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BAIRD FUNDS, INC.
Statement of Additional Information

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus dated October 31, 2018 of the Baird Small/Mid Cap Growth Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund is a series of Baird Funds, Inc. (the “Company”). This SAI contains additional information about principal strategies and risks already described in the Prospectus, as well as descriptions of non-principal strategies not described in the Prospectus. Copies of the Fund’s Prospectus may be obtained, free of charge, by writing the Fund at 615 East Michigan Street, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201-0701, by calling (toll-free) 1-866-44BAIRD, or on the Fund’s website at www.bairdfunds.com. You should read this SAI together with the Prospectus and retain it for further reference.

A copy of the Fund’s Annual Report, when available, may be obtained without charge by calling the Fund (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD.

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BAIRD FUNDS, INC.

The Company is an open-end, diversified management investment company. The Fund is a series of common stock of the Company, a Wisconsin corporation that was incorporated on June 9, 2000. The Company is authorized to issue shares of common stock in series and classes. Each series of the Company is currently divided into two classes, an Investor Class and an Institutional Class. The Company also offers eight fixed income funds and five equity funds that are described in separate Prospectuses and SAIs.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

General Information Regarding the Fund

The investment advisor to the Fund is Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”).

As a principal investment strategy, the Fund primarily invests in common stocks of domestic companies with small to medium market capitalizations. The Fund may also invest in common or ordinary shares of foreign companies and American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) representing common or ordinary shares of foreign companies that are traded on U.S. exchanges. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may also invest in preferred stocks, exchange-traded funds and other investment companies, U.S. Government securities and money market instruments.

Note on Percentage Limitations

Whenever an investment objective, policy or strategy of the Fund set forth in the Fund’s Prospectus or this SAI states a maximum (or minimum) percentage of the Fund’s assets that may be invested in any type of security or asset class, the percentage is determined immediately after the 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 the 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 Fund may exceed such percentage limitations from time to time.

Sector Exposure and Industry Limitations

The Fund’s investments could be concentrated in one or more economic sectors. Similarly, it is also possible the Fund will have no exposure to one or more economic sectors. An economic sector refers to a large segment of the general economy and is comprised of multiple industries that operate in that segment. Under the Global Industry Classification Standards (“GICS”), an industry classification system developed by S&P in collaboration with Morgan Stanley Capital International Barra, there are 11 economic sectors that comprise nearly all business activity within the economy, including energy, materials, industrials, consumer discretionary, consumer staples, health care, financials, information technology, real estate, communication services and utilities. Within each economic sector, there are numerous industries and sub-industries. An industry is a group of companies that conduct similar business activities. The Fund will not purchase a security if, as a result, the Fund will have more than 25% of its total assets in a single industry.

Significant exposure to a particular economic sector will present the Fund with special risks associated with that sector. The performance of a particular sector may be vulnerable to general economic conditions, changes in prevailing interest rates, political developments, adverse laws and regulations and their enforcement, social and reputational changes, and the performance of industries and companies within the sector.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts (“REITs”). A REIT is a corporation or business trust (that would otherwise be taxed as a corporation) which meets the definitional requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). The Code permits a qualifying REIT to deduct its dividend payments from taxable income, thereby effectively eliminating corporate level federal income tax on any dividends paid. To meet the definitional requirements of the Code, a REIT must, among other things: invest substantially all of its assets in interests in real estate (including mortgages and other REITs), cash and government securities; derive most of its income from rents from real property or interest on loans secured by mortgages on real property; and, in general, distribute annually 90% or more of its taxable income (other than net capital gains) to shareholders.

REITs are sometimes informally characterized as Equity REITs and Mortgage REITs. An Equity REIT invests primarily in the fee ownership or leasehold ownership of land and buildings (*e.g.*, commercial equity REITs and residential equity REITs); a Mortgage REIT invests primarily in mortgages on real property, which may secure construction, development or long-term loans.

REITs may be affected by changes in underlying real estate values, which may have an exaggerated effect to the extent that REITs in which the Fund invests may concentrate investments in particular geographic regions or property types. Additionally, rising interest rates may cause investors in REITs to demand a higher annual yield from future distributions, which may in turn decrease market prices for equity securities issued by REITs. Rising interest rates also generally increase the costs of obtaining financing, which could cause the value of the Fund’s investments to decline. During periods of declining interest rates, certain Mortgage REITs may hold mortgages that the mortgagors elect to prepay, which prepayment may diminish the yield on securities issued by such Mortgage REITs. In addition, Mortgage REITs may be affected by the ability of borrowers to repay when due the debt extended by the REIT and Equity REITs may be affected by the ability of tenants to pay rent.

Certain REITs have relatively small market capitalization, which may tend to increase the volatility of the market price of securities issued by such REITs. Furthermore, REITs are dependent upon specialized management skills, have limited diversification and are, therefore, subject to risks inherent in operating and financing a limited number of projects. By investing in REITs indirectly through the Fund, a shareholder will bear not only his or her proportionate share of the expenses of the Fund, but also, indirectly, similar expenses of the REITs. REITs depend generally on their ability to generate cash flow to make distributions to shareholders.

In addition to these risks, Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, while Mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Further, Equity and Mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. Equity and Mortgage REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. In addition, Equity and Mortgage REITs could possibly fail to qualify for the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment generally available to REITs under the Code or fail to maintain their exemptions from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The above factors may also adversely affect a borrower’s or a lessee’s ability to meet its obligations to the REIT. In the event of default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments.

In general, qualified REIT dividends that an investor receives directly from a REIT are automatically eligible for the 20% qualified business income deduction. At this time, REIT dividends that an investor effectively receives indirectly through a regulated investment company that owns interests in a REIT do not qualify for the 20% qualified business income deduction. As a result, it may be less advantageous for an investor to hold interests in a REIT indirectly through a regulated investment company than it would be for the investor to directly invest in the underlying REIT.

ETFs, Other Investment Companies and Index-Based Investments

The Fund may invest in securities issued by other investment companies, including mutual funds, ETFs, and closed-end funds, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and any exemptive relief therefrom. Under the 1940 Act, a fund generally may not acquire (1) more than 3% of the voting stock of any one investment company, (2) securities of an investment company with a value in excess of 5% of the fund's total assets or (3) securities of all investment companies with a value in excess of 10% of the fund's total assets. A Fund may purchase shares of unaffiliated money market funds, ETFs and other mutual funds in excess of these limits as permitted by the 1940 Act and the "fund of funds" rules promulgated thereunder, and, if applicable, an SEC exemptive order. The Fund may invest in money market mutual funds when the stock markets are expected to decline or when attractive equity investments are otherwise unavailable. The Fund may acquire ETFs and other mutual funds as a means of investing cash temporarily in instruments consistent with the Fund's investment objective. The Fund and its affiliates may not hold more than 3% of an investment company's outstanding voting stock.

ETFs are investment companies that are bought and sold on a securities exchange. Each share of an ETF represents an undivided ownership interest in the portfolio of stocks held by an ETF. Investments in index-based investments are subject to the same risks as investments in the securities that comprise the index. Index-based, or "passive", ETFs acquire and hold either (i) shares of all of the companies that are represented by a particular index in the same proportion that is represented in the index itself; or (ii) shares of a sampling of the companies that are represented by a particular index in a proportion meant to track the performance of the entire index. Accordingly, the market price of index-based investments fluctuates in relation to changes in the value of the underlying portfolio of securities.

Index-based ETFs are intended to provide investment results that, before expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the ETF's underlying index, and the value of their shares should, under normal circumstances, closely track the value of the underlying index's component securities. ETFs generally do not buy or sell securities, except to the extent necessary to conform their portfolios to the corresponding index. Because an ETF has operating expenses and transaction costs, while an index does not, ETFs that track particular indices typically will be unable to match the performance of the index exactly.

In connection with its investment in ETF shares or shares of another investment company, the Fund will incur various costs. As a shareholder of another investment company, the Fund would bear, along with other shareholders, a pro-rata portion of the other investment company's expenses, including advisory fees, and such fees and other expenses will be borne indirectly by the Fund's shareholders. Generally, those fees include, but are not limited to, trustees' fees, operating expenses, licensing fees, registration fees and marketing expenses, each of which will be reflected in the net asset value of an investment company or ETF and, therefore, the shares representing a beneficial interest therein. These expenses would be in addition to the advisory and other expenses that the Fund bears directly in connection with its own operations. The Fund may also realize capital gains or losses when shares of the other investment company are sold, and the purchase and sale of the ETF shares may include a brokerage commission that may result in costs.

