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# Prospectus – Baird Funds

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Baird Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund

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Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund

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# Summary Section

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## Baird Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund

### Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Baird Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund (the “Fund”) is to seek current income that is exempt from federal income tax and is consistent with the preservation of capital.

### Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

#### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

None

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	<i>Investor Class Shares</i>	<i>Institutional Class Shares</i>
Management Fees	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None
Other Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	0.05%	0.05%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.55%	0.30%

(1) Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

### Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years
Investor Class Shares	\$56	\$176
Institutional Class Shares	\$31	\$ 97

### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable

account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. Because the Fund only recently commenced operations, portfolio turnover information is not yet available.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal bonds and debentures, the income from which is exempt from federal income tax (including the federal alternative minimum tax ("AMT")). These municipal obligations may include debt obligations of states, territories, and possessions of the U.S., as well as political subdivisions, agencies and financing authorities thereof that provide income exempt from federal income tax (including the federal AMT).

The Fund invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of federally tax-exempt municipal obligations issued by governmental authorities throughout the U.S. and its territories. The Fund may invest in all types of municipal obligations, including pre-refunded bonds, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and municipal lease participations. The Fund may also invest in zero coupon bonds, which are issued at substantial discounts from their value at maturity and pay no cash income to their holders until they mature. Municipal obligations in which the Fund invests may include fixed, variable or floating rate instruments. The Fund may purchase municipal obligations on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis or enter into forward commitments to purchase municipal obligations.

The Fund invests principally in investment grade municipal obligations, rated at the time of purchase by at least one major rating agency, but may invest up to 10% of its net assets in non-investment grade municipal obligations (sometimes referred to as "high yield" or "junk" bonds). The Fund may also invest in unrated municipal obligations that are determined by Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Advisor") to be comparable in quality to the rated obligations. After purchase, a municipal obligation may cease to be rated or may have its rating reduced below the minimum rating required by the Fund for purchase. In such cases, the Advisor will consider whether to continue to hold the municipal obligation. The Fund may hold municipal obligations with a "D" or similar credit rating indicating at least a partial payment default.

While obligations of any maturity may be purchased, under normal circumstances, the Fund's dollar-weighted average effective maturity is generally expected to be three years or less. Effective maturity takes into account the possibility that a bond may have prepayments or may be called by the issuer before its stated maturity date.

## Principal Risks

Please be aware that you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The following is a summary description of certain risks of investing in the Fund.

### *Management Risks*

The Advisor may err in its choices of debt obligations or portfolio mixes. Such errors could result in a negative return and a loss to you.

### *Bond Market Risks*

A bond's market value may be affected significantly by changes in interest rates – generally, when interest rates rise, the bond's market value declines and when interest rates decline, its market value rises (“interest-rate risk”). Generally, a bond with a longer maturity will entail greater interest rate risk but have a higher yield. Conversely, a bond with a shorter maturity will entail less interest rate risk but have a lower yield (“maturity risk”). A bond's value may also be affected by changes in its credit quality rating or the issuer's financial condition (“credit-quality risk”).

### *Call Risks*

If the securities in which the Fund invests are redeemed by the issuer before maturity (or “called”), the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in securities that pay a lower interest rate, which may decrease the Fund's yield. This will most likely happen when interest rates are declining.

### *Credit Quality Risks*

Individual issues of municipal obligations may be subject to the credit risk of the municipality, borrower or issuer (“obligor”). Therefore, the obligor may experience unanticipated financial problems and may be unable to meet its payment obligations. Municipal obligations held by the Fund may be adversely affected by political and economic conditions and developments (for example, legislation reducing state aid to local governments). Debt obligations receiving the lowest investment grade rating may have speculative characteristics and, compared to higher grade debt obligations, may have a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments due to changes in economic conditions or other adverse circumstances. Ratings are essentially opinions of the credit quality of an issuer and may prove to be inaccurate.

### *Defaulted Debt Obligations Risks*

At times, the Fund may hold municipal obligations that are in partial or full default. Defaulted debt obligations are considered speculative and are subject to greater risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated securities. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal of or interest on its portfolio holdings. The repayment of defaulted debt obligations is subject to significant uncertainties and, in some cases, there may be no recovery of repayment.

### *Non-Investment Grade Quality Risks*

Non-investment grade debt obligations (sometimes referred to as “high yield” or “junk” bonds) involve greater risk than investment-grade debt obligations, including the possibility of default or bankruptcy. They tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than higher-rated debt obligations and, as a result, are generally more sensitive to credit risk than debt obligations in the higher-rated categories.

### *Municipal Obligations Risks*

Municipal obligations are subject to risks based on many factors, including economic and regulatory developments, changes or proposed changes in the federal and state tax structure, deregulation, court rulings, and other factors. The value of municipal

obligations may be affected more by supply and demand factors or the creditworthiness of the issuer than by market interest rates. Repayment of municipal obligations depends on the ability of the issuer or project backing such obligations to generate taxes or revenues. There is a risk that interest may be taxable on a municipal obligation that is otherwise expected to produce tax-exempt interest.

Because the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in municipal obligations issued by entities located in the same state or the interest on which is paid solely from revenues of similar projects, changes in economic, business or political conditions relating to a particular state or type of projects may have a disproportionate impact on the Fund.

The repayment of principal and interest on some of the municipal obligations in which the Fund may invest may be guaranteed or insured by a monoline insurance company. If a company insuring municipal obligations in which the Fund invests experiences financial difficulties, the credit rating and price of the security may deteriorate.

Participation interests in municipal leases pose special risks because many leases and contracts contain “non-appropriation” clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for this purpose by the appropriate legislative body.

#### *Zero Coupon Bonds Risks*

Zero coupon bonds do not pay interest on a current basis and may be highly volatile as interest rates rise or fall. In addition, while such bonds generate income for purposes of generally accepted accounting standards, they do not generate cash flow and thus could cause the Fund to be forced to liquidate securities at an inopportune time in order to distribute cash, as required by tax laws.

#### *When-Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitments Risks*

When-issued, delayed delivery and forward commitment transactions involve the risk that the price or yield obtained in a transaction (and therefore the value of a debt obligation) may be less favorable than the price or yield (and therefore the value of a debt obligation) available in the market when the debt obligations delivery takes place. Failure of the other party to consummate the trade may result in the Fund incurring a loss or missing an opportunity to obtain a price considered to be advantageous.

#### *Tax Risks*

Municipal obligations may decrease in value during times when federal income tax rates are falling. The Fund's investments are affected by changes in federal income tax rates applicable to, or the continuing federal tax-exempt status of, interest income on municipal obligations. Any proposed or actual changes in such rates or exempt status, therefore, can significantly affect the liquidity, marketability and supply and demand for municipal obligations, which would in turn affect the Fund's ability to acquire and dispose of municipal obligations at desirable yield and price levels.

### *Liquidity Risks*

Certain debt obligations may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and price that the Advisor would like to sell. The Advisor may have to lower the price, sell other debt obligations or forego an investment opportunity, any of which may have a negative effect on the management or performance of the Fund.

### *Valuation Risks*

The prices provided by the Fund's pricing services or independent dealers or the fair value determinations made by the valuation committee of the Advisor may be different from the prices used by other mutual funds or from the prices at which debt obligations are actually bought and sold. The prices of certain debt obligations provided by pricing services may be subject to frequent and significant change, and will vary depending on the information that is available.

### *Recent Market Events*

In response to the financial crisis that began in 2008, the Federal Reserve has taken extraordinary steps to support financial markets and the U.S. economy, including various bond buying or quantitative easing (QE) programs as well as maintaining their policy interest rate at historically low levels. More recently, the Federal Reserve has ended its QE bond buying program and many market participants believe it is on a path to raise its policy rate, the overnight Federal Funds rate. There is uncertainty regarding how the financial markets will react to these changes and, as a result, the markets remain in an elevated risk environment. There is the potential that these changes could negatively affect financial markets and generate higher interest rates, increased market volatility and reduced value and liquidity of certain securities. As a result, many of the above risks may be increased. Continuing market problems may have adverse effects on the Fund. The Advisor will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund 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.

## **Performance**

No historical performance is available for the Fund because it only recently commenced operations. Performance information will be available after the Fund has been operating for a full calendar year. The Fund's primary benchmark index against which it will measure performance will be the Barclays Short (1-5 Year) Municipal Index.

## **Investment Advisor**

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated is the Fund's investment advisor.

## Portfolio Managers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager of the Fund Since</u>	<u>Title</u>
Duane A. McAllister, CFA	2015	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
Erik R. Schleicher	2015	Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Vice President of the Advisor
Joseph J. Czechowicz	2015	Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Vice President of the Advisor

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# Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund (the “Fund”) is to seek a high level of current income that is exempt from federal income tax and is consistent with preservation of capital.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

### Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

None

### Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	<i>Investor Class Shares</i>	<i>Institutional Class Shares</i>
Management Fees	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None
Other Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	0.05%	0.05%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	0.55%	0.30%

(1) Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years
Investor Class Shares	\$56	\$176
Institutional Class Shares	\$31	\$ 97

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. Because the Fund only recently commenced operations, portfolio turnover information is not yet available.

## Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal bonds and debentures, the income from which is exempt from federal income tax (including the federal alternative minimum tax (“AMT”). These municipal obligations may include debt obligations of states, territories, and possessions of the U.S., as well as political subdivisions, agencies and financing authorities thereof that provide income exempt from federal income tax (including the federal AMT).

The Fund invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of federally tax-exempt municipal obligations issued by governmental authorities throughout the U.S. and its territories. The Fund may invest in all types of municipal obligations, including pre-refunded bonds, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and municipal lease participations. The Fund may also invest in zero coupon bonds, which are issued at substantial discounts from their value at maturity and pay no cash income to their holders until they mature. Municipal obligations in which the Fund invests may include fixed, variable or floating rate instruments. The Fund may purchase municipal obligations on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis or enter into forward commitments to purchase municipal obligations.

