

**Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund**

**Class A Shares (TAKAX)**

**Class I Shares (TAKIX)**

**Class L Shares (TAKLX)**

**Class M Shares (TAKMX)**

**Class N Shares (TAKNX)**

**Class U Shares (TAKUX)**

**Class Y Shares (TAKYX)**

**Supplement dated May 21, 2025 to the Statement of Additional Information**

This supplement amends the statement of additional information (“SAI”) of Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund (the “Fund”) and is in addition to any other supplement(s), unless otherwise specified. *You should read this supplement in conjunction with the prospectus and SAI and retain it for future reference.*

On May 19, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Fund elected Brian Marcus to serve as a Trustee of the Fund effective as of that same day.

Effective immediately, the Board of Trustees and Officers section of the Management of the Fund section is amended by adding the following:

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Age</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with the Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</u>
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***Interested Trustees<sup>(2)</sup>***

Brian Marcus (1983)	Trustee	Indefinite Length – since May 2025	Managing Director, The Carlyle Group Inc. (Since 2021); Principal, Carlyle Group (2018 -2020); Vice President, The Carlyle Group Inc. (2015 - 2017)	2	None
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(1) The address of each Trustee is care of the Secretary of the Fund at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017.

(2) “Interested person,” as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund. Messrs. Plouffe and Marcus are interested persons of the Fund due to their affiliation with the Adviser.

(3) The portfolios of the “Fund Complex” are the Fund and Carlyle Credit Income Fund.

Effective immediately, the Biographical Information and Discussion of Experience and Qualification, etc. – Trustees – Interested Trustee section of the Management of the Fund section is amended by adding the following:

**Interested Trustees**

*Brian Marcus.* Brian Marcus has over 15 years of experience in highly regulated financial markets. Additionally, he is a Managing Director of Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. He also focuses on strategic growth opportunities for the Global Credit platform of The Carlyle Group Inc. (the ultimate parent company of CGCIM). He also helped develop TCG Capital Markets L.L.C., an SEC-registered broker-dealer affiliate of The Carlyle Group Inc. and has been involved in acquisitions of credit management platforms. Prior to coming to Carlyle, Mr. Marcus was with Morgan Stanley in the Principal Investments area, which used the firm's capital in a diverse array of investments including private equity, distressed debt, and mezzanine. In this role, Mr. Marcus served as a director on a number of Boards. Previously, Mr. Marcus worked at Lehman Brothers in the mergers and acquisitions group. He received a B.S. in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and currently holds Series 7, 55 and 63 licenses.

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COMMON SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST**

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**Statement of Additional Information**

**April 30, 2025**

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Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund (the “Fund”) is a Delaware statutory trust that is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company that is operated as an interval fund. The Fund’s investment objective is to produce current income. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by opportunistically allocating its assets across a wide range of credit strategies. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

This Statement of Additional Information (this “Statement of Additional Information”) is not a prospectus and is authorized for distribution to prospective investors only if preceded or accompanied by the Prospectus dated April 30, 2025, as may be supplemented, amended or restated from time to time. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus, a copy of which may be obtained upon request and without charge by writing to the Fund at Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund, One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017 or by calling toll-free 833-677-3646 or by accessing the Fund’s website at [www.CarlyleTacticalCredit.com](http://www.CarlyleTacticalCredit.com). The information on the website is not incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information and investors should not consider it a part of this Statement of Additional Information. The Prospectus, and other information about the Fund, are also available on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s (the “SEC”) website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The address of the SEC’s website is provided solely for the information of prospective investors and is not intended to be an active link.

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Statement of Additional Information have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, POLICIES AND RISKS

The following disclosure supplements the disclosure set forth under the caption “Types of Investments and Related Risks” in the Prospectus and does not, by itself, present a complete or accurate explanation of the matters disclosed. Prospective investors must refer also to “Types of Investments and Related Risks” in the Prospectus for a complete presentation of the matters disclosed below.

### **Bank Loan Assignments and Participations**

The Fund’s investment program may include bank loan assignments and participations. These obligations are subject to unique risks, including (i) the possible avoidance of an investment transaction as a “preferential transfer,” “fraudulent conveyance” or “fraudulent transfer,” among other avoidance actions, under relevant bankruptcy, insolvency and/or creditors’ rights laws; (ii) so-called “lender liability” claims by the issuer of the obligations; (iii) environmental liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations; (iv) limitations on the ability of the Fund to directly enforce its rights with respect to participations; and (v) the contractual nature of participations where the Fund takes on the credit risk of the participant rather than the actual borrower.

The Fund may acquire interests in loans either directly or indirectly (by way of assignment or participation). The Fund typically acquires loans directly, but may in some instances purchase loans by assignment or participation. The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations of the assigning institution and becomes a contracting party under the loan agreement with respect to the loan; however, its rights can be more restricted than those of the assigning institution. Participation in a portion of a loan typically results in a contractual relationship only with the institution participating out the interest and not with the obligor. The Fund would, in such a case, have the right to receive payments of principal and interest to which it is entitled only from the institution selling the participation, and not directly from the obligor, and only upon receipt by such institution of such payments from the obligor. As the owner of a participation, the Fund generally will have no direct right to enforce compliance by the obligor with the terms of the loan agreement or to vote on amendments to the loan agreement, nor any rights of set-off against the obligor, and the Fund may not directly benefit from collateral supporting the loan in which it has purchased the participation. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of the selling institution, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of such selling institution, and may not have any exclusive or senior claim with respect to the selling institution’s interest in, or the collateral with respect to, the applicable loan. Consequently, the Fund will assume the credit risk of both the obligor and the institution selling the participation to the Fund. As a result, concentrations of participations from any one selling institution subject the Fund to an additional degree of risk with respect to defaults by such selling institution. In addition, because bank loans are not typically registered under the federal securities laws like stocks and bonds, investors in loans have less protection against improper practices than investors in registered securities.

### **Rights Offerings and Warrants to Purchase**

The Fund may participate in rights offerings and may purchase warrants, which are privileges issued by corporations enabling the warrant holders to subscribe for and purchase a specified number of shares of the corporation at a specified price during a specified period of time. Subscription rights normally have a short life span to expiration. The purchase of rights or warrants involves the risk that the Fund could lose the purchase value of a right or warrant if the right to subscribe for additional shares is not exercised prior to the rights’ or warrants’ expiration. Also, the purchase of rights and/or warrants involves the risk that the effective price paid for the right and/or warrant added to the subscription price of the related security may exceed the value of the related security’s market price such as when there is no movement in the level of the underlying security. In addition, the shares purchased upon exercise of the warrants may not be immediately liquid and the value of such shares may fluctuate.

### **Equity Securities**

In addition to common stock, the Fund may invest in other equity securities, such as depositary receipts.

*Depositary Receipts.* The Fund may hold investments in sponsored and unsponsored American depositary receipts (“ADRs”), European depositary receipts (“EDRs”), global depositary receipts (“GDRs”) and other similar global instruments. ADRs typically are issued by a U.S. bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a non-U.S. corporation. EDRs, which are sometimes referred to as continental depositary receipts,

are receipts issued in Europe, typically by non-U.S. banks and trust companies, that evidence ownership of either non-U.S. or domestic underlying securities. GDRs are depositary receipts structured like global debt issues to facilitate trading on an international basis. Unsponsored ADR, EDR and GDR programs are organized independently and without the cooperation of the issuer of the underlying securities. As a result, available information concerning the issuer may not be as current as for sponsored ADRs, EDRs and GDRs, and the prices of unsponsored ADRs, EDRs and GDRs may be more volatile than if such instruments were sponsored by the issuer. Investments in ADRs, EDRs and GDRs present the additional investment considerations of non-U.S. securities.