As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in investment companies or vehicles (such as ETFs) that seek to track the composition and performance of a specific index.

Securities Lending. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities to unaffiliated domestic broker-dealers and other institutional investors pursuant to agreements requiring that the loans be secured by collateral equal in value to at least the market value of the securities loaned. The Fund lends its portfolio securities to increase their return because of the interest and other income the Fund can earn from investing the collateral. During the term of such arrangements, the Fund will maintain such value by the daily marking-to-market of the collateral. Collateral for such loans may include cash, securities of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a bank which meets the investment standards stated below under “Money Market Instruments,” or any combination thereof. There may be risks of delay in receiving additional collateral or in recovering the securities loaned or even a loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. However, loans will be made only to borrowers deemed by the Advisor to be of good standing and when, in the Advisor’s judgment, the income to be earned from the loan justifies the attendant risks. When the Fund lends its securities, the Fund continues to receive interest or dividends on the securities loaned and may simultaneously earn interest on the investment of the cash collateral. The Fund will be responsible for the risks associated with the investment of cash collateral, including the risk that the Fund may lose money on the investment or may fail to earn sufficient income to meet its obligations to the borrower. Dividends received by the Fund on the loaned securities are not eligible for the reduced rates of federal income tax applicable to “qualified dividends.” Although voting rights, or rights to consent, attendant to securities on loan pass to the borrower, such loans may be called at any time and will be called so that the securities may be voted by the Fund if a material event affecting the investment is to occur.

The Fund has policies and procedures designed to ensure that securities are loaned only to qualified borrowers, that investments of the cash collateral are consistent with applicable guidelines, that the amount of cash collateral received is at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan (which are marked to market on a daily basis), and that the loans can be called on demand. The Fund does not currently engage in securities lending, but may do so in the future.

Money Market Instruments. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest from time to time in “money market instruments,” a term that includes, among other things, U.S. government obligations, repurchase agreements, cash, bank obligations, commercial paper, variable amount master demand notes and corporate bonds with remaining maturities of 13 months or less. These investments are used to help meet anticipated redemption requests or if other suitable securities are unavailable.

Bank obligations include bankers’ acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit and non-negotiable time deposits, including U.S. dollar-denominated instruments issued or supported by the credit of U.S. or foreign banks or savings institutions. Although the Fund will invest in money market obligations of foreign banks or foreign branches of U.S. banks only where the Advisor determines the instrument to present minimal credit risks, such investments may nevertheless entail risks that are different from those of investments in domestic obligations of U.S. banks due to differences in political, regulatory and economic systems and conditions. All investments in bank obligations are limited to the obligations of financial institutions having more than \$1 billion in total assets at the time of purchase, and investments by the Fund in the obligations of foreign banks and foreign branches of U.S. banks will not exceed 20% of the Fund’s net assets at the time of purchase. The Fund may also make interest-bearing savings deposits in commercial and savings banks in amounts not in excess of 5% of its net assets.

Investments by the Fund in commercial paper will consist of issues rated at the time A-1 by S&P, Prime-1 by Moody's or a similar short-term credit rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization. In addition, the Fund may acquire unrated commercial paper and corporate bonds that are determined by the Advisor at the time of purchase to be of comparable quality to rated instruments that may be acquired by the Fund as previously described.

The Fund may also purchase variable amount master demand notes which are unsecured instruments that permit the indebtedness thereunder to vary and provide for periodic adjustments in the interest rate. Although the notes are not normally traded and there may be no secondary market in the notes, the Fund may demand payment of the principal of the instrument at any time. The notes are not typically rated by credit rating agencies, but issuers of variable amount master demand notes must satisfy the same criteria as set forth above for issuers of commercial paper. If an issuer of a variable amount master demand note defaulted on its payment obligation, the Fund might be unable to dispose of the note because of the absence of a secondary market and might, for this or other reasons, suffer a loss to the extent of the default. The Fund invests in variable amount master demand notes only when the Advisor deems the investment to involve minimal credit risk.

U.S. Government Obligations. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in a variety of U.S. Treasury obligations including bonds, notes and bills that mainly differ only in their interest rates, maturities and time of issuance. The Fund may also invest in other securities issued, sponsored or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities, such as obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Small Business Administration, Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA"), Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), commonly referred to as "Fannie Mae," General Services Administration, Central Bank for Cooperatives, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC"), commonly referred to as "Freddie Mac," Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Maritime Administration, and Resolution Trust Corp. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support to U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities where it is not obligated to do so by law. For instance, securities issued by GNMA are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States, while securities issued by FNMA and FHLMC are supported only by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government.

Borrowings. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may borrow money from banks to the extent allowed (as described below) to meet shareholder redemptions or for other temporary or emergency purposes. Any borrowings by the Fund may not remain outstanding for more than 15 business days. If the securities held by the Fund should decline in value while borrowings are outstanding, the Fund's net asset value will decline in value by proportionately more than the decline in value suffered by the Fund's securities. As a result, the Fund's net asset value may be subject to greater fluctuation until the borrowing is paid off. The Fund has established a line of credit with U.S. Bank N.A., its custodian bank, by which the Fund may borrow money for temporary or emergency purposes. The Fund may pledge assets to secure bank borrowings which are limited to 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets. An unsecured line of credit is available to the Fund for any period during which U.S. Bank is an affiliate of the Fund.

Preferred Stocks. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest in preferred stocks. Preferred stocks are securities that represent an ownership interest providing the holder with claims on the issuer's earnings and assets before common stock but after bond owners. Unlike debt securities, the obligations of an issuer of preferred stock, including dividend and other payment obligations, may not typically be accelerated by the holders of such preferred stock on the occurrence of an event of default (such as a covenant default or filing of a bankruptcy petition) or other non-compliance by the issuer with

the terms of the preferred stock. Often, however, on the occurrence of any such event of default or non-compliance by the issuer, preferred stockholders will be entitled to gain representation on the issuer's board of directors or increase their existing board representation. In addition, preferred stockholders may be granted voting rights with respect to certain issues on the occurrence of any event of default. The Fund will limit its investments in preferred stock to no more than 5% of its net assets.

Options. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may purchase put and call options for hedging purposes and the Fund may also purchase put and call options for speculative purposes. The Fund will not buy an option when the aggregate premiums on outstanding options held by the Fund exceed 5% of its net assets. Such options may relate to particular securities or to various indices and may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange and issued by the Options Clearing Corporation.

However, options may be more volatile than the underlying securities or indices, and therefore, on a percentage basis, an investment in options may be subject to greater fluctuation than an investment in the underlying securities. In contrast to an option on a particular security, an option on an index provides the holder with the right to make or receive a cash settlement upon exercise of the option. The amount of this settlement will be equal to the difference between the closing price of the index at the time of exercise and the exercise price of the option expressed in dollars, times a specified multiple.

The Fund will engage in unlisted over-the-counter options only with broker-dealers deemed creditworthy by the Advisor. Closing transactions in certain options are usually effected directly with the same broker-dealer that effected the original option transaction. The Fund bears the risk that the broker-dealer will fail to meet its obligations. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary trading market exists for closing out an unlisted option position. Furthermore, unlisted options are not subject to the protections afforded purchasers of listed options by the Options Clearing Corporation, which performs the obligations of its members who fail to perform in connection with the purchase or sale of options.

A call option gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and a writer the obligation to sell, the underlying security or index at the stated exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the option, regardless of the market price of the security. The premium paid to the writer is in consideration for undertaking the obligations under the option contract. A put option gives the purchaser the right to sell the underlying security or index at the stated exercise price at any time prior to the expiration date of the option, regardless of the market price of the security or index. Put and call options purchased by the Fund will be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of such a price, at the mean between bid and asked prices.