The Fund invests principally in investment grade municipal obligations, rated at the time of purchase by at least one major rating agency, but may invest up to 10% of its net assets in non-investment grade municipal obligations (sometimes referred to as “high yield” or “junk” bonds). The Fund may also invest in unrated municipal obligations that are determined by Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”) to be comparable in quality to the rated obligations. After purchase, a municipal obligation may cease to be rated or may have its rating reduced below the minimum rating required by the Fund for purchase. In such cases, the Advisor will consider whether to continue to hold the municipal obligation. The Fund may hold municipal obligations with a “D” or similar credit rating indicating at least a partial payment default.

While obligations of any maturity may be purchased, under normal circumstances, the Fund’s dollar-weighted average effective maturity is generally expected to be between three and ten years. Effective maturity takes into account the possibility that a bond may have prepayments or may be called by the issuer before its stated maturity date.

## Principal Risks

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### *Management Risks*

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### *Bond Market Risks*

A bond’s market value may be affected significantly by changes in interest rates – generally, when interest rates rise, the bond’s market value declines and when interest rates decline, its market value rises (“interest-rate risk”). Generally, a bond with a longer

maturity will entail greater interest rate risk but have a higher yield. Conversely, a bond with a shorter maturity will entail less interest rate risk but have a lower yield (“maturity risk”). A bond’s value may also be affected by changes in its credit quality rating or the issuer’s financial condition (“credit-quality risk”).

#### *Call Risks*

If the securities in which the Fund invests are redeemed by the issuer before maturity (or “called”), the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in securities that pay a lower interest rate, which may decrease the Fund’s yield. This will most likely happen when interest rates are declining.

#### *Credit Quality Risks*

Individual issues of municipal obligations may be subject to the credit risk of the municipality, borrower or issuer (“obligor”). Therefore, the obligor may experience unanticipated financial problems and may be unable to meet its payment obligations. Municipal obligations held by the Fund may be adversely affected by political and economic conditions and developments (for example, legislation reducing state aid to local governments). Debt obligations receiving the lowest investment grade rating may have speculative characteristics and, compared to higher grade debt obligations, may have a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments due to changes in economic conditions or other adverse circumstances. Ratings are essentially opinions of the credit quality of an issuer and may prove to be inaccurate.

#### *Defaulted Debt Obligations Risks*

At times, the Fund may hold municipal obligations that are in partial or full default. Defaulted debt obligations are considered speculative and are subject to greater risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated securities. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal of or interest on its portfolio holdings. The repayment of defaulted debt obligations is subject to significant uncertainties and, in some cases, there may be no recovery of repayment.

#### *Non-Investment Grade Quality Risks*

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#### *Municipal Obligations Risks*

Municipal obligations are subject to risks based on many factors, including economic and regulatory developments, changes or proposed changes in the federal and state tax structure, deregulation, court rulings, and other factors. The value of municipal obligations may be affected more by supply and demand factors or the creditworthiness of the issuer than by market interest rates. Repayment of municipal obligations depends on the ability of the issuer or project backing such obligations to generate taxes or

revenues. There is a risk that interest may be taxable on a municipal obligation that is otherwise expected to produce tax-exempt interest.

Because the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in municipal obligations issued by entities located in the same state or the interest on which is paid solely from revenues of similar projects, changes in economic, business or political conditions relating to a particular state or type of projects may have a disproportionate impact on the Fund.

The repayment of principal and interest on some of the municipal obligations in which the Fund may invest may be guaranteed or insured by a monoline insurance company. If a company insuring municipal obligations in which the Fund invests experiences financial difficulties, the credit rating and price of the security may deteriorate.

Participation interests in municipal leases pose special risks because many leases and contracts contain “non-appropriation” clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for this purpose by the appropriate legislative body.

#### *Zero Coupon Bonds Risks*

Zero coupon bonds do not pay interest on a current basis and may be highly volatile as interest rates rise or fall. In addition, while such bonds generate income for purposes of generally accepted accounting standards, they do not generate cash flow and thus could cause the Fund to be forced to liquidate securities at an inopportune time in order to distribute cash, as required by tax laws.

#### *When-Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitments Risks*

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#### *Tax Risks*

Municipal obligations may decrease in value during times when federal income tax rates are falling. The Fund's investments are affected by changes in federal income tax rates applicable to, or the continuing federal tax-exempt status of, interest income on municipal obligations. Any proposed or actual changes in such rates or exempt status, therefore, can significantly affect the liquidity, marketability and supply and demand for municipal obligations, which would in turn affect the Fund's ability to acquire and dispose of municipal obligations at desirable yield and price levels.

#### *Liquidity Risks*

Certain debt obligations may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and price that the Advisor would like to sell. The Advisor may have to lower the price, sell other debt obligations or forego an investment opportunity, any of which may have a negative effect on the management or performance of the Fund.

### *Valuation Risks*

The prices provided by the Fund's pricing services or independent dealers or the fair value determinations made by the valuation committee of the Advisor may be different from the prices used by other mutual funds or from the prices at which debt obligations are actually bought and sold. The prices of certain debt obligations provided by pricing services may be subject to frequent and significant change, and will vary depending on the information that is available.

### *Recent Market Events*

In response to the financial crisis that began in 2008, the Federal Reserve has taken extraordinary steps to support financial markets and the U.S. economy, including various bond buying or quantitative easing (QE) programs as well as maintaining their policy interest rate at historically low levels. More recently, the Federal Reserve has ended its QE bond buying program and many market participants believe it is on a path to raise its policy rate, the overnight Federal Funds rate. There is uncertainty regarding how the financial markets will react to these changes and, as a result, the markets remain in an elevated risk environment. There is the potential that these changes could negatively affect financial markets and generate higher interest rates, increased market volatility and reduced value and liquidity of certain securities. As a result, many of the above risks may be increased. Continuing market problems may have adverse effects on the Fund. The Advisor will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund 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.

## **Performance**

No historical performance is available for the Fund because it only recently commenced operations. Performance information will be available after the Fund has been operating for a full calendar year. The Fund's primary benchmark index against which it will measure performance will be the Barclays Municipal Bond 1-15 Year Index.

## **Investment Advisor**

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated is the Fund's investment advisor.

## Portfolio Managers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Portfolio Manager of the Fund Since</u>	<u>Title</u>
Duane A. McAllister, CFA	2015	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Advisors and Managing Director of the Advisor
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# Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Taxes and Financial Intermediary Compensation

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## Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You may purchase or redeem shares of the Funds on any day the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) is open by written request via mail (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701) or overnight delivery (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, 615 E. Michigan Street, Third Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202), by wire transfer, by telephone at 1-866-442-2473, or through a financial intermediary. Purchases and redemptions by telephone are only permitted if you previously established these options on your account.

The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts are shown below, although a Fund may reduce or waive them in some cases in its discretion.

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	<i>Initial Purchase</i>	<i>Subsequent Purchases</i>
Investor Class	\$1,000 – Individual Retirement Accounts (Traditional/Roth/SIMPLE/SEP IRAs) and Coverdell Education Savings Account	\$100
	\$2,500 – All Other Accounts	\$100
Institutional Class	\$25,000 – All Account Types	No minimum

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## Tax Information

The Funds intend to make distributions that are exempt from federal income tax. However, some of the Funds’ distributions may be taxed as ordinary income or long-term capital gains.

## Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Funds and their related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Funds over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

# Principal Investment Strategies, Related Risks and Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

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This prospectus describes the Baird Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund (“Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund”) and Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund (“Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund”) (each, a “Fund” and together, the “Funds”), two mutual funds offered by Baird Funds, Inc. (“Baird Funds” or the “Company”).

## Investment Objectives

### Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund

The investment objective of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund is to seek current income that is exempt from federal income tax and is consistent with the preservation of capital.

### Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund

The investment objective of the Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund is to seek a high level of current income that is exempt from federal income tax and is consistent with the preservation of capital.

These investment objectives are fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval.

## Principal Investment Strategies

Each Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in the following municipal bonds and debentures, the income from which is exempt from federal income tax (including AMT):

- Municipal securities including debt obligations of states, territories, and possessions of the U.S., as well as political subdivisions, agencies and financing authorities thereof that provide income exempt from federal income tax (including AMT); and
- Municipal securities with a minimum rating in the lowest investment grade category (i.e., rated BBB or Baa, or higher, or unrated and considered by the Advisor to be of comparable quality) at the time of purchase.

**Municipal Obligations are:** dollar-denominated debt obligations issued by or on behalf of states, territories and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia and their authorities, agencies, instrumentalities and political subdivisions.



Municipal obligations in which the Funds invest may include fixed, variable or floating rate instruments. The Fund may purchase municipal obligations on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis or enter into forward commitments to purchase municipal obligations.

In pursuing each Fund’s objective, the Advisor uses a value-oriented strategy and looks for undervalued municipal securities that offer above-average return characteristics. The Advisor considers many market factors when selecting investments for the Funds. Among the factors considered are the nominal level and trend in interest rates, the slope of the municipal yield curve, income tax rates, market sector valuations, credit trends, supply and demand flows, regional economic strength, as well as legal and regulatory trends.

Each Fund may invest in all types of municipal obligations, including pre-refunded bonds, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and municipal lease participations. Each Fund may also invest in zero coupon bonds, which are issued at substantial discounts from their value at maturity and pay no cash income to their holders until they mature. Each Fund may also invest in municipal housing bonds.