### **Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Debt Securities**

For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash equivalents and short-term debt securities. Short-term debt securities are defined to include, without limitation, the following:

(1) U.S. government securities, including bills, notes and bonds differing as to maturity and rates of interest that are either issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury or by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities. U.S. government securities include securities issued by: (a) the Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Small Business Administration and Government National Mortgage Association, the securities of which are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; (b) the Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and Tennessee Valley Authority, the securities of which are supported by the right of the agency to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; (c) the Federal National Mortgage Association, the securities of which are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase certain obligations of the agency or instrumentality; and (d) the Student Loan Marketing Association, the securities of which are supported only by its credit. The U.S. government securities in which the Fund may invest may pay fixed, floating, variable or adjustable interest rates. While the U.S. government provides financial support to such U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it always will do so since it is not so obligated by law. The U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities do not guarantee the market value of their securities. Consequently, the value of such securities may fluctuate. The economic crisis in the United States during 2008 and 2009 negatively impacted government-sponsored entities. As the real estate market deteriorated through declining home prices and increasing foreclosure, government-sponsored entities, which back the majority of U.S. mortgages, experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases, a lack of liquidity. The Adviser will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund's portfolio in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objective, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

(2) Certificates of deposit issued against funds deposited in a bank or a savings and loan association. Such certificates are for a definite period of time, earn a specified rate of return and are normally negotiable. The issuer of a certificate of deposit agrees to pay the amount deposited plus interest to the bearer of the certificate on the date specified thereon. Certificates of deposit purchased by the Fund may not be fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(3) Repurchase agreements, which involve purchases of debt securities. At the time the Fund purchases securities pursuant to a repurchase agreement, it simultaneously agrees to resell and redeliver such securities to the seller, who also simultaneously agrees to buy back the securities at a fixed price and time. This assures a predetermined yield for the Fund during its holding period, since the resale price is always greater than the purchase price and reflects an agreed-upon market rate. Such actions afford an opportunity for the Fund to invest temporarily available cash. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements only with respect to obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; certificates of deposit; or bankers' acceptances in which the Fund may invest. Repurchase agreements may be considered loans to the seller, collateralized by the underlying securities. The risk to the Fund is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the repurchase date; in the event of default, the repurchase agreement provides that the Fund is entitled to sell the underlying collateral. If the value of the collateral declines after the agreement is entered into, and if the seller defaults under a repurchase agreement when the value of the underlying collateral is less than the repurchase price, the Fund could incur a loss of both principal and interest. The Adviser will monitor the value of the collateral at the time the action is entered into and at all times during the term of the repurchase agreement. The Adviser will do so in an effort to determine that the value of the collateral always equals or exceeds the agreed-upon repurchase price to be paid to the Fund. If the seller were to be subject to a federal bankruptcy proceeding, the ability of the Fund to liquidate the collateral could be delayed or impaired because of certain provisions of the bankruptcy laws.

(4) Commercial paper, which consists of short-term unsecured promissory notes, including variable rate master demand notes issued by corporations to finance their current operations. Master demand notes are direct lending arrangements between the Fund and a corporation. There is no secondary market for such notes. However, they are redeemable by the Fund at any time. The Adviser will consider the financial condition of the corporation (*e.g.*, earning power, cash flow and other liquidity ratios) and will continuously monitor the corporation's ability to meet all of its financial obligations, because the Fund's liquidity might be impaired if the corporation were unable to pay principal and interest on demand. Investments in commercial paper will be limited to commercial paper rated in the highest categories by a major rating agency and which mature within one year of the date of purchase or carry a variable or floating rate of interest.

### **When-Issued and Forward Commitment Securities**

The Fund may purchase securities on a "when-issued" basis and may purchase or sell securities on a "forward commitment" basis to acquire the security or to hedge against anticipated changes in interest rates and prices. When such transactions are negotiated, the price, which is generally expressed in yield terms, is fixed at the time the commitment is made, but delivery and payment for the securities take place at a later date. When-issued securities and forward commitments may be sold prior to the settlement date, but the Fund will enter into when-issued and forward commitments only with the intention of actually receiving or delivering the securities, as the case may be. If the Fund disposes of the right to acquire a when-issued security prior to its acquisition or disposes of its right to deliver or receive against a forward commitment, it might incur a gain or loss. Securities purchased on a when-issued or forward-settling basis will be deemed not to involve a senior security, provided that: (i) the Fund intends to physically settle the transaction; and (ii) the transaction will settle within 35 days of its trade date. There is always a risk that the securities may not be delivered and that the Fund may incur a loss. Settlements in the ordinary course, which may take substantially more than five business days, are not treated by the Fund as when-issued or forward commitment transactions and accordingly are not subject to the foregoing restrictions.

Securities purchased on a forward commitment or when-issued basis are subject to changes in value (generally changing in the same way, *i.e.*, appreciating when interest rates decline and depreciating when interest rates rise) based upon the public's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes, actual or anticipated, in the level of interest rates. Securities purchased on a forward commitment or when-issued basis may expose the Fund to risks because they may experience such fluctuations prior to their actual delivery. Purchasing securities on a when-issued basis can involve the additional risks that the yield available in the market when the delivery takes place actually may be higher than that obtained in the transaction itself. Purchasing securities on a forward commitment or when-issued basis when the Fund is fully invested may result in greater potential fluctuation in the Fund's net asset value ("NAV").

The risks and effect of settlements in the ordinary course on the Fund's NAV are not the same as the risks and effect of when-issued and forward commitment securities.

The purchase price of when-issued and forward commitment securities are expressed in yield terms, which reference a floating rate of interest, and is therefore subject to fluctuations of the security's value in the market from the date of the Fund's commitment (the "Commitment Date") to the date of the actual delivery and payment for such securities (the "Settlement Date"). There is a risk that, on the Settlement Date, the Fund's payment of the final purchase price, which is calculated on the yield negotiated on the Commitment Date, will be higher than the market's valuation of the security on the Settlement Date. This same risk is also borne if the Fund disposes of its right to acquire a when-issued security, or its right to deliver or receive, a forward commitment security, and there is a downward market movement in the value of the security from the Commitment Date to the Settlement Date. In some instances, no income accrues to the Fund during the period from the Commitment Date to the Settlement Date. On the other hand, the Fund may incur a gain if the Fund invests in when-issued and forward commitment securities and correctly anticipates the rise in interest rates and prices in the market.

The settlements of secondary market purchases of senior loans in the ordinary course, on a settlement date beyond the period expected by loan market participants (*i.e.*, T+7 for par loans and T+20 for distressed loans, in other words more than seven or twenty business days beyond the trade date, respectively) are subject to the delayed compensation mechanics prescribed by the Loan Syndications and Trading Association ("LSTA"). For par loans, income accrues to the buyer of the senior loan (the "Buyer") during the period beginning on the last date by which the senior loan purchase should have settled (T+7) to and including the actual settlement date. Should settlement of a par senior loan purchase in the secondary market be delayed beyond the T+7 period prescribed by the LSTA, the Buyer is typically

compensated for such delay through a payment from the seller of the senior loan (this payment may be netted from the wire released on settlement date for the purchase price of the senior loan paid by the Buyer). In brief, the adjustment is typically calculated by multiplying the notional amount of the trade by the applicable margin in the Loan Agreement prorated for the number of business days (calculated using a year of 360 days) beyond the settlement period prescribed by the LSTA, plus any amendment or consent fees that the buyer should have received. Furthermore, the purchase of a senior loan in the secondary market is typically negotiated and finalized pursuant to a binding trade confirmation, and therefore, the risk of non-delivery of the security to the Fund is reduced or eliminated when compared with such risk when investing in when-issued or forward commitment securities.

## **Other Fund Strategies**

### ***Short Sales***

The Fund may engage in short sales of securities. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security it does not own as a means of attractive financing for purchasing other assets or in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. The Fund may make short sales for financing, for risk management, to maintain portfolio flexibility or to enhance income or gain.

When the Fund makes a short sale, it must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the broker-dealer through which it made the short sale as collateral for its obligation to deliver the security upon conclusion of the sale. The Fund may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and is often obligated to pay over any payments received on such borrowed securities.