The Fund may purchase put options on portfolio securities at or about the same time that the Fund purchase the underlying security or at a later time. By buying a put, the Fund limits the risk of loss from a decline in the market value of the security until the put expires. Any appreciation in the value of and yield otherwise available from the underlying security, however, will be partially offset by the amount of the premium paid for the put option and any related transaction costs. Call options may be purchased by the Fund in order to acquire the underlying security at a later date at a price that avoids any additional cost that would result from an increase in the market value of the security. A call option may also be purchased to increase the Fund's return to investors at a time when the call is expected to increase in value due to anticipated appreciation of the underlying security. Prior to its expiration, a purchased put or call option may be sold in a "closing sale transaction" (a sale by the Fund, prior to the exercise of the option that the Fund has purchased, of an option of the same series), and profit or loss from the sale will depend on whether the amount received is more or less than the premium paid for the option plus the related transaction costs.

In addition, the Fund may sell covered call options listed on a national securities exchange. Such options may relate to particular securities or to various indices. A call option on a security is covered if the Fund owns the security underlying the call or has an absolute and immediate right to acquire that security without additional cash consideration (or, if additional cash consideration is required, cash or cash equivalents in such amount as required are segregated or “earmarked” on the Fund’s records) upon conversion or exchange of other securities held by the Fund. A call option on an index is covered if cash or cash equivalents equal to the contract value are segregated or “earmarked” on the Fund’s records. A call option is also covered if the Fund holds a call on the same security or index as the call written where the exercise price of the call held is (i) equal to or less than the exercise price of the call written; or (ii) greater than the exercise price of the call written provided the difference in cash or cash equivalents is segregated or earmarked on the Fund’s records. The aggregate value of the Fund’s assets subject to covered options written by the Fund will not exceed 5% of the value of its net assets.

The Fund’s obligations under a covered call option written by the Fund may be terminated prior to the expiration date of the option by the Fund executing a closing purchase transaction, which is effected by purchasing on an exchange an option of the same series (*i.e.*, same underlying security or index, exercise price and expiration date) as the option previously written. Such a purchase does not result in the ownership of an option. A closing purchase transaction will ordinarily be effected to realize a profit on an outstanding option, to prevent an underlying security from being called, to permit the sale of the underlying security or to permit the writing of a new option containing different terms. The cost of such a liquidation purchase plus transaction costs may be greater than the premium received upon the original option, in which event the Fund will have incurred a loss in the transaction. An option position may be closed out only on an exchange that provides a secondary market for an option of the same series. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option. A covered call option writer, unable to effect a closing purchase transaction, will not be able to sell an underlying security until the option expires or the underlying security is delivered upon exercise with the result that the writer in such circumstances will be subject to the risk of market decline during such period. The Fund will write an option on a particular security only if the Advisor believes that a liquid secondary market will exist on an exchange for options of the same series which will permit the Fund to make a closing purchase transaction in order to close out its position.

By writing a covered call option on a security, the Fund foregoes the opportunity to profit from an increase in the market price of the underlying security above the exercise price except insofar as the premium represents such a profit, and it is not able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or is exercised or the Fund effects a closing purchase transaction by purchasing an option of the same series. Except to the extent that a written call option on an index is covered by an option on the same index purchased by the Fund, movements in the index may result in a loss to the Fund; however, such losses may be mitigated by changes in the value of securities held by the Fund during the period the option was outstanding. The use of covered call options will not be a primary investment technique of the Fund. When the Fund writes a covered call option, an amount equal to the net premium (the premium less the commission) received by the Fund is included in the liability section of the Fund’s statement of assets and liabilities. The amount of the liability will be subsequently marked-to-market to reflect the current value of the option written. The current value of the traded option is the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, the average of the closing bid and asked prices. If an option expires on the stipulated expiration date or if the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction, the Fund will realize a gain (or loss if the cost of a closing purchase transaction exceeds the net premium received when the option is sold) and the liability related to such option will be eliminated. Any gain on a covered call option on a security may be offset by a decline in the market price of the underlying security during the option period. If a covered call option on a security is exercised, the Fund may deliver the underlying security held by the Fund or purchase the underlying security in the open market. In either event, the proceeds of the sale will be increased by the net premium originally received, and the Fund will realize a gain or loss.

Premiums from expired options written by the Fund and net gains from closing purchase transactions are treated as short-term capital gains for federal income tax purposes, and losses on closing purchase transactions are short-term capital losses.

Investing in options is a highly specialized activity that entails greater than ordinary investment risks, including the complete loss of the amount paid as premiums to the writer of the option. Regardless of how much the market price of the underlying security or index increases or decreases, the option buyer's risk is limited to the amount of the original investment for the purchase of the option. Other risks include (i) an imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the securities the Fund holds and the prices of options relating to the securities purchased or sold by the Fund; and (ii) the possible lack of a liquid secondary market for an option. A decision as to whether, when and how to use options involves the exercise of skill and judgment, and a transaction may be unsuccessful to some degree because of market behavior or unexpected events.

Foreign Securities and ADRs. As part of its principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in foreign equity securities including common stocks, ordinary shares and ADRs. In determining whether a company is a non-U.S. company, the Advisor considers a number of factors, including the company's jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, the location of the company's corporate or operational headquarters or principal place of business, the location of the principal trading market for the company's common stock, the location(s) of a majority of the company's assets or production of its goods and services, and the locations of the primary sources of the company's revenues or profits. The Fund may invest in sponsored and unsponsored ADRs. ADRs are receipts issued by a bank or trust company evidencing ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign issuer. ADRs in which the Fund may invest will be listed on a national securities exchange or may trade in the over-the-counter market. ADR prices are denominated in U.S. dollars; the underlying security may be denominated in a foreign currency. The underlying security may be subject to foreign government taxes which would reduce the yield on such securities. Investments in foreign securities and ADRs also involve certain inherent risks, such as political or economic instability of the country of issue, the difficulty of predicting international trade patterns and the possibility of imposition of exchange controls. Such securities may also be subject to greater fluctuations in price than securities of domestic corporations. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign company than about a domestic company. Foreign companies generally are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards comparable to those applicable to domestic companies. With respect to certain foreign countries, there is a possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, or diplomatic developments, which could affect investment in those countries.

While "sponsored" and "unsponsored" ADR programs are similar, there are differences regarding ADR holders' rights and obligations and the practices of market participants. A depositary may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by (or acquiescence of) the underlying issuer; typically, however, the depositary requests a letter of non-objection from the underlying issuer prior to establishing the facility. Holders of unsponsored ADRs generally bear all the costs of the ADR facility. The depositary usually charges fees upon the deposit and withdrawal of the underlying securities, the conversion of dividends into U.S. dollars, the disposition of non-cash distribution, and the performance of other services. The depositary of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the underlying issuer or to pass through voting rights to ADR holders in respect of the underlying securities.

Sponsored ADR facilities are created in generally the same manner as unsponsored facilities, except that sponsored ADRs are established jointly by a depositary and the underlying issuer through a deposit agreement. The deposit agreement sets out the rights and responsibilities of the underlying issuer, the depositary and the ADR holders. With sponsored facilities, the underlying issuer typically bears some of

the costs of the ADR (such as dividend payment fees of the depositary), although ADR holders may bear costs such as deposit and withdrawal fees. Depositories of most sponsored ADRs agree to distribute notices of shareholder meetings, voting instructions, and other shareholder communications and information to the ADR holders at the underlying issuer's request.

Although the Fund's investments in foreign companies will primarily consist of companies located in industrialized or developed countries, some foreign companies may be domiciled in or derive substantial revenues from countries in emerging markets, which may be more susceptible to political, social or economic instability in those countries and greater price volatility. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in equity securities of companies that are domiciled or headquartered in, or derive most of their revenues from, countries in emerging markets.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may hold up to 15% of the value of its net assets in illiquid securities. In general, illiquid securities are securities that cannot be sold or disposed of within seven days at their approximate market value. On or about December 1, 2018, in connection with the implementation of the SEC's new liquidity risk management rule, the term "illiquid security" will be defined as a security that a Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the security. Securities that are not registered under the federal securities laws and cannot be sold to the U.S. public because of SEC regulations (known as "restricted securities") generally are regarded as illiquid securities unless the Advisor determines otherwise. If the Fund should hold more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, the Advisor will consider appropriate steps to protect maximum liquidity, including the orderly sale of illiquid securities and make required notices as required by SEC rules. Please note that a considerable period may elapse between a decision to sell illiquid securities and the time when such securities can be sold. If, during such a period, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than prevailed when it decided to sell.