The Advisor seeks to control credit quality risk by purchasing primarily investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated municipal obligations for the Funds rated at the time of purchase by at least one major rating agency. However, each Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in non-investment grade municipal obligations (sometimes referred to as “high yield” or “junk” bonds). Each Fund may also invest in unrated municipal obligations that are determined by the Advisor to be comparable in quality to the rated obligations. After purchase, a municipal obligation may cease to be rated or may have its rating reduced below the minimum rating required by each Fund for purchase. In such cases, the Advisor will consider whether to continue to hold the municipal obligation. Each Fund may hold municipal obligations with a “D” or similar credit rating indicating at least a partial payment default.

The Advisor attempts to diversify each Fund’s portfolio by holding debt obligations of many different issuers and choosing issuers in a variety of sectors.

While each Fund may invest in debt obligations of all maturities, during normal market circumstances the dollar-weighted average portfolio effective maturity for each Fund is expected to be as follows:

**Duration:** a measure of a fixed income security’s average life that reflects the present value of the security’s cash flow, and accordingly is a measure of price sensitivity to interest rate changes. In other words, the longer a fund’s duration, the more sensitive its market value will be to changes in interest rates. For example, if interest rates decline by 1%, the market value of a portfolio with a duration of five years would rise by approximately 5%. Conversely, if interest rates increase by 1%, the market value of the portfolio would decline by approximately 5%. For variable and floating rate instruments, the duration calculation incorporates the time to the next coupon reset date.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dollar-Weighted Average Portfolio Effective Maturity</u>
Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund	More than 1 year but less than 3 years
Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund	More than 3 years but less than 10 years

Effective maturity takes into account the possibility that a bond may have prepayments or may be called by the issuer before its stated maturity date.

The stated maturity of a bond is the date when the issuer must repay the bond's entire principal value to an investor. Some types of bonds may also have an "effective maturity" that is shorter than the stated maturity due to prepayment or call provisions. The "effective maturity" of adjustable coupon bonds will be the next reset date. Debt obligations without prepayment or call provisions generally have an effective maturity equal to their stated maturity. Dollar-weighted effective maturity is calculated by averaging the effective maturity of bonds held by the Fund with each effective maturity "weighted" according to the percentage of net assets that it represents.

The Advisor generally will sell a security when, on a relative basis and in the Advisor's opinion, it will no longer help a Fund attain its objective. This could include, but is not limited to, changes in credit characteristics or outlook, as well as changes in portfolio strategy or cash flow needs. A security may also be sold based on relative value considerations and could be replaced with a security that presents a better value or risk/reward profile.

The Advisor attempts to achieve each Fund's investment objective over a full market cycle. The Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund maintains longer maturities than the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund, thus providing a greater potential for return, with an increased level of risk. Each Fund's investments are based on, although do not replicate, the securities composition of the respective Fund's benchmark index. Consequently, each Fund's portfolio composition and risks will differ from those of the index.

**Investment Grade Securities are:** Securities rated in one of the four highest categories by Standard & Poor's ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") or another nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

### *Municipal Obligations*

Municipal obligations, including municipal bonds and notes, are fixed income securities issued by states, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions and authorities. Municipal notes are short-term tax-exempt securities. Many municipalities issue such notes to fund their current operations before collecting taxes or other municipal revenues. Municipalities also may issue notes to fund capital projects prior to issuing long-term bonds. Issuers typically repay the notes at the end of their fiscal year, either with taxes, other revenues, or proceeds from newly issued notes or bonds. Municipal obligations also may be issued by industrial and economic development authorities, school and college authorities, housing authorities, healthcare facility authorities, municipal utilities, transportation authorities, and other public agencies. The market categorizes tax-exempt securities by their source of repayment. Although many municipal obligations are exempt from federal income tax, municipalities also may issue taxable securities in which the Funds may invest.

It is possible that 25% or more of each Fund's assets could be invested in municipal obligations that would tend to respond similarly to particular economic or political

developments or the interest on which is based on revenues or otherwise related to similar types of projects. Examples include securities of issuers whose revenues are paid from similar types of projects, such as education, housing or transportation, or securities of issuers within the same state or economic sector. For each Fund, the percentage limitations set forth under “Principal Investment Strategies” are measured at the time of investment.

#### *Investment Grade Debt Obligations*

Debt obligations acquired by the Funds primarily will be “investment grade” at the time of purchase, as rated by at least one nationally recognized rating agency. The Funds will invest primarily in “investment grade” bonds, but may also invest in non-investment grade debt obligations, as described below. The Advisor may purchase unrated obligations for each Fund that are determined by the Advisor to be comparable in quality to the rated obligations. After purchase, a debt obligation may cease to be rated or may have its rating reduced below the minimum rating required by a Fund for purchase. In such cases, the Advisor will consider whether to continue to hold the debt obligation. The Funds may hold debt obligations with a “D” or similar credit rating indicating at least a partial payment default.

#### *Non-Investment Grade Debt Obligations*

Each Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in non-investment grade debt obligations (sometimes referred to as “high yield” or “junk” bonds), which are debt obligations that are not rated in one of the four highest rating categories of S&P, Moody’s, Fitch or another nationally recognized rating agency. The Funds will generally purchase non-investment grade debt obligations that are rated at least B or higher by S&P or Moody’s or have an equivalent rating by another nationally recognized rating agency at time of purchase, but may purchase debt obligations below this rating if the Advisor believes the issuer’s credit fundamentals or future prospects suggest a higher rating. In addition, in limited circumstances the Funds may invest in debt obligations in default.

#### *Zero Coupon Bonds*

Each Fund may invest in zero coupon bonds. Zero coupon bonds have greater price volatility than coupon bonds of the same maturity and will not result in the payment of interest until maturity, provided that a Fund will purchase such zero coupon bonds only if the likely relative greater price volatility of such zero coupon bonds is not inconsistent with the Fund’s investment objective. Although zero coupon bonds pay no interest to holders prior to maturity, interest on these bonds is reported as income to a Fund and distributed to its shareholders. Accordingly, a Fund may be required to dispose of its portfolio investments under disadvantageous circumstances in order to satisfy distribution requirements. Additional income producing securities may not be able to be purchased with cash used to make such distributions and its current income ultimately may be reduced as a result.

#### *Cash or Similar Investments; Temporary Strategies*

Under normal market conditions, each Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash or similar short-term, investment grade debt obligations such as U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements, commercial paper or certificates of deposit. Each

Fund may invest up to 100% of its total assets in cash or short-term, investment grade debt obligations as a temporary defensive position during adverse market, economic or political conditions and in other limited circumstances. To the extent a Fund engages in any temporary strategies or maintains a substantial cash position, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

## Principal Risks

The main risks of investing in each Fund are substantially similar. However, certain risks are enhanced for each Fund. Specifically, the Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund maintains longer maturities than the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund, thus providing a greater potential for return, with an increased level of risk.

### *Management Risks*

The Advisor may err in its choices of debt obligations or portfolio mixes. Such errors could result in a negative return and a loss to you. Because each Fund holds fewer debt obligations than its benchmark index, material events affecting a holding in the Fund's portfolio (for example, an issuer's decline in credit quality) may influence the performance of the Fund to a greater degree than such events will influence its benchmark index and may prevent the Fund from attaining its investment objective for a particular period.

### *Bond Market Risks*

The major risks of each Fund are those of investing in the bond market. A bond's market value may be affected significantly by changes in interest rates – generally, when interest rates rise, the bond's market value declines and when interest rates decline, its market value rises (“interest-rate risk”). Generally, the longer a bond's maturity, the greater the interest rate risk and the higher its yield. Conversely, the shorter a bond's maturity, the lower the interest rate risk and the lower its yield (“maturity risk”). Variable and floating rate instruments generally have lower interest rate sensitivity because their coupon rate periodically resets based on an index rate that changes with the general level of interest rates. A bond's value may also be affected by changes in its credit quality rating or the issuer's financial condition (“credit-quality risk”). Because bond values may fluctuate, a Fund's share price may fluctuate. Interest rate risk should be low for the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund because it invests primarily in short-term bonds, whose prices are less sensitive to interest rate changes than are the prices of long-term bonds.

### *Call Risks*

If the securities in which the Funds invest are redeemed by the issuer before maturity (or “called”), the Funds may have to reinvest the proceeds in securities that pay a lower interest rate, which may decrease the Funds' yield. This will most likely happen when interest rates are declining.

### *Credit Quality Risks*

Individual issues of debt obligations may be subject to the credit risk of the issuer. Therefore, the underlying issuer may experience unanticipated financial problems and

may be unable to meet its payment obligations. Municipal obligations in particular may be adversely affected by political and economic conditions and developments (for example, legislation reducing state aid to local governments.) Debt obligations receiving a lower rating compared to higher rated debt obligations, may have a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments due to changes in economic conditions or other adverse circumstances. Ratings agencies such as Moody's, Fitch and S&P provide ratings on debt obligations based on their analyses of information they deem relevant. Ratings are essentially opinions or judgments of the credit quality of an issuer and may prove to be inaccurate. In addition, there may be a delay between events or circumstances adversely affecting the ability of an issuer to pay interest and/or repay principal and an agency's decision to downgrade a debt obligation.

#### *Defaulted Debt Obligations Risks*

At times, the Funds may hold municipal obligations that are in partial or full default. Defaulted debt obligations are considered speculative and are subject to greater risk of loss of income and principal than higher rated securities. A Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal of or interest on its portfolio holdings. The repayment of defaulted debt obligations is subject to significant uncertainties and, in some cases, there may be no recovery of repayment. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a defaulted debt obligation, a Fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than its original investment. Defaulted debt obligations and any securities received in exchange for defaulted debt obligations may be subject to restrictions on resale.

