capital will not vote proxies for these clients. However, Pinnacle will vote proxies on behalf of investment company clients (“Funds”). Pinnacle has instructed all custodians, other than Fund custodians, to forward proxies directly to its clients, and if Pinnacle accidentally receives a proxy for any non-Fund client, current or former, the Chief Compliance Officer will promptly forward the proxy to the client. In order to fulfill its responsibilities to Funds, RiverNorth Capital Management, LLC (hereinafter “we” or “our”) has adopted the following policies and procedures for proxy voting with regard to companies in any Fund’s investment portfolios.

#### KEY OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of these policies and procedures recognize that a company’s management is entrusted with the day-to-day operations and longer term strategic planning of the company, subject to the oversight of the company’s board of directors. While “ordinary business matters” are primarily the responsibility of management and should be approved solely by the corporation’s board of directors, these objectives also recognize that the company’s shareholders must have final say over how management and directors are performing, and how shareholders’ rights and ownership interests are handled, especially when matters could have substantial economic implications to the shareholders.

Therefore, we will pay particular attention to the following matters in exercising our proxy voting responsibilities as a fiduciary for our clients:

*Accountability.* Each company should have effective means in place to hold those entrusted with running a company’s business accountable for their actions. Management of a company should be accountable to its board of directors and the board should be accountable to shareholders.

*Alignment of Management and Shareholder Interests.* Each company should endeavor to align the interests of management and the board of directors with the interests of the company’s shareholders. For example, we generally believe that compensation should be designed to reward management for doing a good job of creating value for the shareholders of the company.

*Transparency.* Promotion of timely disclosure of important information about a company’s business operations and financial performance enables investors to evaluate the performance of a company and to make informed decisions about the purchase and sale of a company’s securities.

#### DECISION METHODS

We generally believe that the individual portfolio managers that invest in and track particular companies are the most knowledgeable and best suited to make decisions with regard to proxy votes. Therefore, we rely on those individuals to make the final decisions on how to cast proxy votes.

No set of proxy voting guidelines can anticipate all situations that may arise. In special cases, we may seek insight from our managers and analysts on how a particular proxy proposal will impact the financial prospects of a company, and vote accordingly.

In some instances, a proxy vote may present a conflict between the interests of a client, on the one hand, and our interests or the interests of a person affiliated with us, on the other. In such a case, we will abstain from making a voting decision and will forward all of the necessary proxy voting materials to the client to enable the client to cast the votes.

Notwithstanding the forgoing, the following policies will apply to investment company shares owned by a Fund. Under Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (the “1940 Act”), a fund may only invest up to 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one investment company, but may not own more than 3% of the outstanding voting stock

of any one investment company or invest more than 10% of its total assets in the securities of other investment companies. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d)(1) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by a fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding stock of such registered investment company is owned by the fund and all affiliated persons of the fund; and (ii) the fund is not proposing to offer or sell any security issued by it through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price which includes a sales load of more than 1½% percent. Therefore, each Fund (or the Adviser acting on behalf of the Fund) must comply with the following voting restrictions unless it is determined that the Fund is not relying on Section 12(d)(1)(F):

- when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to any investment company owned by the Fund, the Fund will either
  - seek instruction from the Fund’s shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or
  - vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security.

## **PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

### **Election of the Board of Directors**

We believe that good corporate governance generally starts with a board composed primarily of independent directors, unfettered by significant ties to management, all of whose members are elected annually. We also believe that turnover in board composition promotes independent board action, fresh approaches to governance, and generally has a positive impact on shareholder value. We will generally vote in favor of non-incumbent independent directors.

The election of a company’s board of directors is one of the most fundamental rights held by shareholders. Because a classified board structure prevents shareholders from electing a full slate of directors annually, we will generally support efforts to declassify boards or other measures that permit shareholders to remove a majority of directors at any time, and will generally oppose efforts to adopt classified board structures.

### **Approval of Independent Auditors**

We believe that the relationship between a company and its auditors should be limited primarily to the audit engagement, although it may include certain closely related activities that do not raise an appearance of impaired independence.

We will evaluate on a case-by-case basis instances in which the audit firm has a substantial non-audit relationship with a company to determine whether we believe independence has been, or could be, compromised.

#### **Equity-based compensation plans**

We believe that appropriately designed equity-based compensation plans, approved by shareholders, can be an effective way to align the interests of shareholders and the interests of directors, management, and employees by providing incentives to increase shareholder value. Conversely, we are opposed to plans that substantially dilute ownership interests in the company, provide participants with excessive awards, or have inherently objectionable structural features.

We will generally support measures intended to increase stock ownership by executives and the use of employee stock purchase plans to increase company stock ownership by employees. These may include:

1. Requiring senior executives to hold stock in a company.
2. Requiring stock acquired through option exercise to be held for a certain period of time.

These are guidelines, and we consider other factors, such as the nature of the industry and size of the company, when assessing a plan’s impact on ownership interests.

### **Corporate Structure**

We view the exercise of shareholders’ rights, including the rights to act by written consent, to call special meetings and to remove directors, to be fundamental to good corporate governance.

Because classes of common stock with unequal voting rights limit the rights of certain shareholders, we generally believe that shareholders should have voting power equal to their equity interest in the company and should be able to approve or reject changes to a company’s by-laws by a simple majority vote.

We will generally support the ability of shareholders to cumulate their votes for the election of directors.

### **Shareholder Rights Plans**

While we recognize that there are arguments both in favor of and against shareholder rights plans, also known as poison pills, such measures may tend to entrench current management, which we generally consider to have a negative impact on shareholder value. Therefore, while we will evaluate such plans on a case by case basis, we will generally oppose such plans.

## **CLIENT INFORMATION**

A copy of these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures is available to our clients, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-646-0148. We will send a copy of these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures within three business days of receipt of a request, by first-class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery.

In addition, we will provide each client, without charge, upon request, information regarding the proxy votes cast by us with regard to the client's securities.