Cash or Similar Investments; Temporary Strategies

As a non-principal investment strategy, under normal market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in cash or similar short-term, investment grade securities such as U.S. government securities, money market mutual funds, repurchase agreements, commercial paper or certificates of deposit. In addition, in limited circumstances, to retain the flexibility to respond promptly to changes in market, economic or political conditions or in the case of unusually large cash inflows or redemptions, the Advisor may invest up to 100% of the Fund's total assets in such investments. When the Fund takes a temporary position, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

Cybersecurity Risk

With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet to conduct business, the Fund is susceptible to operational, information security and related risks. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (*e.g.*, through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (*i.e.*, efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). Cyber incidents affecting the Fund or its service providers have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its net asset value ("NAV"), impediments to trading, the inability of fund shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber incidents affecting issuers of securities in

which the Fund invests, counterparties with which the Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for fund shareholders) and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any cyber incidents in the future. While the Fund's service providers have established business continuity plans in the event of, and risk management systems to prevent, such cyber incidents, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. Furthermore, the Fund cannot control the cyber security plans and systems put in place by its service providers or any other third parties whose operations may affect the Fund or its shareholders. As a result, the Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted.

Portfolio Turnover

The portfolio turnover rate for the Fund is calculated by dividing the lesser of amounts of purchases or sales of portfolio securities for the reporting period by the monthly average value of the portfolio securities owned during the reporting period. The calculation excludes all securities, including options, whose maturities or expiration dates at the time of acquisition are one year or less. Portfolio turnover may vary greatly from year to year as well as within a particular year, and may be affected by cash requirements for redemption of shares and by requirements which enable the Fund to receive favorable tax treatment. Portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor in making portfolio decisions, and the Fund may engage in short-term trading to achieve its respective investment objective.

The Fund may sell a portfolio investment soon after its acquisition if the Advisor believes that such a disposition is consistent with attaining the investment objective of the Fund. Portfolio investments may be sold for a variety of reasons, such as a more favorable investment opportunity or other circumstances bearing on the desirability of continuing to hold such investments. A high rate of portfolio turnover (over 100%) may involve correspondingly greater transaction costs, which must be borne directly by the Fund and ultimately by its shareholders. High portfolio turnover may result in the realization of substantial net capital gains. To the extent net short-term capital gains are realized, distributions attributable to such gains will be taxed at ordinary income rates for federal income tax purposes.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND LIMITATIONS

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund cannot be changed without shareholder approval, which requires the approval of a "majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities," as defined below.

Fundamental Investment Limitations

The Fund is subject to the fundamental investment limitations enumerated in this subsection, which may be changed only by a vote of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. A "majority of the outstanding voting securities" of the Fund means the lesser of (1) 67% of the shares of common stock of the Fund represented at a meeting at which the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund is present in person or by proxy, or (2) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

The Fund:

1. May not, with respect to 75% of its total assets, purchase the securities of any one issuer (except securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, or its agencies or instrumentalities) if, as a result, (i) more than 5% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or (ii) the Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer.

2. May (i) borrow from banks for temporary or emergency purposes (but not for leveraging or the purchase of investments), and (ii) make other investments or engage in other transactions permissible under the 1940 Act, which may involve a borrowing, including borrowing through reverse repurchase agreements, provided that the combination of (i) and (ii) shall not exceed 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets (including the amount borrowed), less the Fund's liabilities (other than borrowings). If the amount borrowed at any time exceeds 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets, the Fund will, within three days thereafter (not including Sundays, holidays and any longer permissible period), reduce the amount of the borrowings such that the borrowings do not exceed 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets. The Fund may also borrow money from other persons to the extent permitted by applicable laws.
3. May not issue senior securities, except as permitted under the 1940 Act.
4. May not act as an underwriter of another issuer's securities, except to the extent that the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the purchase and sale of portfolio securities.
5. May not purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of other securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing or selling options, futures contracts or other derivative instruments, or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities).
6. May not make loans if, as a result, more than 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets would be lent to other persons, except through (i) purchases of debt securities or other debt instruments, or (ii) engaging in repurchase agreements.
7. May not purchase the securities of any issuer if, as a result, 25% or more of the Fund's total assets would be invested in the securities of issuers, the principal business activities of which are in the same industry or group of related industries.
8. May not purchase or sell real estate, unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prohibit the Fund from purchasing or selling securities or other instruments backed by real estate or of issuers engaged in real estate activities).

With respect to Fundamental Investment Limitation No. 2, "any longer permissible period" means any longer period authorized by the SEC in accordance with Section 18(f)(1) of the 1940 Act and "applicable laws" means the 1940 Act, any rule, regulation or exemptive order thereunder or SEC staff interpretation thereof.

Under the 1940 Act, in addition to borrowing from banks, the Fund may borrow from other persons an additional amount not exceeding 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes. The Fund does not intend to borrow from parties other than banks.

With respect to Fundamental Investment Limitation No. 3, the 1940 Act permits the Fund to enter into options, futures contracts, forward contracts, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements provided that these types of transactions are covered in accordance with SEC positions. Under SEC staff interpretations of the 1940 Act, such derivative transactions will not be deemed "senior securities" if the Fund segregates or earmarks assets on the Fund's records or otherwise covers its obligations to limit the Fund's risk of loss, such as through offsetting positions.

With respect to Fundamental Investment Limitation No. 7, the Advisor determines industry classifications for the Fund in accordance with the Global Industry Classification Standards, an industry classification system developed by Standard & Poor's Corporation in collaboration with Morgan Stanley Capital International, or other classification sources maintained and developed by third parties. In the absence of such classification, or if the Advisor determines in good faith based on its own analysis that the economic characteristics affecting a particular issuer make it more appropriate to be considered engaged in a different industry, the Advisor may classify an issuer accordingly. Thus, the composition of an industry may change from time to time. The Fund may be concentrated in a sector but will not be concentrated in any industry. There is no limitation with respect to instruments issued or guaranteed by the United States, any state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia or any of their authorities, agencies, instrumentalities or political subdivisions even though the proceeds from the sale of those instruments by such governmental authorities may be used to fund projects in particular industries. For purposes of Fundamental Investment Limitation No. 7, investment companies are not considered to be part of any industry and, to the extent the Fund invests its assets in underlying investment companies, 25% or more of the Fund's total assets may be indirectly exposed to a particular industry or group of industries through its investment in one or more underlying investment companies.

Unless noted otherwise, if a percentage restriction is adhered to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from a change in the Fund's assets (*i.e.*, due to cash inflows or redemptions) or in market value of the investment or the Fund's assets will not constitute a violation of that restriction. This does not, however, apply to the borrowing policy set forth above.

Non-Fundamental Investment Limitations

The following are the Fund's non-fundamental operating policies, which may be changed by the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") without shareholder approval.

The Fund may not:

1. Sell securities short, unless the Fund owns or has the right to obtain securities equivalent in kind and amount to the securities sold short, or unless it covers such short sale as required by the current rules and positions of the SEC or its staff, and provided that transactions in options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, or other derivative instruments are not deemed to constitute selling securities short.
2. Purchase securities on margin, except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as are necessary for the clearance of transactions; and provided that margin deposits in connection with futures contracts, options on futures contracts, or other derivative instruments shall not constitute purchasing securities on margin.
3. Purchase securities of other investment companies except in compliance with the 1940 Act and applicable state law.
4. Make any loans, other than loans of portfolio securities, except through (i) purchases of debt securities or other debt instruments, or (ii) repurchase agreements.
5. Borrow money except from banks or through reverse repurchase agreements or mortgage dollar rolls.
6. Make any change in the Fund's investment policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets in the investments suggested by the Fund's name without first providing the Fund's shareholders with at least a 60-day notice.

The Fund's non-fundamental investment policies listed above may be changed with the approval of the Board. Unless noted otherwise, if a percentage restriction set forth in the Fund's Prospectus or this SAI is adhered to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from a change in the Fund's assets (*i.e.*, due to cash inflows or redemptions) or in market value of the investment or the Fund's assets will not constitute a violation of that restriction. This does not, however, apply to the borrowing policy set forth above.