#### *Non-Investment Grade Quality Risks (High Yield Debt Securities)*

Non-investment grade debt obligations (sometimes referred to as "high yield" or "junk" bonds), while generally offering higher yields than investment grade debt obligations with similar maturities, involve greater risk, including the possibility of default or bankruptcy. Non-investment grade debt obligations tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than higher-rated debt. As a result, they generally are more sensitive to credit risk and are considered more speculative than debt obligations in the higher-rated categories. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of non-investment grade debt obligations may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their payment obligations. The risk of loss due to default by an issuer of these debt obligations is significantly greater than issuers of higher-rated debt obligations because such debt obligations are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to other creditors. The Funds may have difficulty disposing of certain non-investment grade debt obligations because there may be a thin trading market for such debt obligations. To the extent a secondary trading market does exist, it is generally not as liquid as the secondary market for higher-rated debt obligations. Periods of economic uncertainty generally result in increased volatility in the market prices of these debt obligations and will also increase the volatility of the Funds' net asset values.

### *Liquidity Risks*

Liquidity risk is the risk that certain debt obligations may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and price that the Advisor would like to sell. The Advisor may have to lower the price, sell other debt obligations or forego an investment opportunity, any of which may have a negative effect on the management or performance of the Funds. The liquidity of a particular debt obligation depends on the strength of demand for the debt obligation, which is generally related to the willingness of broker-dealers to make a market for the debt obligation as well as the interest of other investors to buy the debt obligation. During significant economic and market downturns and periods in which financial services firms are unable to commit capital to make a market in, or otherwise buy, certain debt obligations, the Funds may experience challenges in selling such debt obligations at optimal prices.

### *Valuation Risks*

The securities held by the Funds are generally priced using prices provided by primary or alternative pricing services or, in some cases, using prices provided by dealers or the valuation committee of the Advisor using fair valuation methodologies. Pricing service prices for debt obligations are based on various market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker-dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, comparable securities, bids, offers and reference data, as well as market indicators, and material issuer, industry and economic events. For mortgage-backed securities, the pricing service also reviews collateral performance data. The prices provided by the primary pricing service, alternative pricing services or dealers or the fair value determinations made by the valuation committee of the Advisor may be different from the prices used by other mutual funds or from the prices at which securities are actually bought and sold. The prices of certain securities provided by pricing services, or the fair values determined by the valuation committee, may be subject to frequent and significant change, and will vary depending on the information that is available.

### *Tax Risks*

Municipal obligations may decrease in value during times when federal income tax rates are falling. Since interest income on municipal obligations is normally not subject to regular federal income taxation, the attractiveness of municipal obligations in relation to other investment alternatives is affected by changes in federal income tax rates applicable to, or the continuing federal tax-exempt status of, such interest income. Any proposed or actual changes in such rates or exempt status, therefore, can significantly affect the liquidity, marketability and supply and demand for municipal obligations, which would in turn affect each Fund's ability to acquire and dispose of municipal obligations at desirable yield and price levels. In addition, interest earned on certain municipal obligations may be a preference item subject to the federal alternative minimum tax ("AMT").

Investment in federally tax-exempt securities poses additional risks. In many cases, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has not ruled on whether the interest received on a particular obligation is tax-exempt, and accordingly, purchases of these obligations are based on the opinion of bond counsel to the issuers at the time of issuance. The Funds and the Advisor rely on these opinions and will not review the basis for them.

### *Municipal Obligations Risks*

Municipal obligations are subject to risks based on many factors, including economic and regulatory developments, changes or proposed changes in the federal and state tax structure, deregulation, court rulings, and other factors. The value of municipal obligations may be affected more by supply and demand factors or the creditworthiness of the issuer than by market interest rates. Repayment of municipal obligations depends on the ability of the issuer or project backing such obligations to generate taxes or revenues. There is a risk that interest may be taxable on a municipal obligation that is otherwise expected to produce tax-exempt interest.

Each Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in municipal obligations issued by entities located in the same state or the interest on which is paid solely from revenues of similar projects. As a result, changes in economic, business or political conditions relating to a particular state or types of projects may have a disproportionate impact on each Fund's share price.

The repayment of principal and interest on some of the municipal obligations in which the Funds may invest may be guaranteed or insured by a monoline insurance company. The monoline guarantee or insurance will generally enhance the credit rating and lower the interest rate payable on the obligation. Certain monoline insurers have suffered losses from insuring structured products and other obligations backed by residential mortgages. If a company insuring municipal obligations in which the Funds invest experiences financial difficulties, the credit rating and price of the obligation may deteriorate.

The Funds may purchase participation interests in municipal leases. These are undivided interests in a lease, installment purchase contract, or conditional sale contract entered into by a state or local government unit to acquire equipment or facilities. Participation interests in municipal leases pose special risks because many leases and contracts contain "non-appropriation" clauses that provide that the governmental issuer has no obligation to make future payments under the lease or contract unless money is appropriated for this purpose by the appropriate legislative body. Although these kinds of obligations are secured by the leased equipment or facilities, it might be difficult and time consuming to dispose of the equipment or facilities in the event of nonappropriation, and the Fund might not recover the full principal amount of the obligation.

### *Zero Coupon Bonds Risk*

As interest on zero coupon bonds is not paid on a current basis, the values of the bonds are subject to greater fluctuations than are the value of bonds that distribute income regularly and may be more speculative than such bonds. Accordingly, the values of zero coupon bonds may be highly volatile as interest rates rise or fall. In addition, while zero coupon bonds generate income for purposes of generally accepted accounting standards, they do not generate cash flow and thus could cause a Fund to be forced to liquidate securities at an inopportune time in order to distribute cash, as required by tax laws.

### *When-Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitments Risks*

When-issued, delayed delivery and forward commitment transactions involve the risk that the price or yield obtained in a transaction (and therefore the value of a debt

obligation) may be less favorable than the price or yield (and therefore the value of a debt obligation) available in the market when the debt obligations delivery takes place. Failure of the other party to consummate the trade may result in a Fund incurring a loss or missing an opportunity to obtain a price considered to be advantageous. If deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy, a Fund may dispose of or renegotiate a commitment after it is entered into, and may sell debt obligations it has committed to purchase before those debt obligations are delivered to the Fund on the settlement date. In these cases, a Fund may realize capital gains or losses.

### *Recent Market Events*

In response to the financial crisis that began in 2008, the Federal Reserve has taken extraordinary steps to support financial markets and the U.S. economy, including various bond buying or quantitative easing (QE) programs as well as maintaining their policy interest rate at historically low levels. More recently, the Federal Reserve has ended its QE bond buying program and many market participants believe it is on a path to raise its policy rate, the overnight Federal Funds rate. There is uncertainty regarding how the financial markets will react to these changes and, as a result, the markets remain in an elevated risk environment. There is the potential that these changes could negatively affect financial markets and generate higher interest rates, increased market volatility and reduced value and liquidity of certain securities. As a result, many of the above risks may be increased. Continuing market problems may have adverse effects on the Funds. The Advisor will monitor developments and seek to manage the Funds in a manner consistent with achieving the Funds' investment objectives, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

The Funds cannot guarantee that they will achieve their respective investment objectives.

## **Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policy**

A description of the Funds' policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Funds' portfolio holdings is available in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") and on the Company's website at [www.bairdfunds.com](http://www.bairdfunds.com).

## **Note Regarding Percentage Limitations**

Whenever an investment objective, policy or strategy of the Funds set forth in this Prospectus or the Funds' SAI states a maximum (or minimum) percentage of the Funds' assets that may be invested in any type of security or asset class, the percentage is determined immediately after a Fund's acquisition of that investment, except with respect to percentage limitations on temporary borrowing and illiquid investments. Accordingly, any later increase or decrease resulting from a change in the market value of a security or in a Fund's assets (e.g., due to net sales or redemptions of Fund shares) will not cause the Fund to violate a percentage limitation. As a result, due to market fluctuations, cash inflows or outflows or other factors, the Funds may exceed such percentage limitations from time to time.



## Who May Want to Invest in the Funds

The Funds may be appropriate for investors who:

- Are looking for income that is exempt from federal income tax.
- Want to earn income on investments generally considered more stable than stocks;
- Are looking for a fixed-income component to their portfolio;
- Are willing to assume the risk of investing in fixed-income debt obligations;
- Wish to invest for the long-term; and
- Have long-term goals such as planning for retirement.

The Funds are not appropriate investments for tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts (“IRAs”), because each Fund’s returns before taxes are generally lower than those of taxable funds.

Before investing in a Fund, you should carefully consider:

- Your investment goals;
- The amount of time you are willing to leave your money invested; and
- The amount of risk you are willing to take.

## Management of the Funds

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### The Advisor

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, subject to the general supervision of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”), is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds in accordance with each Fund’s respective investment objective and policies. This includes making investment decisions, and buying and selling securities. Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Company and the Advisor, for its services the Advisor receives an annual fee of 0.25% of each Fund’s average daily net assets. The advisory fee is accrued daily and paid monthly.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board’s approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement for the Funds will be available in the Funds’ first semi-annual or annual report.

Under a separate Administration Agreement with the Advisor, each Fund pays the Advisor a fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of its average daily net assets to serve as administrator. As administrator, the Advisor assumes and pays all expenses of each Fund, excluding management fees, borrowing costs, commissions and other costs directly related to portfolio securities transactions and extraordinary or non-recurring expenses. In this way, the Advisor is able to control or limit the Funds’ operating expenses.

The Advisor was founded in 1919 and has its main office at 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. The Advisor provides investment management services for individuals and institutional clients including pension and profit sharing plans. As of July 31, 2015, the Advisor had approximately \$34.6 billion in assets under discretionary management.