The Fund's obligation to replace the borrowed security may be secured by collateral deposited with the broker-dealer, usually cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid securities. The Fund may also be required to designate on its books and records similar collateral with its custodian to the extent, if any, necessary so that the aggregate collateral value is at all times at least equal to the current market value of the security sold short. Depending on arrangements made with the broker-dealer from which it borrowed the security regarding payment over of any payments received by the Fund on such security, the Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on its collateral deposited with such broker-dealer.

Short selling involves a number of risks. If a security sold short increases in price, the Fund may have to cover its short position at a higher price than the short sale price, resulting in a loss. The Fund may, but is not expected to, have substantial short positions and may engage in short sales where it does not own or have the immediate right to acquire the security sold short, and as such must borrow those securities to make delivery to the buyer under the short sale transaction. The Fund may not be able to borrow a security that it needs to deliver or it may not be able to close out a short position at an acceptable price and may have to sell related long positions earlier than it had expected. Thus, the Fund may not be able to successfully implement any short sale strategy it employs due to limited availability of desired securities or for other reasons. Also, there is the risk that the counterparty to a short sale may fail to honor its contractual terms, causing a loss to the Fund.

Until the Fund replaces a security borrowed in connection with a short sale, it may be required to maintain a segregated account of cash or liquid assets with a broker or custodian to cover the Fund's short position.

Generally, securities held in a segregated account cannot be sold unless they are replaced with other liquid assets. The Fund's ability to access the pledged collateral may also be impaired in the event the broker becomes bankrupt, insolvent or otherwise fails to comply with the terms of the contract. In such instances, the Fund may not be able to substitute or sell the pledged collateral and may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding.

In times of unusual or adverse market, economic, regulatory or political conditions, the Fund may not be able, fully or partially, to implement its short selling strategy. Periods of unusual or adverse market, economic, regulatory or political conditions generally may exist for as long as six months and, in some cases, much longer.



## *Derivatives*

*Options.* The Fund may purchase put and call options on currencies or securities. A put option gives the purchaser the right to compel the writer of the option to purchase from the option holder an underlying currency or security or its equivalent at a specified price at any time during the option period. In contrast, a call option gives the purchaser the right to buy the underlying currency or security covered by the option or its equivalent from the writer of the option at the stated exercise price.

As a holder of a put option, the Fund will have the right to sell the currencies or securities underlying the option and as the holder of a call option, the Fund will have the right to purchase the currencies or securities underlying the option, in each case at their exercise price at any time prior to the option's expiration date. The Fund may seek to terminate its option positions prior to their expiration by entering into closing transactions. The ability of the Fund to enter into a closing sale transaction depends on the existence of a liquid secondary market. There can be no assurance that a closing purchase or sale transaction can be effected when the Fund so desires.

*Certain Considerations Regarding Options.* The hours of trading for options may not conform to the hours during which the underlying securities are traded. To the extent that the options markets close before the markets for the underlying securities, significant price and rate movements can take place in the underlying markets that cannot be reflected in the options markets. The purchase of options is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The purchase of options involves the risk that the premium and transaction costs paid by the Fund in purchasing an option will be lost as a result of unanticipated movements in prices of the securities on which the option is based. Imperfect correlation between the options and securities markets may detract from the effectiveness of attempted hedging. Options transactions may result in significantly higher transaction costs and portfolio turnover for the Fund.

Some, but not all, of the Fund's options may be traded and listed on an exchange. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an options exchange will exist for any particular option at any particular time, and for some options no secondary market on an exchange or elsewhere may exist. If the Fund is unable to effect a closing sale transaction with respect to options on securities that it has purchased, it would have to exercise the option to realize any profit and would incur transaction costs upon the purchase and sale of the underlying securities.

*Futures Contracts.* The Fund may enter into futures contracts on broad-based securities indices as an anticipatory hedge. The Fund's derivative investments may include sales of futures as an offset against the effect of expected declines in securities prices and purchases of futures as an offset against the effect of expected increases in securities prices. The price at which the contract trades (the "contract price") is determined by relative buying and selling interest on a regulated exchange.

Transaction costs are incurred when a futures contract is bought or sold and margin deposits must be maintained. To enter into a futures contract, the Fund must deposit funds with its futures commission merchant equal to a specified percentage of the current market value of the contract as a performance bond. Moreover, all futures contracts are marked-to-market at least daily, usually after the close of trading. At that time, the account of each buyer and seller reflects the amount of any gain or loss on the futures contract based on the contract price established at the end of the day for settlement purposes.

An open position, either a long (*i.e.*, purchased) or short (*i.e.*, sold) position, is closed or liquidated by entering into an offsetting transaction (*i.e.*, an equal and opposite transaction to the one that opened the position) prior to the contract expiration. Traditionally, most futures contracts are liquidated prior to expiration through an offsetting transaction and, thus, holders do not incur a settlement obligation. If the offsetting purchase price is less than the original sale price, a gain will be realized; if it is more, a loss will be realized. Conversely, if the offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, a gain will be realized; if it is less, a loss will be realized. The transaction costs must also be included in these calculations. However, there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to enter into an offsetting transaction with respect to a particular futures contract at a particular time. If the Fund is not able to enter into an offsetting transaction, the Fund will continue to be required to maintain the margin deposits on the futures contract and the Fund may not be able to realize a gain in the value of its future position or prevent losses from mounting. This inability to liquidate could occur, for example, if trading is halted due to unusual trading activity in either the futures contract or the components of the underlying index; if systems failures occur on an exchange or at

the firm carrying the position; or, if the position is on an illiquid market. Even if the Fund can liquidate its position, it may be forced to do so at a price that involves a large loss.

Under certain market conditions, it may also be difficult or impossible to manage the risk from open futures positions by entering into an equivalent but opposite position in another contract month, on another market or in the components of the underlying index. This inability to take positions to limit the risk could occur, for example, if trading is halted across markets due to unusual trading activity in the futures contract or the components of the underlying index.

There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist at a time when the Fund seeks to close out a futures contract position. The Fund would continue to be required to meet margin requirements until the position is closed, possibly resulting in a decline in the Fund's NAV. In addition, many of the contracts discussed above are relatively new instruments without a significant trading history. As a result, there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will develop or continue to exist.

Futures contracts that are not liquidated prior to expiration must be settled in accordance with the terms of the contract. Depending on the terms of the contract, many futures contracts are settled through cash settlement. In this case, the underlying securities are not delivered. Instead, any positions in such futures contracts that are open at the end of the last trading day are settled through a final cash payment based on a final settlement price determined by the exchange or clearing organization. Once this payment is made, neither party has any further obligations on the contract.

As noted above, margin is the amount of funds that must be deposited by the Fund to initiate futures trading and to maintain the Fund's open positions in futures contracts. A margin deposit is intended to ensure the Fund's performance of the futures contract. The margin required for a particular futures contract is set by the exchange on which the futures contract is traded and may be significantly modified from time to time by the exchange during the term of the futures contract.

If the price of an open futures contract changes (by increase in the case of a sale or by decrease in the case of a purchase) so that the loss on the futures contract reaches a point at which the margin on deposit does not satisfy margin requirements, the broker will require an increase in the margin. However, if the value of a position increases because of favorable price changes in the futures contract so that the margin deposit exceeds the required margin, the broker will pay the excess to the Fund. In computing daily NAV, the Fund will mark to market the current value of its open futures contracts. The Fund expects to earn interest income on its margin deposits.

Because of the low margin deposits required, futures contracts trading involves an extremely high degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in an immediate and substantial loss or gain to the investor. For example, if at the time of purchase 10% of the value of the futures contract is deposited as margin, a subsequent 10% decrease in the value of the futures contract would result in a total loss of the margin deposit, before any deduction for the transaction costs, if the account were then closed out. A 15% decrease would result in a loss equal to 150% of the original margin deposit, before any deduction for the transaction costs, if the account were then closed out. Thus, a purchase or sale of a futures contract may result in losses in excess of the amount initially invested in the futures contract. However, the Fund would presumably have sustained comparable losses if, instead of the futures contract, it had invested in the underlying financial instrument and sold it after the decline.