For purposes of the Fund's policy to invest a minimum percentage of its assets in investments suggested by the Fund's name, "assets" is defined as net assets plus borrowings for investment purposes.

NET ASSET VALUE

Shares of the Fund are sold on a continual basis at the NAV next computed following receipt of an order in proper form by a dealer, the Fund's distributor, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the "Distributor"), or U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (the "Transfer Agent"). Shares of the Fund may be purchased or redeemed only on days the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open.

The NAV per share for each class of shares of the Fund is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (currently, 3:00 p.m., Central time), Monday through Friday, except on days the NYSE is not open. The NYSE is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The NAV per share of the Fund is calculated separately for the Investor Class shares and Institutional Class shares by adding the value of all portfolio securities and other assets per class (including interest or dividends accrued, but not yet collected), subtracting the liabilities, and dividing the result by the number of outstanding shares of that class. The result, rounded to the nearest cent, is the NAV per share.

When determining NAV, expenses are accrued and applied daily. Common stocks and other equity-type securities are valued at the last sales price on the national securities exchange (other than NASDAQ) on which such securities are primarily traded, and with respect to equity securities traded on NASDAQ, such securities are valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. However, securities traded on a national securities exchange (including NASDAQ) for which there were no transactions on a given day, and securities not listed on a national securities exchange (including NASDAQ), are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. Debt securities are generally valued using prices provided by an independent pricing service, which uses valuation methods 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 are valued as described above, unless an evaluated price is not available, in which case such security is valued at acquisition cost plus or minus any amortized discount or premium, or, if the Advisor does not believe amortized cost is reflective of the value of the security, the security is priced at fair value as described below. Investments in mutual funds are valued at their stated NAV. Any securities or other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or are not priced by an approved pricing service are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Advisor in accordance with procedures approved by the Board. The Advisor or the Fund's Accounting Agent may use the pricing information provided by an approved secondary pricing source or other approved source if primary pricing service information is not available. When the primary pricing service does not provide a fully-evaluated price for a particular debt security, or has discontinued pricing a security, the Advisor may obtain prices from an approved secondary pricing service. If an approved secondary pricing service does not provide a price for the security, the security may be valued using a price provided by a dealer who was the underwriter for the issuance of the security or who makes a market in that security or similar securities. If prices from an approved secondary pricing service or dealer quotes are unavailable or deemed to be unreliable, fair value will be determined by a valuation committee of the Advisor. In

certain limited circumstances, such as when a new issue debt security is not priced by an approved pricing service or a dealer, the security may be temporarily valued by the Advisor using a methodology approved by the Board. In determining fair value, the valuation committee applies valuation methods approved by the Board and takes into account all relevant factors and available information. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and there is no single standard for determining a security's fair value. As a result, different mutual funds could reasonably arrive at a different fair value for the same security. It is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different from the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security or from the values that other mutual funds may determine.

The calculation of the NAV of the Fund may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of portfolio securities used in such calculation. Events affecting the values of portfolio securities that occur between the time their prices are determined and the closing of the NYSE (normally 3:00 p.m. Central time), and at other times, may not be reflected in the calculation of NAV of the Fund.

Trading in Foreign Securities. Trading in foreign securities may be completed at times that vary from the closing of the NYSE. In computing its NAV, the Fund values foreign securities at the latest closing price on the principal exchange on which it is traded immediately prior to the closing of the NYSE. Certain foreign currency exchange rates also may be determined at the latest rate prior to the closing of the NYSE. Foreign securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates. The passage of time between when the foreign exchanges or markets close and when the Fund computes its NAV could cause the value of foreign securities to no longer be representative or accurate, and as a result, may necessitate that such securities be fair valued. Accordingly, for foreign securities, the Fund may use an independent pricing service to fair value price the security as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE. As a result, the Fund's value for a security may be different from the last sale price (or the latest bid price).

ADDITIONAL PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION INFORMATION

Fees for Certain Shareholder Services. Broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries may be paid by the Advisor or the Distributor for advertising, distribution or shareholder services. These payments may be in addition to any amounts paid by the Fund under the distribution and shareholder servicing plan adopted by the Board (see "Distribution Plan," below) or any amounts paid by the Fund for sub-transfer agency or other administrative services. Depending on the terms of the particular account, broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries also may charge their customers fees for automatic investment, redemption and other services provided. Such fees may include, for example, account maintenance fees, compensating balance requirements or fees based upon account transactions, assets or income. The intermediaries are responsible for providing information concerning these services and any charges to any customer who must authorize the purchase of Fund shares prior to such purchase.

Suspension of Redemption Right. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may suspend the right of redemption or postpone the date of payment for shares during any period when (a) trading on the NYSE is restricted by applicable rules and regulations of the SEC; (b) the NYSE is closed for other than customary weekend and holiday closings; (c) the SEC has by order permitted such suspension; or (d) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC. The Fund may also suspend or postpone the recording of the transfer of their shares upon the occurrence of any of the foregoing conditions.

Redemption in Kind. The Company has filed an election pursuant to Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act which provides that, with respect to redemptions which the Company has the right to satisfy in assets other than cash, the Fund is obligated to redeem shares solely in cash up to \$250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the class of shares of the Fund being redeemed, whichever is less, for any one shareholder within a 90-day period. Any redemption beyond this amount may be made in assets other than cash. If so requested

by a redeeming shareholder and subject to the Fund's approval, redemptions in-kind may be made entirely in securities. For federal income tax purposes, redemptions in kind are taxed in the same manner as redemptions made in cash.

Involuntary Redemptions. In addition to the situations described in the Fund's Prospectus under "General Transaction Policies," the Fund may redeem shares involuntarily when appropriate under the 1940 Act, such as to reimburse the Fund for any loss sustained by reason of the failure of a shareholder to make full payment for shares purchased by the shareholder or to collect any charge relating to a transaction effected for the benefit of a shareholder which is applicable to Fund shares as provided in the Fund's Prospectus.

Exchange Privilege. By use of the exchange privilege, shareholders authorize the Transfer Agent to act on exchange instructions received in writing or by telephone from any person representing himself to be the shareholder, or, in some cases, the shareholder's registered representative or account representative of record, and believed by the Transfer Agent to be genuine. The Transfer Agent's records of such instructions are binding. The exchange privilege may be modified or terminated at any time upon notice to shareholders.

Shares in the Fund from which the shareholder is withdrawing an investment will be redeemed at the NAV per share next determined on the date of receipt and such redemption will result in a taxable capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes, unless the shares are held by a tax-exempt investor or are held in a tax-deferred arrangement such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account ("IRA"). Shares of the new mutual fund series of the Company into which the shareholder is investing will be purchased at the NAV per share next determined after acceptance of the request by the Fund's Transfer Agent in accordance with the policies for accepting investments. Exchanges of shares will be available only in states where they may legally be made.

Automatic Investment Plan. The Investor Class and Institutional Class shares of the Fund offer an Automatic Investment Plan whereby a shareholder may automatically make purchases of shares of the Fund on a regular, monthly basis (\$100 minimum per transaction). Under the Automatic Investment Plan, a shareholder's designated bank or other financial institution debits a preauthorized amount from the shareholder's account each month and applies the amount to the purchase of Fund shares. The Automatic Investment Plan must be implemented with a financial institution that is a member of the Automated Clearing House. No service fee is currently charged by the Fund for participation in the Automatic Investment Plan.

The Automatic Investment Plan permits an investor to use "Dollar Cost Averaging" in making investments. Instead of trying to time market performance, a fixed dollar amount is invested in Fund shares at predetermined intervals. This may help investors reduce their average cost per share because the agreed upon fixed investment amount allows more Fund shares to be purchased during periods of lower Fund share prices and fewer Fund shares to be purchased during periods of higher Fund share prices. In order to be effective, Dollar Cost Averaging should usually be followed on a sustained, consistent basis. Investors should be aware, however, that Fund shares bought using Dollar Cost Averaging are purchased without regard to their price on the day of investment or to market trends. Dollar Cost Averaging does not assure a profit and does not protect against losses in a declining market. In addition, while investors may find Dollar Cost Averaging to be beneficial, it will not prevent a loss if an investor ultimately redeems his Fund shares at a price that is lower than their purchase price.