## The Investment Management Team

The individuals listed below are members of the Advisor's investment management team that manages each Fund's investments. All team members are equally responsible for the day-to-day management of the Funds and work together to develop investment strategies and select securities for the Funds. The investment management team is supported by a staff of research analysts, traders and other investment professionals.

The Funds' SAI provides additional information about the members of the investment management team, including other accounts they manage, their ownership of Fund shares and their compensation.

### *Duane A. McAllister, CFA*

Mr. McAllister is a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager of the Advisor. Mr. McAllister oversees the entire investment management team. He has over 25 years of investment experience managing fixed income portfolios, with a primary focus on the municipal market. Mr. McAllister joined Baird Advisors in May 2015. Prior to joining Baird Advisors, Mr. McAllister was a Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager at BMO Asset Management Corp. and its predecessor firm (July 2007 to May 2015) where he was the lead portfolio manager for tax-free fixed income strategies. His responsibilities include setting and implementing investment strategy with a major portion of his time allocated to municipal portfolio management and credit research. Mr. McAllister received his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and was awarded the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1991.

### *Erik R. Schleicher*

Mr. Schleicher is a Vice President and Portfolio Manager of the Advisor. Mr. Schleicher has over 10 years of investment experience. Mr. Schleicher joined Baird Advisors in May 2015. Prior to joining Baird Advisors, Mr. Schleicher was a portfolio manager with BMO Asset Management Corp. and its predecessor firm (June 2008 to May 2015) where he was responsible for managing tax-free fixed income strategies and credit research. His responsibilities include setting and implementing investment strategy with a major portion of his time allocated to municipal portfolio management and credit research. Mr. Schleicher received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and his MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

### *Joseph J. Czechowicz*

Mr. Czechowicz is a Vice President and Portfolio Manager of the Advisor. Mr. Czechowicz has over 8 years of investment experience. Mr. Czechowicz joined Baird Advisors in May 2015. Prior to joining Baird Advisors, Mr. Czechowicz held positions

including analyst intern (May 2010 to May 2011) and analyst and portfolio manager (May 2011 to May 2015) with BMO Asset Management Corp. and its predecessor firm, where he was responsible for managing tax-free fixed income strategies and credit research. His responsibilities include setting and implementing investment strategy with a major portion of his time allocated to municipal portfolio management and credit research. Mr. Czechowicz received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside and his MBA with a concentration in Applied Security Analysis from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Historical Performance Information for Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite

The following table sets forth the historical composite performance data for all advisory accounts that have investment objectives, policies, strategies and risks substantially similar to those of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund (the “Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite”). The Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite accounts were managed by Duane A. McAllister and Erik R. Schleicher, two of the members of the portfolio management team of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund, while Mr. McAllister and Mr. Schleicher were employed by the Advisor (May 2015 to present) and BMO Asset Management Corp. and its predecessor firm (July 2007 to May 2015 and June 2008 to May 2015, respectively). The Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite includes all discretionary fee-paying accounts that are fully invested in the short-term municipal bond investment strategy including an account of a registered investment company no longer managed by the portfolio managers.

PERFORMANCE OF THE SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL BOND COMPOSITE IS HISTORICAL AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THE SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL BOND FUND OR THE ADVISOR.

Although the accounts included in the Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite are subject to expenses that are equal to or greater than the estimated total expenses for Institutional Class shares of the Fund, Composite expenses are lower than the estimated total expenses for Investor Class shares. Accordingly, if the expenses of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund’s Investor Class had been deducted, the returns would be lower than those shown below. All returns presented were calculated on a total return basis and include all dividend and interest, accrued income, and realized and unrealized gains and losses and are net of all fees and expenses, including transaction costs. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date and accrual accounting is utilized. Cash and cash equivalents are included in performance returns. The performance presented for the period November 29, 2012 through May 17, 2015 represents the performance of a class of a registered investment company portfolio managed by Mr. McAllister and Mr. Schleicher while employed by another advisory firm and is calculated in accordance with the SEC’s standardized average annual total return methodology. The performance presented for the period May 18, 2015 through June 30, 2015 represents the performance of a separate account managed by the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund’s

portfolio management team while employed by the Advisor and is calculated on a time-weighted and asset-weighted basis. The performance of the separate account is not calculated in accordance with the SEC's standardized average annual total return methodology, which is neither time weighted nor asset weighted. In addition, the separate account is not subject to all of the diversification requirements, tax restrictions or investment limitations imposed on the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Consequently, the performance results of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite could have been adversely affected if all of the accounts had been regulated under the federal securities and tax laws.

The investment results of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite are unaudited and are not intended to predict or suggest the future returns of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund.

**Short-Term Municipal Bond Accounts**  
**Managed by Duane A. McAllister and Erik R. Schleicher**

Periods ended 6/30/15	<u>Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Barclays Short (1-5 Year) Municipal Index<sup>(2)</sup></u>
1 Year	2.02%	0.66%
Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>	2.29%	1.03%

- (1) The Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite began on November 29, 2012. The Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite represents the performance of the institutional class of a portfolio of a registered investment company that Duane A. McAllister and Erik R. Schleicher solely managed while they were at BMO Asset Management Corp. through May 2015 and a short-term municipal bond separate account they have managed along with Joseph J. Czechowicz at the Advisor from May 2015 to the present, without a break in performance. The institutional class of the registered investment company portfolio was subject to a net expense ratio of 0.40% and the separate account is subject to net expenses of 0.30%. For the periods for which performance is provided, the respective portfolio managers had sole responsibility for managing the accounts included in the Short-Term Municipal Bond Composite. Mr. Czechowicz, the third member of the portfolio management team of the Short-Term Municipal Bond Fund, has been employed by the Advisor (May 2015 to present) and was previously employed at BMO Asset Management Corp. and its predecessor firm (May 2007 to August 2009 and June 2010 to May 2015) and supported Mr. McAllister and Mr. Schleicher on the short-term municipal bond strategy, including the registered investment company portfolio included in the Composite. Mr. Czechowicz is a portfolio manager of the separate account that is included in the Composite.
- (2) The Barclays Short (1-5 Year) Municipal Index includes investment-grade tax-exempt bonds that are issued by state and local governments and have maturities of 1 to 5 years.

# Financial Highlights

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Because the Funds recently commenced operations, there are no financial highlights available at this time.

## Your Account

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### Distribution of Shares

#### Distributor

The Advisor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, is also the distributor (the “Distributor”) for shares of the Funds and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

#### Rule 12b-1 Plan

The Funds have adopted a distribution and shareholder service plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Rule 12b-1 Plan”). Under the Rule 12b-1 Plan, Investor Class shares pay the Distributor a fee at an annual rate of 0.25% of their average daily net asset value. The Distributor uses this fee primarily to finance activities that promote the sale of Investor Class shares. Such activities include, but are not necessarily limited to, compensating brokers, dealers, financial intermediaries and sales personnel for distribution and shareholder services, printing and mailing prospectuses to persons other than current shareholders, printing and mailing sales literature, and advertising. Because 12b-1 fees are ongoing, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

#### Sales and Networking Programs

The Distributor has established a referral program pursuant to which it may pay cash compensation to its sales personnel for sales of Institutional Class shares of the Funds. Compensation paid to participants in this program for sales of Institutional Class shares of the Funds may be more or less than compensation they receive for sales of shares of other investment companies. These payments may influence the Distributor’s sales personnel to recommend the Institutional Class shares of the Funds over another investment. The Distributor will pay compensation under the referral program out of its own resources. Accordingly, the referral program will not affect the price an investor will pay for Institutional Class shares of the Funds. Please see “Fees and Expenses of the Funds” for information about the Funds’ fees and expenses.

From time to time, the Distributor may also pay brokers, dealers or other financial intermediaries for the provision of certain marketing support and administrative, shareholder and other services on behalf of their clients who are Fund shareholders, including the distribution and marketing of the Funds. Any such payments will be

made from the Distributor's own resources and will not increase costs to the Funds. The payments to these firms may vary based on the types of services provided, the level of sales activity and amount of their clients' assets invested in the Funds. These payments may influence the broker, dealer or intermediary to recommend a particular Fund, or a particular class of Fund shares, over another investment. The Distributor may be reimbursed for such payments, if permissible, under the Funds' Rule 12b-1 Plan.

## Description of Classes

Each Fund offers two classes of shares - Investor Class and Institutional Class. The classes differ with respect to their minimum investments. In addition, expenses of the classes differ. Investor Class shares impose a Rule 12b-1 fee that is assessed against the assets of a Fund attributable to that class.

The Distributor may select financial institutions, such as banks, fiduciaries, custodians, investment advisers and broker-dealers, as agents to provide sales or administrative services for their clients or customers who beneficially own Investor Class shares. Financial institutions will receive 12b-1 fees from the Distributor based upon shares owned by their clients or customers. The Distributor will determine the schedule of such fees and the basis upon which such fees will be paid.

## Share Price

Shares of each class in a Fund are sold at their net asset value ("NAV"). Shares may be purchased or redeemed on days the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open. The NYSE is closed most national holidays and Good Friday.

The NAV for each class of shares of a Fund is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 3:00 p.m., Central time) Monday through Friday, except on days the NYSE is not open. If the NYSE closes early, the Fund will calculate the NAV at the closing time on that day, or if an emergency exists as permitted by the SEC, NAV may be calculated at a different time.

The NAV for a class of shares is determined by adding the value of each Fund's investments, cash and other assets attributable to a particular share class, subtracting the liabilities attributable to that class and then dividing the result by the total number of shares outstanding in the class.

Each Fund's investments are valued at market value when market quotations are readily available or otherwise at fair value in accordance with pricing and valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board of Directors. The valuation committee of the Advisor is responsible for fair value determinations, subject to the ultimate supervision of the Board of Directors. In general, the "fair value" of a security means the amount that a Fund might reasonably expect to receive for the security upon its current sale. Pursuant to Accounting Standards Codification 820, "fair value" means "the price that

would be received to sell [a security] in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.”