In addition to the foregoing, imperfect correlation between futures contracts and the components of the underlying indices may prevent the Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose the Fund to risk of loss. Under certain market conditions, the prices of futures contracts may not maintain their customary or anticipated relationships to the prices of the underlying index. These pricing disparities could occur, for example, when the market for the futures contract is illiquid, when the primary market for the components of the underlying index is closed or when the reporting of transactions in the components of the underlying index has been delayed.

In addition, the value of a position in futures contracts could be affected if trading is halted in either the futures contract or the components of the underlying index. In certain circumstances, regulated exchanges are required by law to halt trading in futures contracts. For example, trading on a particular futures contract must be halted if trading is halted on the listed market for the components of the underlying index as a result of pending news, regulatory concerns or market volatility. In addition, regulated exchanges are required to halt trading in all futures contracts for a specified period of time when the S&P 500 Index experiences one-day declines of 7%, 13% and 20%. The applicability of these circuit breakers varies depending on the particular trading hour. The regulated exchanges may also have discretion

under their rules to halt trading in other circumstances, such as when the exchange determines that the halt would be advisable in maintaining a fair and orderly market.

A trading halt, either by a regulated exchange that trades futures or an exchange trading the components of the underlying index, could prevent the Fund from liquidating a position in futures contracts in a timely manner, which could expose the Fund to a loss.

Each regulated exchange trading a futures contract may also open and close for trading at different times than other regulated exchanges trading futures contracts or markets trading the components of the underlying indices. Trading in futures contracts prior to the opening or after the close of the primary market for the components of the underlying index may be less liquid than trading during regular market hours.

Various exchanges and regulatory authorities have undertaken reviews of options and futures trading in light of market volatility. Among the possible actions that have been presented are proposals to adopt new or more stringent daily price fluctuation limits for futures and options transactions and proposals to increase the margin requirements for various types of futures transactions.

*Swap Agreements.* The Fund may enter into swap agreements. In a standard “swap” transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns, differentials in rates of return or some other amount earned or realized on the “notional amount” of predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. Some swaps are structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors, such as interest rates, commodity prices, non-U.S. currency rates, mortgage securities, corporate borrowing rates, security prices, indexes or inflation rates. Swap agreements may be negotiated bilaterally and traded OTC between two parties or, in some instances, must be transacted through a futures commission merchant and cleared through a clearinghouse that serves as a central counterparty and exchange-traded. Swaps subject to mandatory central clearing must be traded on an exchange or swap execution facility unless no exchange or swap execution facility “makes the swap available to trade.” Certain risks are reduced (but not eliminated) if a fund invests in cleared swaps, and liquidity is intended to be increased by exchange-trading. The counterparty risk for cleared derivatives is generally lower than for uncleared derivatives, but cleared contracts are not risk-free.

Swap agreements may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the Fund’s investments and the price of Fund Shares. The performance of swap agreements may be affected by a change in the specific interest rate, currency or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the Fund. If a swap agreement calls for payments by the Fund, the Fund must be prepared to make such payments when due. In addition, if the counterparty’s creditworthiness declines, the value of a swap agreement would likely decline, potentially resulting in losses.

Generally, swap agreements have fixed maturity dates that are agreed upon by the parties to the swap. The agreement can be terminated before the maturity date only under limited circumstances, such as default by or insolvency of one of the parties and can be transferred by a party only with the prior written consent of the other party. The Fund may be able to eliminate its exposure under a swap agreement either by assignment or other disposition, or by entering into an offsetting swap agreement with the same party or a similarly creditworthy party. If the counterparty is unable to meet its obligations under the contract, declares bankruptcy, defaults or becomes insolvent, it is possible that the Fund may not be able to recover the money it expected to receive under the contract.

A swap agreement can be a form of leverage, which can magnify the Fund’s gains or losses.

The use of swaps can cause the Fund to be subject to additional regulatory requirements, which may generate additional Fund expenses. Regulatory requirements may also apply to the Fund’s swap counterparties, which in turn may increase the cost to the Fund of engaging in swap activity with such counterparties.

The Fund monitors any swaps with a view towards ensuring that the Fund remains in compliance with all applicable regulatory, investment and tax requirements.

*Equity Swaps.* In a typical equity swap, one party agrees to pay another party the return on a security, security index or basket of securities in return for a specified interest rate. By entering into an equity index swap, the index receiver can gain exposure to securities making up the index of securities without actually purchasing those securities. Equity index swaps involve not only the risk associated with investment in the securities represented in the index, but also

the risk that the performance of such securities, including dividends, will not exceed the interest that the Fund will be committed to pay under the swap.

*Derivatives Regulatory Matters.* The Adviser with respect to the Fund has filed a notice of eligibility for exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “CFTC”) and the National Futures Association (the “NFA”), which regulate trading in the commodity interest trading markets. Pursuant to CFTC Regulation 4.5, the Adviser is not subject to regulation as a commodity pool operator with respect to the Fund under the CEA. If the Adviser or the Fund becomes subject to these requirements, as well as related NFA rules, the Fund may incur additional compliance and other expenses.

The Fund is required to trade derivatives and other transactions that create future payment or delivery obligations (except reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions if the Fund has elected to treat them as borrowings) subject to a limit on notional derivatives exposure as a limited derivatives user or subject to value-at-risk (“VaR”) leverage limits and certain derivatives risk management program and reporting requirements. Such requirements may limit the ability of the Fund to invest in derivatives, short sales and similar financing transactions, limit the Fund’s ability to employ certain strategies that use these instruments and/or adversely affect the Fund’s efficiency in implementing its strategy, liquidity and/or ability to pursue its investment objectives.

#### ***Reverse Repurchase Agreements***

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with respect to its portfolio investments subject to the investment restrictions set forth herein. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement by the Fund to repurchase the securities at an agreed upon price, date and interest payment. The Fund may elect to treat reverse repurchase agreements as a borrowing by the Fund. The use by the Fund of reverse repurchase agreements involves many of the same risks of leverage since the proceeds derived from such reverse repurchase agreements may be invested in additional securities. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities acquired in connection with the reverse repurchase agreement may decline below the price of the securities the Fund has sold but is obligated to repurchase. Also, reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities retained in lieu of sale by the Fund in connection with the reverse repurchase agreement may decline in price.

If the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, such buyer or its trustee or receiver may receive an extension of time to determine whether to enforce the Fund’s obligation to repurchase the securities, and the Fund’s use of the proceeds of the reverse repurchase agreement may effectively be restricted pending such decision. Also, the Fund would bear the risk of loss to the extent that the proceeds of the reverse repurchase agreement are less than the value of the securities subject to such agreement.

In December 2023, the SEC adopted rule amendments providing that any covered clearing agency (“CCA”) for U.S. Treasury securities require that every direct participant of the CCA (which generally would be a bank or broker-dealer) submit for clearance and settlement all eligible secondary market transactions in U.S. Treasury securities to which it is a counterparty. The clearing mandate includes in its scope all repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements of such direct participants collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities (collectively, “Treasury repo transactions”) of a type accepted for clearing by a registered CCA, including both bilateral Treasury repo transactions and triparty Treasury repo transactions where a bank agent provides custody, collateral management and settlement services.

The Treasury repo transactions of registered funds with any direct participants of a CCA will be subject to the mandatory clearing requirement. Currently, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) is the only CCA for U.S. Treasury securities. FICC currently operates a “Sponsored Program” for clearing of Treasury repo transactions pursuant to which a registered fund may enter into a clearing arrangement with a “sponsoring member” bank or broker-dealer that is a direct participant of FICC as a “sponsored member” of FICC.

On February 25, 2025, the SEC extended the compliance date applicable to the clearing mandate for Treasury repo transactions. Under the extended compliance date, market participants, absent an exemption, will be required to clear Treasury repo transactions under the rule as of June 30, 2027. The clearing mandate is expected to result in the Fund being required to clear all or substantially all of its Treasury repo transactions as of the compliance date. There are currently substantial regulatory and operational uncertainties associated with the implementation of these requirements which may affect the cost, terms and/or availability of cleared Treasury repo transactions.