Systematic Withdrawal Plan. The Fund offers shareholders a Systematic Withdrawal Plan, which allows a shareholder who owns shares of the Fund worth at least \$5,000 at current NAV at the time the shareholder initiates the Systematic Withdrawal Plan to designate that a fixed sum (\$50 minimum per transaction) be distributed to the shareholder or as otherwise directed at regular intervals.

In-Kind Payments. Payment for shares of the Fund may, in the discretion of the Fund, be made in the form of securities that are permissible investments for the Fund as described in its Prospectus. For further information about this form of payment, contact the Fund (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD. In connection with an in-kind securities payment, the Fund will require, among other things, that the securities be valued on the day of purchase in accordance with the pricing methods used by the Fund; that the Fund receives satisfactory assurances that it will have good and marketable title to the securities received by it; that the securities be in proper form for transfer to the Fund; that adequate information be provided to the Fund concerning certain tax matters relating to the securities; and that the amount of the purchase be at least \$1,000,000. You may realize a taxable capital gain or loss on the contributed securities at the time of the in-kind securities payment.

Individual Retirement Accounts. The Company has a plan (the “Traditional IRA”) available for use by individuals with earned income who wish to use shares of the Fund as a funding medium for individual retirement saving. However, except for rollover contributions, an individual who has attained, or will attain, age 70 ½ before the end of the taxable year may only contribute to a Traditional IRA for his or her non-working spouse under age 70 ½.

The Company also has available a Roth Individual Retirement Account (the “Roth IRA”) for retirement saving for use by individuals with earned income. For 2018, a single individual with adjusted gross income of up to \$135,000 may contribute to a Roth IRA (for married couples filing jointly, the adjusted gross income limit is \$199,000), and contributions may be made even after the Roth IRA owner has attained age 70 ½, as long as the account owner has earned income.

The Company permits certain employers (including self-employed individuals) to make contributions to employees’ Traditional IRAs if the employer establishes a Simplified Employee Pension (“SEP”) plan.

Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees of Small Employers (Investor Class Only). The Company also has available a simplified tax-favored retirement plan for employees of small employers (a “SIMPLE IRA Plan”). If an employer establishes a SIMPLE IRA Plan, contributions under the SIMPLE IRA Plan are made to eligible employees’ SIMPLE Individual Retirement Accounts (“SIMPLE IRAs”). Each eligible employee may choose to defer a percentage of his or her pre-tax compensation to the employee’s SIMPLE IRA. The employer must generally make an annual matching contribution to the SIMPLE IRA of each eligible employee equal to the employee’s salary reduction contributions, up to a limit of 3% of the employee’s compensation. Alternatively, the employer may make an annual non-discretionary contribution to the SIMPLE IRA of each eligible employee equal to 2% of each employee’s compensation.

In the SIMPLE IRA Plan and in Traditional and Roth IRAs, distributions of net investment income and net capital gains will be automatically reinvested.

The foregoing brief descriptions are not complete or definitive explanations of the SIMPLE IRA Plan, the Traditional IRA, or the Roth IRA available for investment in the Fund. Any person who wishes to establish a retirement plan account may do so by contacting the Fund (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD. The complete plan documents and applications will be provided to existing or prospective shareholders upon request, without obligation. The Company recommends that investors consult their attorneys or tax advisors to determine if the retirement programs described herein are appropriate for their needs.

DESCRIPTION OF SHARES

The Company’s Articles of Incorporation authorize the Board to issue an indefinite number of shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share, which is classified into a total of fourteen series (one of which is

discussed in this SAI) (a “series” or “Fund”). The series is divided into two classes designated as Investor Class shares and Institutional Class shares (each, a “Class”) and consists of the number of shares set forth in the table below:

<u>Class of Common Stock</u>	<u>Number of Authorized Shares</u>
Investor Class	Indefinite
Institutional Class	Indefinite

The remaining series of common stock representing currently outstanding interests in the other investment portfolios of the Company are described in separate SAIs. The Board may classify or reclassify any particular class of shares into one or more additional series or classes. Each share of common stock of each class is entitled to one vote, and each share is entitled to participate equally in distributions of net investment income and net capital gains by the respective class of shares and in the residual assets of the respective class in the event of liquidation. However, each class of shares bears its own expenses, and the Investor Class has exclusive voting rights on matters pertaining to the distribution and shareholder servicing plan (see “Distribution Plan,” below).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING TAXES

Changes in income tax laws, potentially with retroactive effect, could impact the Fund’s investments or the tax consequences to you of investing in the Fund. Some of the changes could affect the timing, amount and tax treatment of Fund distributions made to shareholders. Please consult your tax adviser before investing.

The Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, and to distribute its income to shareholders each year so that the Fund itself generally will be relieved of federal income and excise taxes. However, if the Fund were to fail to qualify as a regulated investment company and was unable to obtain relief from such failure: (1) the Fund would be taxed at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders; and (2) shareholders would be taxed as if they received dividends from a regular corporation, although corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends-received deduction and non-corporate shareholders could be eligible for qualified dividend income treatment. This double taxation would increase the cost of investing in the Fund for shareholders and would make it more economical for shareholders to invest directly in securities held by the Fund instead of investing indirectly in such securities through the Fund.

If more than 50% of the value of the Fund’s total assets at the close of its taxable year consists of stock and securities in foreign corporations, the Fund will be eligible to, and may, file an election with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) that would enable the Fund’s shareholders, in effect, to receive the benefit of the foreign tax credit with respect to any income taxes paid by the Fund to foreign countries and U.S. possessions. Pursuant to the election, the Fund would treat those foreign taxes as distributions paid to its shareholders, and each shareholder would be required to (i) include in gross income, and treat as paid by him/her, his/her proportionate share of those taxes, (ii) treat his/her share of those taxes and of any distribution paid by the Fund that represents income from foreign countries or U.S. possessions as his/her own income from those sources, and (iii) either deduct the taxes deemed paid by him/her in computing his/her taxable income or, alternatively, claim the foreign tax credit against his/her federal income tax. If the Fund makes this election, it will report to its shareholders shortly after each taxable year their respective share of income from sources within, and taxes paid to, foreign countries and U.S. possessions. The Code may limit a shareholder’s ability to claim a foreign tax credit. Shareholders who elect to deduct their portion of the Fund’s foreign taxes rather than take the foreign tax credit must itemize deductions on their income tax returns.

Under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (“FATCA”), the Fund may be required to withhold a generally nonrefundable 30% tax on (i) distributions of investment company taxable income, and (ii) distributions of net capital gain and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares paid after December 31, 2018 to (A) certain “foreign financial institutions” unless such foreign financial institution agrees to verify, monitor, and report to the IRS the identity of certain of its accountholders, among other items (or unless such entity is otherwise deemed compliant under the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with the United States), and (B) certain “non-financial foreign entities.” unless such entity certifies to the Fund that it does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provides the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner, among other items. This FATCA withholding tax could also affect the Fund’s return on its investments in foreign securities and/or affect a shareholder’s return if the shareholder holds its Fund shares through a foreign intermediary. You are urged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of this FATCA withholding tax to your investment in the Fund and the potential certification, compliance, due diligence, reporting, and withholding obligations to which you may become subject to FATCA in order to avoid this withholding tax.

The Fund is required to report to the IRS the cost basis of shares acquired by certain shareholders on or after January 1, 2012 (“covered shares”) when the shareholder sells, exchanges or redeems such shares. These requirements do not apply to shares held through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA or to shares held by tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, corporations (other than S corporations), banks, credit unions, and certain other entities and governmental bodies. Shares acquired before January 1, 2012 (“non-covered shares”) are treated as if held in a separate account from covered shares. The Fund is not required to determine or report a shareholder’s cost basis in non-covered shares and is not responsible for the accuracy or reliability of any information provided for non-covered shares.

The cost basis of a share is generally its purchase price adjusted for distributions, returns of capital, and other corporate actions. Cost basis is used to determine whether the sale, exchange or redemption of a share results in a gain or loss. If you sell, exchange or redeem covered shares during any year, then the Fund will report the gain/loss, cost basis, and holding period of such shares to the IRS and you on Form 1099.