Under the Funds’ pricing and valuation policies and procedures, debt securities are generally valued using prices provided by an independent pricing service, which uses valuation methods that are designed to approximate market or fair value, such as matrix pricing and other analytical pricing models, market transactions and dealer quotations. Debt securities purchased with a remaining maturity of 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost or fair value if a market price is not available. In some cases, prices may be provided by alternative pricing services or dealers. Mutual fund shares are valued at their last calculated NAV. If market quotes are not readily available for a security held by a Fund, the Advisor cannot obtain a price from a pricing service or a dealer, or if the Advisor believes the price provided by the pricing service does not represent “fair value” for the security, the security is valued at “fair value” by the Advisor. In determining fair value, the Advisor applies valuation methods approved by the Board and takes into account all relevant factors and available information. Consequently, the value of the security used by a Fund to calculate its NAV may differ from a quoted or published price for the same security. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

## Buying Shares

### Minimum Investments

	<i>Initial Purchase</i>	<i>Subsequent Purchases</i>
Investor Class Shares	\$1,000 – IRAs	\$100
	\$2,500 – all other accounts	\$100
Institutional Class Shares	\$25,000 – all account types	No minimum

#### *Minimum Investment Reductions – Institutional Class Shares*

The minimum initial investment amount for Institutional Class shares is waived for all employees, directors and officers of the Advisor or the Funds and members of their families (including parents, grandparents, siblings, spouses, children and in-laws of such employees, directors and officers). It is also waived for clients of the Advisor who acquire shares of a Fund made available through a mutual fund asset allocation program offered by the Advisor. Also, the minimum initial investment amount for Institutional Class shares may be waived or reduced at the discretion of the Distributor, including waivers or reductions for purchases made through certain registered investment advisers and qualified third-party platforms.

## Timing of Requests

Shares may only be purchased on days when the NYSE is open for business. Your price per share will be the NAV next computed after your request is received in good order by the Fund or its agents. All requests received in good order before the close of regular trading on the NYSE will be executed at the NAV computed on that day. Requests received after the close of regular trading on the NYSE will receive the next business day's NAV.

When making a purchase request, make sure your request is in good order. "Good order" means your purchase request includes:

- The name of the Fund;
- The dollar amount of shares to be purchased;
- Purchase application or investment stub; and
- Check payable to Baird Funds or, if paying by wire, receipt of Federal Funds.

## Receipt of Orders

The Funds may authorize one or more broker-dealers to accept on their behalf purchase and redemption orders that are in good order. In addition, these broker-dealers may designate other financial intermediaries to accept purchase and redemption orders on a Fund's behalf. Contracts with these agents require the agents to track the time that purchase and redemption orders are received. Purchase and redemption orders must be received by the Funds or their authorized intermediaries before the close of regular trading on the NYSE to receive that day's share price.

## Customer Identification Procedures

The Company, on behalf of each Fund, is required to comply with various anti-money laundering laws and regulations. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, Federal law requires all financial institutions, including mutual funds, to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person who opens an account.

In compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act, please note that U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, the Company's transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"), will verify certain information on your account application as part of the Funds' Anti-Money Laundering Program. As requested on the account application, you should supply your full name, date of birth, social security number and permanent street address. Mailing addresses containing only a P.O. Box will not be accepted. If you require assistance when completing your application, please call (toll free) 1-866-44BAIRD.

If the Company or the Transfer Agent does not have a reasonable belief of the identity of a shareholder, the initial purchase will be rejected or the shareholder will not be allowed to perform a transaction on the account until such information is received. The Funds also reserve the right to close the account within five business days if clarifying information and/or documentation is not received. The shareholder will be notified of a rejected purchase order or account closure within five business days. Any delay in processing your order will affect the purchase price you receive for your shares. The Company, the Distributor and the Transfer Agent are not liable for fluctuations in NAV experienced as a result of such delays in processing. If at any time the Company or the Transfer Agent detects suspicious behavior or if certain account information matches government lists of suspicious persons, the Company or the Transfer Agent may



determine not to open an account, may reject additional purchases, may close an existing account, may file a suspicious activity report and/or may take other action.

The Funds may not be sold to investors residing outside the U.S. and its territories, except upon evidence of compliance with the laws of the applicable foreign jurisdictions.

The Company has appointed an anti-money laundering compliance officer to oversee the implementation of the Company's anti-money laundering program.

## Market Timing Policy

Depending on various factors (including the size of the Fund, the amount of assets the Advisor typically maintains in cash or cash equivalents, and the dollar amount, number and frequency of trades), short-term or excessive trading into and out of the Funds, generally known as market timing, may harm all shareholders by: disrupting investment strategies; increasing brokerage, administrative and other expenses; decreasing tax efficiency; diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders; and impacting Fund performance. The Board has approved policies that seek to discourage frequent purchases and redemptions and curb the disruptive effects of market timing (the "Market Timing Policy"). Pursuant to the Market Timing Policy, the Funds may decline to accept an application or may reject a purchase request, including an exchange, from a market timer or an investor who, in the Advisor's sole discretion, has a pattern of short-term or excessive trading or whose trading has been or may be disruptive to the Funds. For these purposes, the Advisor may consider an investor's trading history in the Funds or other Baird Funds. The Funds, the Advisor and affiliates thereof are prohibited from entering into arrangements with any shareholder or other person to permit frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares.

The Company monitors and enforces its market timing policy through:

- Regular reports to the Board by the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer regarding any instances of suspected market timing;
- Monitoring of trade activity; and
- Restrictions and prohibitions on purchases and/or exchanges by persons believed to engage in frequent trading activity.

In addition, if market timing is detected in an omnibus account held by a financial intermediary, the Funds may request that the intermediary restrict or prohibit further purchases or exchanges of Fund shares by any shareholder that has been identified as having violated the Market Timing Policy. The Funds may also request that the intermediary provide identifying information, such as social security numbers, and trading information about the underlying shareholders in the account in order to review any unusual patterns of trading activity discovered in the omnibus account.

While the Funds seek to take action that will detect and deter market timing, the risks of market timing cannot be completely eliminated. For example, the Funds may not be able to identify or reasonably detect or deter market timing transactions that may be facilitated by financial intermediaries or made difficult to identify through the use of

omnibus accounts by those intermediaries that transmit purchase, exchange, or redemption orders to the Funds on behalf of their customers who are the beneficial owners. More specifically, unless the financial intermediaries have the ability to detect and deter market timing transactions themselves, the Funds may not be able to determine whether the purchase or sale is connected with a market timing transaction. Additionally, there can be no assurance that the systems and procedures of the Transfer Agent will be able to monitor all trading activity in a manner that would detect market timing. However, the Funds, the Advisor, the Distributor and the Transfer Agent will attempt to detect and deter market timing in transactions by all Fund investors, whether directly through the Transfer Agent or through financial intermediaries.

## Householding

In an effort to decrease costs, the Funds intend to reduce the number of duplicate prospectuses and annual and semi-annual reports you receive by sending only one copy of each to those addresses shared by two or more accounts and to shareholders we reasonably believe are from the same family or household. Once implemented, if you would like to discontinue householding for your accounts, please call the Funds toll-free at 1-866-44BAIRD to request individual copies of these documents. Once the Funds receive notice to stop householding, we will begin sending individual copies 30 days after receiving your request. This policy does not apply to account statements.

## Methods of Buying

	<i>To Open an Account</i>	<i>To Add to an Account</i>
By Telephone	You may not use the telephone purchase option for your initial purchase of a Fund's shares. However, you may call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to open a new account by requesting an exchange into another Baird Fund. See "Exchanging Shares."	After your account has been open for 15 days, you may call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to place your order for Fund shares. Money will then be moved from your bank account to your Fund account upon request. Only bank accounts held at domestic institutions that are Automated Clearing House ("ACH") members may be used for telephone transactions. The minimum telephone purchase is \$100.

	<i>To Open an Account</i>	<i>To Add to an Account</i>
By Mail	<p>Make your check payable to “Baird Funds.” All checks must be in U.S. dollars drawn on a U.S. financial institution. Forward the check and your application to the address below. To prevent fraud, the Funds will not accept cash, money orders, third party checks, traveler’s checks, credit card checks, starter checks or U.S. Treasury checks for the purchase of shares. If your check is returned for any reason, a \$25 fee will be assessed against your account and you will be responsible for any loss incurred by the Fund(s). The Funds are unable to accept post-dated checks or any conditional order or payment.</p>	<p>Fill out the investment stub from an account statement, or indicate the Fund name and account number on your check. Make your check payable to “Baird Funds.” Forward the check and stub to the address below.</p>
By Federal Funds Wire	<p>Forward your application to Baird Funds at the address below. Call (toll-free) 1-866-44BAIRD to obtain an account number. Wire funds using the instructions to the right.</p>	<p>Notify the Funds of an incoming wire by calling (toll-free) 1-866-44BAIRD. Use the following instructions:  U.S. Bank, N.A.  777 E. Wisconsin Ave.  Milwaukee, WI 53202  ABA#: 075000022  Credit:  U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC  Account #: 112-952-137  Further Credit:  (name of Fund, share class)  (name/title on the account)  (account #)</p> <p>Wired funds must be received prior to 3:00 pm Central time to be eligible for same day pricing. The Funds, the Advisor and the Transfer Agent are not responsible for the consequences of delays resulting from the banking or Federal Reserve Wire system, or from incomplete wiring instructions.</p>

	<i>To Open an Account</i>	<i>To Add to an Account</i>
Automatic Investment Plan	Open a Fund account with one of the other methods. If by mail, be sure to include your checking account number on the appropriate section of your application and enclose a voided check or deposit slip with your initial purchase application.	Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD for instructions on how to set up an Automatic Investment Plan if you did not select the option on your original application. Regular automatic investments (minimum of \$100) will be taken from your checking account on a monthly basis. If you do not have sufficient funds in your account or if your account is closed at the time of the automatic transaction, you will be assessed a \$25 fee.
Through Shareholder Service Organizations	To purchase shares for another investor, call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD.	To purchase shares for another investor, call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD.
By Exchange	Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to obtain exchange information. See “Exchanging Shares.”	Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to obtain exchange information. See “Exchanging Shares.”