## ***Securities Lending***

To the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, the Fund may make secured loans of its marginable securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions; provided, however, that the value of such loaned securities may not exceed one-third of the Fund's total asset value, including collateral received in respect of such loans. The risks in lending portfolio securities, as with other extensions of credit, consist of possible delay in recovery of the securities or possible loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially. However, such loans will be made only to broker-dealers and other financial institutions that are believed by the Adviser to be of relatively high credit standing. Loans of securities are made to broker-dealers pursuant to agreements requiring that such loans be continuously secured by collateral consisting of U.S. government securities, cash or cash equivalents (negotiable certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances or letters of credit) maintained on a daily mark-to-market basis in an amount at least equal at all times to the market value of the securities lent. The borrower pays to the Fund, as the lender, an amount equal to any dividends or interest received on the securities lent. The collateral must have a market value at least equal to 100% of the market value of the loaned securities at all times during the duration of the loan. The Fund invests the cash collateral received in accordance with its investment objective, subject to the Fund's agreement with the borrower of the securities. In the case of cash collateral, the Fund typically pays a rebate to the borrower. The reinvestment of cash collateral may result in a form of effective leverage for the Fund. Although voting rights or rights to consent with respect to the loaned securities pass to the borrower, the Fund, as the lender, retains the right to call the loans and obtain the return of the securities loaned at any time on reasonable notice, and it will do so in order that the securities may be voted by the Fund if the holders of such securities are asked to vote upon or consent to matters materially affecting the Fund's investment. The Fund may also call such loans to sell the securities involved. When engaged in securities lending, the Fund's performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned and will also reflect the receipt of interest through investment of cash collateral by the Fund in permissible investments.

## **Additional Energy Industry Risks**

***Operational and Catastrophe Risks.*** The operations of energy companies are subject to many hazards and force majeure events inherent in the production and delivery of electricity, exploration and operation of gas and oil fields, transportation of energy products and other related activities including: damage to production, generation facilities, pipelines, storage tanks or related equipment and surrounding properties caused by hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, blowouts, cratering, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas or well fluids, wildfires and other natural disasters or by acts of terrorism; inadvertent damage from construction and farm equipment; leaks of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, refined petroleum products or other hydrocarbons; and fires and explosions. Any offshore sea-based operations of investments will be subject to a variety of operating risks peculiar to the marine environment, such as hurricanes or other adverse weather conditions. These risks could result in substantial losses due to personal injury or loss of life, severe damage to and destruction of property and equipment and pollution or other environmental damage and may result in the curtailment or suspension of their related operations. Public awareness of such risk, potential publicity and related reputational risk to the operators and owners of such facilities have been significantly amplified by events such as coal mine accidents in West Virginia and Deepwater Horizon offshore rig. There can be no assurance that all portfolio companies will be fully insured against all risks inherent to their businesses. If a significant accident or event occurs that is not fully insured, it could adversely affect a portfolio company's operations and financial condition. The Fund may seek to maintain insurance coverage for the operations of its investments, but insurance coverage for environmental damages that occur over time or insurance coverage for the full potential liability that could be caused by sudden environmental damages may not be available at a reasonable cost, and the Fund may be subject to liability or may lose substantial portions of its properties in the event of certain environmental damages.

***New Technology Risk.*** Historically, technology changes in the energy sector have resulted in gradual incremental improvements with no disruptive technology impacts. However, there are currently a number of scientific research institutions (including those supported by major venture capital firms and corporations) seeking to develop disruptive technologies designed to reduce dependence upon large scale fossil fuel generation. In the event that a disruptive technology in the power generation sector is successfully developed and implemented, the Fund's investments might be adversely affected. While the Fund's investments may benefit from such technologies, there can be no assurance that technology innovation will not favor companies of a type not held by the Fund, which would place the Fund in a competitive disadvantage and drive down the value of its assets.

**Documentation and Other Legal Risk.** Energy and energy generation and related projects are typically governed by complex legal agreements. As a result, there is a higher risk of dispute over interpretation or enforceability of the agreements. It is not uncommon for energy generation and related infrastructure assets to be exposed to a variety of other legal risks including, but not limited to, legal action from special interest groups. Interest groups may use legal processes to seek to impede particular projects to which they are opposed.

**Sovereign Risk.** The right of certain portfolio investments to extract mineral resources, generate, deliver or sell energy or related services and equipment may be granted by, or derive from approval by, governmental entities and are subject to special risks, including the risk that the relevant governmental entity will exercise sovereign rights and take actions contrary to the rights of the Fund or the relevant portfolio investment under the relevant agreement. For example, sovereign actions might result in the discontinuance of the importation of oil from certain countries or in the nationalization of assets in a particular country. There can be no assurance that the relevant governmental entity will not legislate, impose regulations or change applicable laws or act contrary to the law in a way that would materially and adversely affect the business of any portfolio investment.

**Effects of Ongoing Changes in the Utility Industry.** The Fund may make certain investments in electric utility industries both in the United States and abroad. In many regions, including the United States, the electric utility industry is experiencing increasing competitive pressures, primarily in wholesale markets, as a result of consumer demands, technological advances, greater availability of natural gas and other factors. To the extent competitive pressures increase and the pricing and sale of electricity assume more characteristics of a commodity business, the economics of independent power generation projects into which the Fund may invest may come under increasing pressure. Deregulation is fueling the current trend toward consolidation among domestic utilities, but also the disaggregation of many vertically integrated utilities into separate generation, transmission and distribution businesses. As a result, additional significant competitors could become active in the independent power industry. In addition, independent power producers may find it increasingly difficult to negotiate long-term power sales agreements with solvent utilities, which may affect the profitability and financial stability of independent power projects.

#### **Involuntary Repurchases and Mandatory Redemptions**

The Fund, consistent with the requirements of the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the provisions of the 1940 Act and rules thereunder, including Rule 23c-2, has the right to repurchase or redeem Shares of a Shareholder or any person acquiring Shares from or through a Shareholder under certain circumstances, including:

- ownership of Shares by a Shareholder or other person will cause the Fund to be in violation of, or subject the Fund to additional registration or regulation under, the securities, commodities or other laws of the U.S. or any other relevant jurisdiction;
- continued ownership of such Shares may be harmful or injurious to the business or reputation of the Fund or the Adviser, or may subject the Fund or any Shareholder to an undue risk of adverse tax or other fiscal consequences;
- any of the representations and warranties made by a Shareholder in connection with the acquisition of Shares was not true when made or has ceased to be true; or
- it would be in the best interests of the Fund to repurchase or redeem Shares.

## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

### FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund may not:

- (1) Purchase or sell real estate, commodities or commodity contracts, except that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Fund may (i) invest in securities directly or indirectly secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by entities that invest in real estate or interests therein; (ii) acquire, hold and sell real estate acquired through default, liquidation, or other distributions of an interest in real estate as a result of the Fund's ownership of other assets; (iii) invest in instruments directly or indirectly secured by commodities or securities issued by entities that invest in or hold such commodities and acquire temporarily commodities as a result thereof; and (iv) purchase and sell forward contracts, financial futures contracts and options thereon;
- (2) Issue senior securities or borrow money except as permitted by Section 18 of the 1940 Act or otherwise as permitted by applicable law;
- (3) Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act in selling its own securities or portfolio securities;
- (4) Make loans to other persons, except that (i) the Fund will not be deemed to be making a loan to the extent that the Fund makes debt investments in accordance with its stated investment strategies; (ii) the Fund may take short positions in any security or financial instrument; and (iii) the Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount not in excess of 331/3% of its total assets, taken at market value, provided that such loans shall be made in accordance with applicable law; and
- (5) Invest more than 25% of its total assets (taken at market value at the time of each investment) in the securities of issuers in any one industry; provided that securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities and tax-exempt securities of governments or their political subdivisions will not be considered to represent an industry (other than those securities backed only by the assets and revenues of non-governmental users with respect to which the Fund will not invest 25% or more of the value of its total assets (taken at market value at the time of each investment) in securities backed by the same source of revenue). The Fund determines industries by reference to the Global Industry Classification Standard as it may be amended from time to time.