A cost basis method is the method by which the Fund determines which specific covered shares are deemed to be sold, exchanged or redeemed when a shareholder sells, exchanges or redeems less than its entire holding of Fund shares and has made multiple purchases of Fund shares on different dates at differing net asset values. If a shareholder does not affirmatively elect a cost basis method, the Fund will use the average cost method, which averages the basis of all Fund shares in an account regardless of holding period, and shares sold, exchanged or redeemed are deemed to be those with the longest holding period first. Each shareholder may elect in writing (and not over the telephone) any alternate IRS-approved cost basis method to calculate the cost basis in its covered shares. The default cost basis method applied by the Fund or the alternate method elected by a shareholder may not be changed after the settlement date of a sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares.

If you hold Fund shares through a financial intermediary (or another nominee), please contact that broker or nominee with respect to the reporting of cost basis and available elections for your account.

You are encouraged to consult your tax adviser regarding the application of these cost basis reporting rules and, in particular, which cost basis calculation method you should elect.

Capital Loss Carryovers

If the Fund incurs net capital losses in future taxable years, those losses will be carried forward to subsequent taxable years without expiration until used in their entirety, and the losses will retain their character as short-term or long-term.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY

Under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, the business and affairs of the Company (including the Fund) are managed under the direction of the Board. The Board is responsible for acting on behalf of the shareholders.

The Company does not normally hold shareholders' meetings except when required by the 1940 Act or the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law (WBCL). Under the 1940 Act, shareholder meetings are required to vote on director nominees, to approve an investment advisory agreement and to change fundamental investment policies. Under the Company's By Laws, the Company is not required to hold an annual meeting in any year in which the 1940 Act does not require a shareholder vote to elect directors, approve the Company's investment advisory agreement, ratify the independent auditors or approve the Company's distribution agreement.

Board Leadership Structure

The Board is comprised of three Independent Directors – John W. Feldt, Frederick P. Stratton, Jr. and Marlyn J. Spear – and one Interested Director – Cory L. Nettles. Ms. Spear, an Independent Director, serves as Chair of the Board. The Board has established two standing committees – the Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee. Mr. Feldt, an Independent Director, serves as the Chair of the Audit Committee. Mr. Stratton, an Independent Director, serves as the Chair of the Nominating Committee. The Audit Committee and the Nominating Committee are each comprised entirely of Independent Directors. In accordance with the fund governance standards prescribed by the SEC under the 1940 Act, the Independent Directors on the Nominating Committee select and nominate all candidates for Independent Director positions.

Each Director was appointed to serve on the Board because of his or her experience, qualifications, attributes and/or skills as set forth in the subsection "Director Qualifications," below. The Board reviews its leadership structure regularly. The Board believes that its leadership structure is appropriate and effective in light of the size of the Company, the nature of its business and industry practices.

The Board's role is one of oversight rather than management. The Board's committee structure assists with this oversight function. The Board's oversight extends to the Fund's risk management processes. Those processes are overseen by Fund officers, including the President, Treasurer, Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"), who regularly report to the Board on a variety of matters at Board meetings.

The Advisor reports to the Board, on a regular and as-needed basis, on actual and possible risks affecting the Fund and the Company as a whole. The Advisor reports to the Board on various elements of risk, including investment, credit, liquidity, valuation, operational and compliance risks, as well as any overall business risks that could impact the Fund.

The Board has appointed the CCO who meets quarterly in executive session with the Directors and participates in the Board's regular meetings. In addition, the CCO presents an annual report to the Board regarding the operation of the Fund's compliance policies and procedures and those of the Fund's principal service providers. The CCO, together with other Fund officers, regularly discusses risk issues affecting the Company during Board meetings. The CCO also provides updates to the Board on the operation of the Fund's compliance policies and procedures and on how these procedures are designed to mitigate risk. Finally, the CCO and/or representatives of the Advisor's legal department report to the Board in the event any significant risk issues arise in between Board meetings.

Directors and Officers

Directors and officers of the Company, together with information as to their principal business occupations during the last five years and other information, are shown in the following table. Each officer and Director holds the same positions with the Company and the Fund. The following table presents information about each Director of the Company effective September 1, 2018. David J. Lubar, a former Director of the Company, resigned from the Board effective August 31, 2018.

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with the Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director	Other Directorships Held by Director During Past 5 Years
Independent Directors					
John W. Feldt c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 76	Audit Committee Chair and Independent Director	Indefinite; Since September 2000	Retired; Senior Vice President-Finance, University of Wisconsin Foundation (1985-2006).	14	Director of Thompson Plumb Funds, Inc., a mutual fund complex (3 portfolios), since 1987.
Marlyn J. Spear, CFA c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 65	Chair of the Board and Independent Director	Indefinite; Since January 2008	Retired; Chief Investment Officer, Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund (July 1989-February 2017).	14	Management Trustee of AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, a mutual fund complex (1 portfolio), since 1995.
Frederick P. Stratton, Jr. c/o Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 79	Nominating Committee Chair and Independent Director	Indefinite; Since May 2004	Retired; Chairman Emeritus, Briggs & Stratton Corporation, a manufacturing company, since 2003.	14	Director of Weyco Group, Inc., a men's footwear distributor, since 1976.
Interested Director					
Cory L. Nettles* Generation Growth Capital, Inc. 411 East Wisconsin Ave Suite 1710 Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 48	Interested Director	Indefinite; Since January 2008	Managing Director, Generation Growth Capital, Inc., a private equity fund, since March 2007; Of Counsel, Quarles & Brady LLP, a law firm (January 2005- December 2016).	14	Director of Weyco Group, Inc., a men's footwear distributor since 2007; Director of Associated Banc-Corp, since 2013.

* Mr. Nettles is considered an "interested person" of the Company (as defined in the 1940 Act) because of his previous association with the law firm, Quarles & Brady LLP, which provides legal services to the Advisor. The legal services that Quarles & Brady LLP has provided to the Advisor include litigation, real estate, trademark and miscellaneous securities related matters that did not relate to the Company or the Fund.

Name, Address and Age (as of 1/1/18)	Position(s) Held with the Company	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Officers			
Mary Ellen Stanek 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 61	President	Re-elected by Board annually; Since September 2000	Managing Director, the Advisor, and Chief Investment Officer, Baird Advisors, a department of the Advisor, since March 2000.
Charles B. Groeschell 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 64	Vice President	Re-elected by Board annually; Since January 2010	Managing Director, the Advisor, and Senior Portfolio Manager, Baird Advisors, a department of the Advisor, since February 2000.
Angela M. Palmer 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 45	Chief Compliance Officer and AML Compliance Officer	Re-elected by Board annually; Since March 2014	Chief Compliance Officer, the Advisor, since March 2014; Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Officer since May 2015; Director, the Advisor since July 2014; Senior Vice President, the Advisor (March 2014-June 2014); Chief Compliance Officer RIAs US, BMO Financial Group (January 2013-March 2014); Vice President BMO Harris Bank N.A. (July 2011-March 2014); Chief Compliance Officer, Taplin, Canida & Habacht, LLC (December 2008-March 2014).
Heidi L. Schneider 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 45	Treasurer	Re-elected by Board annually; Since September 2017	Managing Director, the Advisor, since December 2013; Senior Business Analyst, Stein's Garden & Home, a family-owned garden center and home goods retailer (July 2012 – December 2013).
Charles M. Weber 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 54	Secretary	Re-elected by Board annually; Since September 2005	Senior Associate General Counsel, the Advisor, since January 2013; Managing Director, the Advisor, since January 2009.
Peter J. Hammond 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 54	Vice President	Re-elected by Board annually; Since August 2012	Senior Vice President, the Advisor, since March 2012.
Dustin J. Hutter 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 41	Assistant Treasurer	Re-elected by Board annually; Since February 2011	Senior Business Analyst, the Advisor, since September 2017; Director of Finance Services, the Advisor (August 2015 - August 2017); Director of Reporting and Analysis, Capital Markets Finance, the Advisor (February 2013-August 2015).
Andrew D. Ketter 777 East Wisconsin Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 43	Assistant Secretary	Re-elected by Board annually; Since February 2011	Associate General Counsel, the Advisor, since September 2010; Director, the Advisor, since July 2014, Senior Vice President, the Advisor (January 2014-June 2014); First Vice President, the Advisor (September 2010-December 2013).