You should use the following addresses when sending documents by mail or by overnight delivery:

By Mail

Baird Funds, Inc.  
c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC  
P.O. Box 701  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-0701

By Overnight Delivery

Baird Funds, Inc.  
c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC  
615 E. Michigan Street, Third Floor  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

**NOTE: The Funds and the Transfer Agent do not consider the U.S. Postal Service or other independent delivery services to be their agents. Therefore, deposit in the mail or with such services, or receipt at the Transfer Agent’s post office box, of purchase orders or redemption requests does not constitute receipt by the Transfer Agent.**

## Selling Shares

### Methods of Selling

	<i>To Sell Some or All of Your Shares</i>
By Telephone	Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to place the order. (Note: for security reasons, requests by telephone will be recorded.) Telephone redemptions involving \$50,000 or more of Investor Class shares are not permitted.

### *To Sell Some or All of Your Shares*

By Mail	Send a letter to the Funds that indicates the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to redeem. The letter should contain the Fund's name, the account number and the number of shares or the dollar amount of shares to be redeemed. Be sure to have all shareholders sign the letter and, if necessary, have the signature guaranteed. For IRA accounts, requests submitted without an election regarding tax withholding will be subject to tax withholding.
Systematic Withdrawal Plan	The Funds offer shareholders a Systematic Withdrawal Plan. Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to obtain information on how to arrange for regular monthly or quarterly fixed withdrawal payments. The minimum payment you may receive is \$50 per period. Note that this plan may deplete your investment and affect your income or yield.
Shareholder Service Organization	Consult your account agreement for information on redeeming shares.
By Exchange	Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to obtain exchange information. See "Exchanging Shares" for further information.

## Payment of Redemption Proceeds

You may request redemption of your shares at any time. Shares may be redeemed on days the NYSE is open. The NYSE is closed most national holidays and Good Friday. Your shares will be redeemed at the next NAV per share calculated after your order is received in good order by a Fund or its agents. All requests received in good order before the close of regular trading on the NYSE will be executed at the NAV computed on that day. Requests received after the close of regular trading on the NYSE will receive the next business day's NAV. You may receive the proceeds in one of three ways:

- 1) A check mailed to your account's address. Your proceeds will typically be sent on the business day following the day on which the Fund or its agent receives your request in good order. Checks will not be forwarded by the U.S. Postal Service, so please notify us if your address has changed prior to a redemption request. A redemption request made within 15 days of an address change will require a signature guarantee. Proceeds will be sent to you in this way, unless you request one of the alternatives described below.
- 2) The proceeds transmitted by Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") to a properly pre-authorized bank account. The proceeds usually will arrive at your bank two banking days after we process your redemption.
- 3) The proceeds transmitted by wire to a pre-authorized bank account for a \$15 fee. This fee will be deducted from your redemption proceeds for complete redemptions. In the case of a partial redemption, the fee will be deducted from the

When making a redemption request, make sure your request is in good order. "Good order" means your letter of instruction includes:

- The name of the Fund;
- The number of shares or the dollar amount of shares to be redeemed;
- Signatures of all registered shareholders exactly as the shares are registered and, if necessary, with a signature guarantee; and
- The account number.

remaining account balance. The fee is paid to the Transfer Agent to cover costs associated with the transfer. The Advisor reserves the right to waive the wire fee in limited circumstances. The proceeds usually will arrive at your bank the first banking day after we process your redemption. Be sure to have all necessary information from your bank. Your bank may charge a fee to receive wired funds.

Before selling recently purchased shares, please note that if the Transfer Agent has not yet collected payment for the shares you are selling, there may be a delay in sending the proceeds until the payment is collected, which may take up to 12 calendar days from the purchase date. This procedure is intended to protect the Funds and their shareholders from loss.

The Transfer Agent will send redemption proceeds by wire or EFT only to the bank and account designated on the account application or in written instructions (with signatures guaranteed) subsequently received by the Transfer Agent, and only if the bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System. If the dollar or share amount requested to be redeemed is greater than the current value of your account, your entire account balance will be redeemed. If you choose to redeem your account in full, any Automatic Investment Plan currently in effect for the account will be terminated unless you indicate otherwise in writing and any Systematic Withdrawal Plan will be terminated.

## Signature Guarantees

The Transfer Agent may require a signature guarantee for certain redemption requests. A signature guarantee ensures that your signature is genuine and protects you from unauthorized account redemptions. A signature guarantee, from either a Medallion program member or a non-Medallion program member, or other acceptable signature verification of each owner is required to redeem shares in the following situations:

- If you are requesting a change in ownership on your account;
- When redemption proceeds are payable or sent to any person, address or bank account not on record;
- If a change of address request has been received by the Transfer Agent within the last 15 calendar days; and
- For all redemptions of Investor Class shares totaling \$50,000 or more from any shareholder account.

Non-financial transactions including establishing or modifying certain services on an account may require a signature guarantee, signature verification from a Signature Validation Program member, or other acceptable form of authentication from a financial institution.

Signature guarantees are designed to protect both you and the Funds from fraud. Signature guarantees can be obtained from most banks, credit unions or saving associations, or from broker-dealers, national securities exchanges, registered securities exchanges or clearing agencies deemed eligible by the SEC. Notaries cannot provide signature guarantees.

The Funds and/or the Transfer Agent may also require a signature guarantee or other acceptable signature authentication in other instances based on the circumstances relative to the particular situation.

## Corporate, Trust and Other Accounts

Redemption requests from corporate, trust and institutional accounts, and executors, administrators and guardians, require documents in addition to those described above evidencing the authority of the officers, trustees or others. In order to avoid delays in processing redemption requests for these accounts, you should call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD before making the redemption request to determine what additional documents are required.

## Transfer of Ownership

In order to change the account registrant or transfer ownership of an account, additional documents will be required. To avoid delays in processing these requests, you should call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD before making your request to determine what additional documents are required.

## Exchanging Shares

You may exchange all or a portion of your investment from the same class of one Baird Fund to another Baird Fund. You may also exchange between classes of a Fund or other Baird Funds if you meet the minimum investment requirements for the class into which you would like to exchange. Any new account established through an exchange will be subject to the minimum investment requirements applicable to the shares acquired. Exchanges will be executed on the basis of the relative NAV of the shares exchanged. The exchange privilege may be exercised only in those states where the class of shares of the Fund being acquired legally may be sold.

An exchange from one Baird Fund to another Baird Fund is considered to be a sale of shares for federal income tax purposes on which you may realize a taxable capital gain or loss unless you are a tax-exempt investor or hold your shares through a tax-deferred account such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA. A conversion from shares of one class to shares of a different class within the same Baird Fund is generally not a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes.

Call the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD to learn more about exchanges and other Baird Funds.

### More Information about the Exchange Privilege

The Funds are intended as long-term investment vehicles and not to provide a means of speculating on short-term market movements. In addition, excessive trading can hurt a Fund's performance and shareholders. Therefore, each Fund may terminate, without notice, the exchange privilege of any shareholder who uses the exchange privilege excessively. See "Your Account—Buying Shares—Market Timing Policy." The Funds may change or temporarily suspend the exchange privilege during unusual market conditions.

## General Transaction Policies

The Funds reserve the right to:

- Vary or waive any minimum investment requirement.
- Refuse, change, discontinue, or temporarily suspend account services, including purchase, exchange, or telephone redemption privileges, for any reason.
- Reject any purchase or the purchase side of an exchange request for any reason. Generally, a Fund does this if the purchase or exchange is disruptive to the efficient management of the Fund (due to the timing of the investment or a shareholder's history of excessive trading).
- Reinvest a distribution check in your account at a Fund's then-current NAV and reinvest all subsequent distributions if you elect to receive distributions in cash and the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver your check, or if a distribution check remains uncashed for six months.
- Redeem all shares in your account if your balance falls below the Fund's minimum initial purchase amount for the applicable class of shares. If, within 60 days of a Fund's written request, you have not increased your account balance, you may be required to redeem your shares. The Funds will not require you to redeem shares if the value of your account drops below the investment minimum due to fluctuations of NAV.
- Delay paying redemption proceeds for up to seven days after receiving a request.
- Modify or terminate the Automatic Investment and Systematic Withdrawal Plans at any time.
- Modify or terminate the exchange privilege after a 60-day written notice to shareholders.
- Make a "redemption in kind" (a payment in portfolio securities rather than cash) if the amount you are redeeming is in excess of the lesser of (i) \$250,000 or (ii) 1% of a Fund's assets. In such cases, you may incur brokerage costs in converting these securities to cash. The Funds expect that any redemptions in kind will be made with marketable securities. However, shareholders who receive a redemption in kind will bear market risk until they sell the securities. For federal income tax purposes, redemptions in kind are taxed in the same manner as redemptions made in cash.
- Reject any purchase or redemption request that does not contain all required documentation.

If you elect telephone privileges on the account application or in a letter to the Funds, you may be responsible for any fraudulent telephone orders as long as the Funds have taken reasonable precautions to verify your identity. If an account has more than one owner or authorized person, the Funds will accept telephone instructions from any one



owner or authorized person. In addition, once you place a telephone transaction request, it cannot be canceled or modified.