The Fund will treat with respect to participation interests both the financial intermediary and the borrower as "issuers" for purposes of fundamental investment restriction (5).

The Fund was previously registered as a non-diversified investment company. Pursuant to current positions of the SEC staff, the Fund's classification has changed from non-diversified to diversified, and the Fund will not be able to become non-diversified unless it seeks and obtains the approval of its shareholders. Accordingly, the Fund may not make any investment inconsistent with its classification as a diversified company under the 1940 Act.

In addition, the Fund has adopted a fundamental policy that it will make quarterly repurchase offers pursuant to Rule 23c-3 of the 1940 Act, as such rule may be amended from time to time, for between 5% and 25% of the Shares outstanding at NAV, unless suspended or postponed in accordance with regulatory requirements, and each repurchase pricing shall occur no later than the 14th day after the Repurchase Request Deadline (as defined in the Prospectus), or the next business day if the 14th day is not a business day.

The fundamental investment limitations set forth above restrict the ability of the Fund to engage in certain practices and purchase securities and other instruments other than as permitted by, or consistent with, applicable law, including the 1940 Act. Relevant limitations of the 1940 Act as they presently exist are described below. These limitations are based either on the 1940 Act itself, the rules or regulations thereunder or applicable orders of the SEC. In addition, interpretations and guidance provided by the SEC staff may be taken into account to determine if a certain practice or the purchase of securities or other instruments is permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules or regulations thereunder or applicable orders of the SEC. As a result, the foregoing fundamental investment policies may be interpreted differently

over time as the statute, rules, regulations or orders (or, if applicable, interpretations) that relate to the meaning and effect of these policies change, and no vote of Shareholders, as applicable, will be required or sought.

#### **NON-FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The Fund is also subject to the following non-fundamental restrictions and policies, which may be changed by the Board of Trustees without the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. The Fund may not:

- (1) Change or alter the Fund's investment objective or 80% policy;
- (2) Purchase securities of other investment companies, except to the extent that such purchases are permitted by applicable law, including any exemptive orders issued by the SEC; and
- (3) Purchase any securities on margin except as may be necessary in connection with transactions described under "Investment Objective, Policies and Risks" above and except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credit as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio investments (the deposit or payment by the Fund of initial or variation margin in connection with swaps, forward contracts and financial futures contracts and options thereon is not considered the purchase of a security on margin).

Compliance with any policy or limitation of the Fund that is expressed as a percentage of assets is determined at the time of purchase of portfolio securities. The policy will not be violated if these limitations are exceeded because of changes in the market value or investment rating of the Fund's assets or if a borrower distributes equity securities incident to the purchase or ownership of a portfolio investment or in connection with a reorganization of a borrower. The Fund interprets its policies with respect to borrowing and lending to permit such activities as may be lawful for the Fund, to the full extent permitted by the 1940 Act or by exemption from the provisions thereof pursuant to an exemptive order of the SEC.



## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Fund’s business and affairs are managed under the direction of the Board. The Board currently consists of four members, three of whom are not “interested persons” of the Fund as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Fund refers to these individuals as its independent trustees. The Board annually elects the Fund’s officers, who serve at the discretion of the Board. The Board maintains an audit committee, a nominating and governance committee and an independent trustees committee and may establish additional committees from time to time as necessary.

### Board of Trustees and Officers

#### *Trustees*

Information regarding the members of the Board is set forth below. The Trustees have been divided into two groups—Interested Trustees and Independent Trustees. As set forth in the Fund’s declaration of trust, each Trustee’s term of office shall continue until his or her death, resignation or removal.

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Age</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with the Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</u>
<i>Interested Trustee<sup>(2)</sup></i>					
Justin Plouffe (1976)	Trustee	Indefinite Length – since October 2019	Managing Director, The Carlyle Group (since 2007); Deputy Chief Investment Officer, Carlyle Global Credit Investment Management L.L.C. (since 2018); Chief Executive Officer and President of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. and Carlyle Credit Solutions, Inc. (since 2024); Chief Executive Officer and President of Carlyle Secured Lending III (2024-2025)	1	Interested Director of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. and Carlyle Credit Solutions, Inc. (since 2024)
<i>Independent Trustees</i>					
Mark Garbin (1951)	Trustee	Indefinite Length – since Inception	Managing Principal, Coherent Capital Management LLC (since 2008)	2	Independent Trustee of Two Roads Shared Trust (since 2012); Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (since 2013); Northern Lights Fund Trust (since 2013); Northern Lights Variable Trust (since 2013); iDirect Private Markets Fund (2014-2024)

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Age</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with the Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</u>
Sanjeev Handa (1961)	Trustee	Indefinite Length – since Inception	Managing Member, Old Orchard Lane, LLC (since 2014); Adjunct Professor, Fairfield University (since 2020)	2	Independent Director of OHA CLO Enhanced Equity III Genpar LLP (since 2024); Advisory Board Member of White Oak Partners (2021-2025); Independent Director of OHA CLO Enhanced Equity II Genpar LLP (since 2021); Independent Director of Alti Private Equity and Commitments Access Fund (2023-2023); Audit Committee Chair and Independent Trustee of Total Fund Solution (since 2023)
Joan McCabe (1955)	Trustee	Indefinite Length – since Inception	Managing Member, JMYME, LLC (since 2020);	2	Board member of Elevation Brands (2017-2022); Board member of Sensible Organics (2017-2021); Board member of Goodwill International, Inc. (2015-2021); Board Chair of Gulfstream Goodwill, Inc. (Member since 2017, Chair since 2021); Board member of Gulfstream Goodwill Academy, Inc. (since 2018)

- (1) The address of each Trustee is care of the Secretary of the Fund at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017.
- (2) “Interested person,” as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund. Mr. Plouffe is an interested person of the Fund due to his affiliation with the Adviser.
- (3) The portfolios of the “Fund Complex” are the Fund and Carlyle Credit Income Fund.

### *Officers*

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Age</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with the Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>
Brian Marcus (1983)	President, Principal Executive Officer and Chief Risk Officer	Indefinite Length – since April 2020	Managing Director, Carlyle Group (since 2021); Principal, Carlyle Group (2018 – 2020)
Craig Hempstead (1971)	Principal Financial Officer	Indefinite Length – since March 2023	Managing Director, Carlyle Group (since 2022); Managing Director, Goldman Sachs (2010 – 2022)

<u>Name, Address<sup>(1)</sup> and Age</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with the Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>
Nelson Joseph (1979)	Treasurer and Principal Accounting Officer	Indefinite Length – since March 2023	Principal, Carlyle Group (since 2023); Director, Apollo Global Management LLC (2016 – 2022)
Joshua Lefkowitz (1974)	Secretary; Chief Legal Officer	Indefinite Length – since April 2020	Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer (Global Credit), Carlyle Group (since 2018)
Teresa Jung (1992)	Chief Compliance Officer	Indefinite Length – since May 2024	Vice President and Regulated Fund Attorney, Carlyle Group (since 2020)

- (1) The address of each officer is care of the Secretary of the Fund at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017.

## **Biographical Information and Discussion of Experience and Qualifications, etc.**

### ***Trustees***

The following is a summary of the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills of each Trustee that support the conclusion, as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information, that each Trustee should serve as a Trustee of the Fund.

### **Interested Trustee**

*Justin Plouffe.* Justin Plouffe is a Managing Director and the Deputy Chief Investment Officer of Carlyle Global Credit. He is a Director of the Adviser and a voting member of the PAAC. Mr. Plouffe also serves as President, Chief Executive Officer and Interested Director/Trustee of Carlyle Secured Lending, Inc. and Carlyle Credit Solutions, Inc. Mr. Plouffe focuses on investing across Carlyle's credit strategies and driving growth initiatives for the overall credit platform. He is Co-Head of Carlyle Structured Credit Fund and serves on various Global Credit investment committees. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of TCG Capital Markets L.L.C., the SEC-registered broker/dealer affiliate of The Carlyle Group ("TCG Capital Markets"). Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Plouffe was an attorney at Ropes & Gray LLP. He has also served as a clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and as a legislative assistant to a U.S. Congressman. Mr. Plouffe received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University and his J.D. from Columbia Law School, where he was an editor of The Columbia Law Review. He is a CFA Charterholder, holds Series 7, 24, 57, 63, 79 and 99 licenses and is associated with TCG Capital Markets.

### **Independent Trustees**

*Mark Garbin.* Mark Garbin has over 30 years of experience in corporate balance sheet and income statement risk management for large asset managers. Mr. Garbin has extensive derivatives experience and has provided consulting services to alternative asset managers. Mr. Garbin is a CFA Charterholder and holds the Professional Risk Manager (PRM) designation. He also has advanced degrees in international business, negotiation and derivatives.

*Sanjeev Handa.* Sanjeev Handa has over 30 years of experience in the financial industry sector, including global experience in the financial, real estate and securitization markets. In addition to his responsibilities on the boards of

CTAC and CCIF, Mr. Handa serves, as an independent trustee, on the board of Total Fund Solution (since 2023) and chairs the audit committee. He also serves, as an independent director, on the boards of certain affiliates of Oak Hill Advisors. He serves on the board of the Mutual Fund Directors Forum (since 2022). Mr. Handa previously served as a member of the Investment Committee of the board of The Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art (from 2016-2024), as a board member of Greenpath Financial Wellness (2017-2022) and a board member of Fitch Ratings, Inc. and certain of its affiliates thereof (2015-2020). Mr. Handa has extensive experience with respect to investments as well as to compliance and corporate governance matters as a result of, among other things, his service as an established board member.

*Joan McCabe.* Joan McCabe has over 30 years of financial and corporate experience, including investing in private equity along with debt financings for those private equity investments. Ms. McCabe is a graduate of Yale College and Harvard Business School. She began her career on Wall Street, where she was a Managing Director at Kidder Peabody, Drexel Burnham Lambert and Paine Webber. She was involved in private equity for over twenty years as a Managing Partner at Brynwood Partners. She is a founding member of the Conference of Boards for the national Goodwill organization and is NACD Director Certified. She is involved in philanthropy through her Board Chair position at the Palm Beach Goodwill and served on the Goodwill International Board from 2015-2021. Ms. McCabe has served as a board member to a variety of companies and her diverse experience and financial background, among other things, qualifies her to serve as a Trustee.

### **Board Structure and Role of the Board in Risk Oversight**

The 1940 Act requires that at least 40% of the trustees be independent trustees. Certain exemptive rules promulgated under the 1940 Act require that at least 50% of the trustees be independent trustees. Currently, three of the four Trustees (75%) are Independent Trustees. The Independent Trustees exercise their informed business judgment to appoint an individual of their choosing to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, regardless of whether the trustee happens to be independent or a member of management. Mark Garbin, an Independent Trustee, serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The Board expects to perform its risk oversight function primarily through (a) its three standing committees, which report to the entire Board and are comprised solely of Independent Trustees and (b) monitoring by the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer in accordance with the Fund's compliance policies and procedures.

### **Committees of the Board**

The Board has established an audit committee, a nominating and governance committee and an independent trustees committee. The Fund does not have a compensation committee because its officers do not receive any direct compensation from the Fund.

***Audit Committee.*** The members of the audit committee are Mark Garbin, Sanjeev Handa and Joan McCabe, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act. Sanjeev Handa serves as chairman of the audit committee. The audit committee is responsible for approving the Fund's independent accountants, reviewing with the Fund's independent accountants the plans and results of the audit engagement, approving professional services provided by the Fund's independent accountants, reviewing the independence of the Fund's independent accountants and reviewing the adequacy of the Fund's internal accounting controls. The audit committee met 5 times during the year ended December 31, 2024.

***Nominating and Governance Committee.*** The members of the nominating and governance committee are Mark Garbin, Sanjeev Handa and Joan McCabe, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act. Joan McCabe serves as chairman of the nominating and governance committee. The nominating and governance committee is responsible for selecting, researching and nominating trustees for election by the Fund's shareholders, selecting nominees to fill vacancies on the Board or a committee of the Board Trustees, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and overseeing the evaluation of the Board and its committees.

The nominating and governance committee may consider recommendations for nomination of individuals for election as trustees from shareholders. The nominating and governance committee met 4 times during the year ended December 31, 2024.

**Independent Trustees Committee.** The members of the independent trustees committee are Mark Garbin, Sanjeev Handa and Joan McCabe, each of whom is independent for purposes of the 1940 Act. Mark Garbin serves as chairman of the independent trustees committee. The independent trustees committee is responsible for reviewing and making certain findings in respect of co-investment transactions pursuant to exemptive relief received from the SEC. The independent trustees committee met 4 times during the year ended December 31, 2024.

### **Trustee Beneficial Ownership of Shares**

The following table sets forth the dollar range of Shares beneficially owned by each Trustee as of December 31, 2024.

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
Justin Plouffe	\$500,001-\$1,000,000	\$500,001-\$1,000,000
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
Mark Garbin	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$50,001-\$100,000
Sanjeev Handa	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$500,000
Joan McCabe	\$500,001-\$1,000,000	\$500,001-\$1,000,000

(1) Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1–\$10,000, \$10,001–\$50,000, \$50,001–\$100,000, \$100,001–\$500,000, \$500,001–\$1,000,000 or Over \$1,000,000.

### **Compensation of Trustees**

Effective the quarter ending September 30, 2024, the Independent Trustees are paid an annual retainer of \$120,000 and the chairman of each committee is paid an additional annual fee of \$10,000. Previously, the Independent Trustees were paid an annual retainer of \$70,000. The chair of the Audit Committee is also paid an additional annual fee of \$10,000. All Trustees are reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses. The Trustees do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Fund.

The following table shows information regarding the compensation earned by the Trustees, none of whom is an employee of the Fund, for services as a Trustee for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The Trustees who are “interested persons”, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the Fund and the Fund’s officers do not receive compensation from the Fund.

Name of Trustee	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Total Compensation From Fund and Fund Complex Paid To Trustees
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
Justin Plouffe	None	None
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
Mark Garbin	\$130,000	\$170,000
Sanjeev Handa	\$140,000	\$185,000
Joan McCabe	\$130,000	\$170,000

## **Shareholder Communications**

Shareholders may send communications to the Board. Shareholders should send communications intended for the Board by addressing the communication directly to the Board (or individual Trustees) and/or otherwise clearly indicating in the salutation that the communication is for the Board (or individual Trustees) and by sending the communication to the Fund's office at One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400, New York, NY 10017. Other Shareholder communications received by the Fund not directly addressed and sent to the Board will be reviewed and generally responded to by management, and will be forwarded to the Board only at management's discretion based on the matters contained therein.

## **Codes of Ethics**

The Fund and the Adviser have adopted a joint code of ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act that establishes procedures for personal investments and restrict certain personal securities transactions. Personnel subject to the code may invest in securities for their personal investment accounts, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund, so long as such investments are made in accordance with the applicable code's requirements. The code of ethics is included as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this Statement of Additional Information forms a part. The code of ethics is available on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Shareholders may also obtain copies of the code of ethics, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

## **The Adviser**

CGCIM, an investment adviser registered with the SEC under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, serves as the Fund's investment adviser. For more information regarding CGCIM, see "The Adviser" in the Prospectus. For more information on the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund, see "Management of the Fund" in the Prospectus.