Telephone trades must be received by or prior to market close. During periods of significant economic or market change, shareholders may encounter higher than usual call waits and telephone transactions may be difficult to complete. Please allow sufficient time to place your telephone transaction. If you are unable to contact the Funds by telephone, you may also mail the requests to the Funds at the address listed under “Buying Shares.”

Your broker-dealer or other financial organization may establish policies that differ from those of the Funds. For example, the organization may charge transaction fees, set higher minimum investments, or impose certain limitations on buying or selling shares in addition to those identified in this prospectus. Contact your broker-dealer or other financial organization for details.

*Inactive Accounts.* Your mutual fund account may be transferred to your state of residence if no activity occurs within your account during the “inactivity period” specified in your state’s abandoned property laws. If the Funds are unable to locate the investor, then they will determine whether the investor’s account can legally be considered abandoned. The Funds are legally obligated to escheat (or transfer) abandoned property to the appropriate state’s unclaimed property administrator in accordance with statutory requirements. The investor’s last known address of record determines which state has jurisdiction.

## Distributions and Taxes

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### Distributions

Each Fund makes distributions to its shareholders from the Fund’s net investment income and any realized net capital gain.

Distributions from a Fund’s net investment income are declared and paid monthly. Net capital gain, if any, is generally distributed annually. It is expected that each Fund’s distributions will be primarily distributions of net investment income.

Each share class determines its net investment income and net capital gain distributions in the same manner. However, because Investor Class shares have Rule 12b-1 distribution fees, distributions of net investment income paid to Investor Class shareholders will be lower per share than those paid to Institutional Class shareholders.

All of your distributions from a Fund’s net investment income and net capital gain will be reinvested in additional shares of the same class of that Fund unless you instruct otherwise on your account application or have redeemed all shares you held in the Fund.

### Tax-Exempt Distributions

The Funds intend to make distributions of interest earned on qualifying municipal obligations that generate interest that is exempt from the regular federal income tax and the federal AMT. However, each Fund may invest a portion of its assets in securities that generate income that is not exempt from federal income tax or the federal AMT. Income exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state and local income tax. You may also be subject to tax on distributions of any net capital gain made by the Funds. The federal income tax status of all distributions made by the Funds for the preceding year will be reported annually to shareholders.

### Taxable Distributions

Taxable distributions from interest earned on securities held by Funds and distributions of net capital gain are taxable regardless of whether the distributions are received in cash or reinvested in Fund shares unless you are a tax-exempt investor or hold your shares through a tax-deferred account such as a 401(k) plan or IRA. Distributions of a Fund's investment company taxable income (which includes dividends, taxable interest, net short-term capital gain and net gain from foreign currency transactions), if any, generally are taxable to the Fund's shareholders as ordinary income (for non-corporate shareholders, currently taxed at a maximum rate of 39.6%). Distributions from these Funds may not be subject to federal income tax if you are a tax-exempt investor or are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA, in which case you may be subject to federal income tax upon withdrawal of money from such tax-deferred arrangements.

For non-corporate shareholders, distributions of a Fund's net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) will generally be taxable as long-term capital gains (currently taxed at a maximum rate of 20%) whether reinvested in additional Fund shares or received in cash and regardless of the length of time that a shareholder has owned Fund shares.

Any distribution declared by a Fund in October, November or December, but paid during January of the following year, is taxable as if received on December 31 of the year such distribution was declared.

If the value of shares is reduced below a shareholder's cost basis as a result of a distribution by a Fund, the distribution will be taxable even though it, in effect, represents a return of invested capital. Investors considering buying shares just prior to a distribution of a Fund's investment company taxable income or net capital gain should be aware that, although the price of shares purchased at that time may reflect the amount of the forthcoming distribution, those who purchase just prior to the record date for a distribution may receive a distribution which will be taxable to them.

Certain individuals, trusts, and estates may be subject to a Medicare tax of 3.8% (in addition to regular income tax). The Medicare tax is imposed on the lesser of (i) a

taxpayer's investment income (which excludes tax-exempt distributions from the Funds), net of deductions properly allocable to such income or (ii) the amount by which the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds (\$250,000 for married individuals filing jointly, \$200,000 for unmarried individuals and \$125,000 for married individuals filing separately). Each Fund's distributions (except for tax-exempt distributions) are includable in a shareholder's investment income for purposes of this Medicare tax. In addition, any capital gain realized by a shareholder upon a sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares is includable in the shareholder's investment income for purposes of this Medicare tax.

The federal income tax status of all distributions made by each Fund for the preceding year will be reported to shareholders annually. Distributions made by the Funds may also be subject to state and local taxes. Please note that distributions of both investment company taxable income and net capital gain are taxable even if reinvested in additional Fund shares.

Shareholders who sell, exchange or redeem shares generally will have a capital gain or loss from the sale, exchange or redemption. The amount of the gain or loss and the rate of tax will depend mainly upon the amount paid for the shares, the amount received from the sale, exchange or redemption, and the length of time that the shares were held by a shareholder. Gain or loss realized upon a sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares will generally be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year, and, if held for one year or less, as short-term capital gain or loss. Any loss arising from the sale, exchange or redemption of shares held for six months or less, however, is treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of net capital gain received or deemed to be received with respect to such shares. Any loss arising from the sale, exchange or redemption of shares held for six months or less will be disallowed to the extent of any tax-exempt distributions received with respect to such shares. In determining the holding period of such shares for this purpose, any period during which your risk of loss is offset by means of options, short sales or similar transactions is not counted. If you purchase Fund shares (through reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within 30 days before or after selling, exchanging or redeeming shares of the same Fund at a loss, all or part of that loss will not be deductible and will instead increase the basis of the newly acquired shares to preserve the loss until a future sale, exchange or redemption.

Each Fund is required to report to certain shareholders and the IRS the cost basis of Fund shares acquired on or after January 1, 2012, when such shareholders subsequently sell, exchange or redeem those Fund shares. The Funds will determine cost basis using the average cost method unless you elect in writing (and not over the telephone) any alternate IRS-approved cost basis method. Please see the SAI for more information regarding cost basis reporting.

Additional tax information may be found in the SAI. Because everyone's tax situation is unique, always consult your tax professional about federal, state and local tax consequences of an investment in the Funds.

## **Taxable Investments**

Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in U.S. government and corporate bonds and other debt securities that are of the same quality as its investments in municipal bonds. These bonds produce income that is taxable for federal income tax purposes, unlike municipal bonds which generally provide income exempt from federal income tax.

## **If You Are Subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax**

Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in municipal obligations the interest from which is a tax preference item for purposes of the federal AMT. If you are subject to the federal AMT, a portion of a Fund's distributions to you may not be exempt from federal income tax. If this is the case, the Fund's net after-tax return to you may be lower.

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# BAIRD FUNDS, INC. PRIVACY POLICY

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Protecting the privacy of Fund shareholders is important to us. The following is a description of the practices and policies through which Baird Funds, Inc. protects the privacy and security of your non-public personal information.

## What Information We Collect

We collect and maintain information about you so that we can open and maintain your account in the Funds and provide various services to you. We may collect and maintain the following personal information about you:

- Information we receive from you or your financial advisor on account applications or other forms, correspondence, or conversations, such as your name, address, e-mail address, phone number, social security number, assets, income and date of birth; and
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others, such as your account number and balance, positions, activity, history, cost basis information, and other financial information.

## What Information We Disclose

We do not sell any non-public personal information about our current or former shareholders to third parties. We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our current or former shareholders to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We are permitted by law to share any of the information we collect, as described above, with our affiliates. In addition, we may share such information with nonaffiliated third parties to the extent necessary to effect, process, administer or enforce a transaction that the shareholder requests or authorizes, in connection with maintaining or servicing the shareholder's account, as requested by regulatory authorities or as otherwise permitted or required by law. For example, we are permitted by law to disclose all of the information we collect, as described above, to our transfer agent to process your transactions. We may also provide your name and address to third party service providers who send account statements and other Fund-related material to you.

## How We Protect Your Information

We restrict access to your non-public personal information to those persons who require such information to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to protect the confidentiality, integrity and security of your non-public personal information.

We will continue to adhere to the privacy policies and practices in this notice even after your account is closed or becomes inactive.

In the event that you hold shares of the Fund(s) through a financial intermediary, including, but not limited to, a broker-dealer, bank, or trust company, the privacy policy of your financial intermediary would govern how your non-public personal information would be shared with nonaffiliated third parties.

## For More Information

You can find more information about the Funds in the following documents:

### Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”)

The SAI contains details about the investments and techniques of the Funds and certain other additional information. A current SAI is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. This means that the SAI is legally considered a part of this prospectus even though it is not physically within this prospectus.

### Annual and Semi-Annual Reports

The Funds’ annual and semi-annual reports will provide information regarding the Funds’ financial reports and portfolio holdings. The annual report contains a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Funds’ performance during the Funds’ last fiscal year.

You can obtain a free copy of these documents, request other information, or make general inquiries about the Funds by calling the Funds (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD or by writing to:

Baird Funds, Inc.  
c/o U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC  
P.O. Box 701  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701

The Funds’ prospectus, SAI and the annual and semi-annual reports are also available, free of charge, on the Funds’ website at [www.bairdfunds.com](http://www.bairdfunds.com).

You may write to the SEC’s Public Reference Room at the regular mailing address or the e-mail address below and ask them to mail you information about the Funds, including the SAI. They will charge you a fee for this duplicating service. You can also visit the SEC’s Public Reference Room and review and copy documents while you are there. For more information about the operation of the SEC’s Public Reference Room, call the SEC at the telephone number below.

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