An investment advisory agreement was approved by the Board and Shareholders and became effective on October 24, 2019. The Board approved a second amended and restated investment advisory agreement (the "Investment Advisory Agreement"), which became effective on July 1, 2022. Following an initial two-year term beginning on October 24, 2019, the Investment Advisory Agreement will continue in effect for successive periods of twelve months, provided that continuance is specifically approved at least annually by both (1) the vote of a majority of the Board or the vote of a majority of the outstanding securities of the Fund entitled to vote and (2) by the vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees. In addition, the Investment Advisory Agreement has termination provisions that allow the parties to terminate the agreement without penalty. The Investment Advisory Agreement may be terminated at any time, without penalty, by the Adviser upon 60 days' notice to the Fund.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2021, December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024, the Fund incurred \$17,389,911, \$25,904,328 and \$43,393,202, respectively, in Management Fees. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2024, the Fund incurred \$20,144,116, \$34,897,801 and \$56,787,865, respectively, in incentive fees.

## **Portfolio Management**

### ***Other Accounts Managed by Portfolio Managers***

The portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund also manage other registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts, as indicated below. The following table identifies, as of December 31, 2024: (i) the number of other registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed by each portfolio manager; (ii) the total assets of such companies, vehicles and accounts; and (iii) the number and total assets of such companies, vehicles and accounts that are subject to an advisory fee based on performance.

	Number of Accounts	Assets of Accounts (in billions)	Number of Accounts Subject to a Performance Fee	Assets Subject to a Performance Fee (in billions)
<b>Justin Plouffe</b>				
Registered Investment Companies	3	\$ 4.50	3	\$ 4.50
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$ 0.06	1	\$ 0.06
Other Accounts	3	\$ 2.81	3	\$ 2.81
<b>Brian Marcus</b>				
Registered Investment Companies	0	\$ 0	0	\$ 0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	1	\$ 0.06	1	\$ 0.06
Other Accounts	3	\$ 2.81	3	\$ 2.81

### Compensation of Portfolio Managers

Portfolio managers are compensated with an annual salary and a discretionary year-end annual bonus, the amount of which is based on a multitude of quantitative and qualitative factors and are benchmarked against peers and local markets. Depending on seniority within the firm, portfolio managers also may be eligible to receive performance fees from private funds that they manage that vest over time. Performance fees can make up a significant portion of a portfolio manager's overall compensation, and primarily are based on the investment performance of the private funds managed by the portfolio manager. This compensation structure aligns a portfolio manager's and investors' long-term interests and helps the Adviser retain talented investment personnel. Portfolio managers also may receive discretionary compensation through awards under the Adviser's equity incentive plan.

### Securities Ownership of Portfolio Managers

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund beneficially owned by each of the portfolio managers as of December 31, 2024.

Name	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund <sup>(1)</sup>
Justin Plouffe	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000
Brian Marcus	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

(1) Dollar ranges are as follows: None, \$1–\$10,000, \$10,001–\$50,000, \$50,001–\$100,000, \$100,001–\$500,000, \$500,001–\$1,000,000 or Over \$1,000,000.

## **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS**

Since the Fund generally acquires and disposes of its investments in privately negotiated transactions, it infrequently uses brokers in the normal course of business.

Subject to policies established by the Fund's Board, the Adviser is primarily responsible for the execution of any traded securities in the Fund's portfolio and the Fund's allocation of brokerage commissions. The Adviser does not expect to execute transactions through any particular broker or dealer, but seeks to obtain the best net results for the Fund, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution, and operations facilities of the firm and the firm's risk and skill in positioning blocks of securities.

While the Adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive trade execution costs, the Fund will not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available. Subject to applicable legal requirements, the Adviser may select a broker based partly upon brokerage or research services provided to the Adviser and the Fund and any other clients. In return for such services, the Fund may pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge if the Adviser determines in good faith that such commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024, December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Fund paid \$0, \$0 and \$351, respectively, in brokerage commissions.



## **PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROXY VOTING RECORD**

The Fund has delegated its proxy voting responsibility to the Adviser. The proxy voting policies and procedures of the Adviser are set forth below. The guidelines are reviewed periodically by the Adviser and the Independent Trustees and, accordingly, are subject to change.

It is the policy of the Fund to delegate the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund to the Fund's Adviser as a part of the Adviser's general management of the Fund's portfolio, subject to the continuing oversight of the Board. The Board has delegated such responsibility to the Adviser, and directs the Adviser to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund consistent with the proxy voting policies and procedures. The Adviser may retain one or more vendors to review, monitor and recommend how to vote proxies in a manner consistent with the proxy voting policies and procedures, to ensure that such proxies are voted on a timely basis and to provide reporting and/or record retention services in connection with proxy voting for the Fund.

The right to vote a proxy with respect to portfolio securities held by the Fund is an asset of the Fund. The Adviser, to which authority to vote on behalf of the Fund is delegated, acts as a fiduciary of the Fund and must vote proxies in a manner consistent with the best interest of the Fund and its Shareholders. In discharging this fiduciary duty, the Adviser must maintain and adhere to its policies and procedures for addressing conflicts of interest and must vote proxies in a manner substantially consistent with its policies, procedures and guidelines, as presented to the Board.

The Fund shall file an annual report of each proxy voted with respect to portfolio securities of the Fund during the twelve-month period ended June 30 on Form N-PX not later than August 31 of each year.

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

To the knowledge of the Fund, as of March 31, 2025, the following persons owned of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding Fund shares of a class, including any outstanding Preferred Shares. For so long as a shareholder has a greater than 25% interest in the Fund, they respectively may be deemed to be a “control person” of the Fund for purposes of the 1940 Act. A control person generally is a person who beneficially owns more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or has the power to exercise control over the management or policies of such company. As of March 31, 2025, there were no shareholders that held greater than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund. Control persons could have the ability to vote a majority of the shares of a fund on any matter requiring the approval of shareholders of such fund.

Class	Name & Address	Percentage of Class
Class I	Charles Frederic & Co. as Nominee for Bank of New York Mellon FBO iCapital-Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Access Fund Intl. Ltd. 60 East 42 <sup>nd</sup> St. Fl. 26 New York, NY 10286	23.97%
Class I	CPIL2 Partnership c/o Elco Corporate Services Limited Alvernia Court, Dowdeswell Street New Providence, C5 Nassau The Bahamas	16.65%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO G. Van Drunen Trust c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	7.25%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO P. Schulze R/O IRA c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	7.20%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO D. Hine R/O IRA c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	6.50%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO J. Castillo R/O IRA c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.66%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO J. Jones c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.39%
Class L	National Financial Services FBO S. Schrinner R/O IRA c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.31%
Class L	J. Perreault Trustees c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.29%
Class Y	G. Stieler c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	52.42%

Class Y	L. & T. Calagna c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	18.88%
Class Y	Pershing LLC FBO D. Capuano IRAC/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	15.14%
Class Y	R. Ripley c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	11.29%
Class N	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Special Custody A/C FBO Customers Attn: Mutual Funds 211 Main St. San Francisco, CA 94105-1905	33.75%
Preferred Shares	The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	9.69%
Preferred Shares	Thrivent Financial for Lutherans c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	9.23%
Preferred Shares	Athene Annuity and Life Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	8.31%
Preferred Shares	American General Life Insurance Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	8.23%
Preferred Shares	Principal Life Insurance Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	6.42%
Preferred Shares	Minnesota Life Insurance Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.45%
Preferred Shares	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company c/o Carlyle Tactical Private Credit Fund One Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10017	5.00%

### **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

An independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund performs an annual audit of the Fund's consolidated financial statements. The Board has engaged Ernst & Young LLP, located at 1775 Tysons Blvd., Tysons, VA 22102, to serve as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

The Board has engaged Dechert LLP, located at 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 to serve as the Fund's legal counsel.

## **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. The Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information 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 registration statement. A copy of the registration statement may be reviewed on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Prospective investors can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address ([publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov)).

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audited consolidated financial statements and related report of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are herein incorporated by reference from the Fund's [annual report](#) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024. The Fund's annual report is available upon request, without charge, by calling the Fund toll free at 833-677-3646.