Director Qualifications

The following is a brief discussion of the experience, qualifications, attributes and/or skills that led to the Board's conclusion that each individual identified below is qualified to serve as a Director of the Company.

John W. Feldt. Mr. Feldt has served as a Director of the Company since September 2000. He serves as an independent director of Thompson IM Funds, Inc., a mutual fund complex with three portfolios. He also served as an independent trustee of Nakoma Mutual Funds, a mutual fund complex with one portfolio, from March 2006 to November 2011. While employed with the University of Wisconsin Foundation, Mr. Feldt served as Senior Vice President-Finance from 1985 to 2006, as Vice President-Finance from 1980 to 1985 and as Associate Director from 1967 to 1980. Through his experience as a director and trustee of mutual funds and his business experience, Mr. Feldt is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

Frederick P. Stratton, Jr. Mr. Stratton has served as a Director of the Company since May 2004. He also serves as an independent director of Weyco Group, Inc., a men's footwear distributor. He served as an independent director of Wisconsin Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries, Wisconsin Electric Power Company and Wisconsin Gas LLC from 1987 to 2012. Mr. Stratton has served as Chairman Emeritus of Briggs & Stratton Corporation, a manufacturing company, since 2003. At Briggs & Stratton Corporation, he also served as Chairman from 2001 to 2002 and Chairman and CEO from 1986 to 2001. While at Briggs & Stratton Corporation, Mr. Stratton had management responsibilities for the company's retirement trust assets. In addition, prior to joining Briggs & Stratton Corporation, he spent eight years as an investment analyst and was a CFA charterholder. Through his board experience with mutual funds and public companies and his business experience, Mr. Stratton is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

Marlyn J. Spear, CFA. Ms. Spear has served as a Director of the Company since January 2008. She serves as Management Trustee of AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, a mutual fund complex with one portfolio, since 1995 and served as Chief Investment Officer of the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund from 1989 to 2017. She served as Investment Officer of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network from 1988 to 1989, as Assistant Vice President of Firststar Trust Company from 1978 to 1987 and as Financial Analyst of Harco Holdings, Inc. from 1976 to 1978. Ms. Spear has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. Through her experience as a director and trustee of mutual funds and her business experience, Ms. Spear is experienced with financial, accounting, regulatory and investment matters.

Cory L. Nettles. Mr. Nettles has served as a Director of the Company since January 2008. He serves as an independent director of Weyco Group, Inc., a men's footwear distributor, and Associated Banc-Corp. He previously served as a director of The PrivateBank, a financial institution from January 2007 to October 2010. Mr. Nettles has served as Managing Director of Generation Growth Capital, Inc., a private equity fund, since 2007. He was Of Counsel at Quarles & Brady LLP, a law firm, from 2005 to 2016. Mr. Nettles served as Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Commerce from 2003 to 2005 and as a senior advisor to Baird Capital, a division of the Advisor from February 2011 to January 2012. Through his experience with investment funds and public companies, his employment experience and his legal training and practice, Mr. Nettles is experienced with financial, accounting, legal, regulatory and investment matters.

Board Committees

The Board has two standing committees — an Audit Committee and a Nominating Committee. The Audit Committee is responsible for advising the full Board with respect to accounting, auditing and financial matters affecting the Company and meets at least semi-annually. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Audit Committee met three times. John W. Feldt, Marlyn J. Spear and Frederick P. Stratton, Jr., all of whom are Independent Directors, comprise the Audit Committee.

The Nominating Committee is responsible for seeking and reviewing candidates for consideration as nominees to serve as Directors of the Company and meets as often as it deems necessary. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Nominating Committee met once. John W. Feldt, Marlyn J. Spear and Frederick P. Stratton, Jr., each of whom is an Independent Director, comprise the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will consider properly qualified candidates for the Board submitted by shareholders. Shareholders who wish to recommend a Director nominee may do so by submitting the appropriate information about the candidate to the Company's Secretary.

A Valuation Committee, which is not comprised of members of the Board, was established by the Board. The Valuation Committee is responsible for (1) monitoring the valuation of Fund securities and other investments; and (2) as required, determining the fair value of securities and other investments of the Fund when market prices are not readily available or are deemed to be inaccurate or prices are not otherwise provided by a third-party pricing service approved by the Board or an independent dealer, after considering all relevant factors. The Valuation Committee's fair value determinations are subsequently reported to the Board. The Valuation Committee meets quarterly and as necessary when a price is not readily available. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Valuation Committee met five times with respect to the Company.

Board Compensation

Each Director receives an annual fee of \$100,000, plus \$10,000 per Board meeting attended (\$5,000 per meeting attended by telephone). In addition, each Director is reimbursed by the Company for travel and other expenses incurred in connection with attendance at such meetings. Committee members do not receive additional compensation for committee meetings attended. Officers of the Fund receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Company or the Advisor for serving in such capacity, except that the Advisor pays compensation to Angela M. Palmer for her services as Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund. Neither the Company nor the Fund maintains any deferred compensation, pension or retirement plans, and no pension or retirement benefits are accrued as part of Company or Fund expenses. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, the Directors are estimated to receive the following compensation from the Fund and other series of the Company:

Name of Director	Aggregate Compensation from the Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Fund Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation from Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Directors⁽¹⁾
John W. Feldt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,231
Marlyn J. Spear	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,231
Frederick P. Stratton, Jr.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,231
Cory L. Nettles	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$59,231

⁽¹⁾ Compensation shown in this column represents compensation paid directly by the Fund and other series of the Company. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, compensation estimated to be received by the Directors for overseeing all series of the Company, including the other funds within the Fund Complex (not discussed in this SAI), totals \$150,000 for each of John W. Feldt, Marlyn J. Spear, Frederick P. Stratton, Jr. and Cory L. Nettles.

Board Ownership of the Fund

As of the date of this SAI, no Director of the Company beneficially owned shares of the Fund.

As of December 31, 2017, the Directors beneficially owned the following amounts (by dollar range) in the Fund Complex (*Note: the Directors only own Institutional Class shares*):

Name of Director	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Beneficially Owned in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Director in Family of Investment Companies
John W. Feldt	Over \$100,000
Marlyn J. Spear	Over \$100,000
Frederick P. Stratton, Jr.	Over \$100,000
G. Frederick Kasten, Jr. ⁽¹⁾	Over \$100,000
Cory L. Nettles	Over \$100,000

⁽¹⁾ Mr. Kasten resigned from the Board effective December 31, 2017.

CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund. A control person is one who owns, beneficially or through controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of the Fund or who acknowledges the existence of control. Shareholders with a controlling interest could affect the outcome of proxy voting or the direction of the management of the Fund. As of the date of this SAI, there were no control persons or principal shareholders of the Fund.

As of the date of this SAI, the officers and Directors of the Company did not own any shares of the Fund.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Subject to the general supervision of the Board, the Advisor is responsible for, makes decisions with respect to, and places orders for all purchases and sales of portfolio securities for the Fund.

Equity securities are generally bought and sold in brokerage transactions placed on U.S. stock exchanges or in the over-the-counter market in exchange for negotiated brokerage commissions. Accordingly, the cost of transactions may vary among different brokers. With respect to over-the-counter transactions, the Advisor will normally deal directly with dealers who make a market in the securities involved except in those circumstances where better prices and execution are available elsewhere.

Fixed income securities purchased and sold by the Fund are generally traded in the over-the-counter market on a net basis (*i.e.*, without commission) through dealers, or otherwise involve transactions directly with the issuer of an instrument. The cost of securities purchased from underwriters includes an underwriting commission or concession, and the prices at which securities are purchased from and sold to dealers include a dealer's mark-up or mark-down.

The Fund may participate, if and when practicable, in bidding for the purchase of portfolio securities directly from an issuer in order to take advantage of the lower purchase price available to members of a bidding group. The Fund will engage in this practice, however, only when the Advisor in its sole discretion, believes such practice to be in the Fund's interests.

The investment advisory agreement between the Company and the Advisor provides that, in executing portfolio transactions and selecting brokers or dealers, the Advisor will seek to obtain the most favorable prices and at reasonable commission rates. In assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, the Advisor shall consider factors it deems relevant, including the breadth of the market in the security, the price of the security, the financial condition and execution capability of the broker or dealer, and the reasonableness of the commissions, if any, both for the specific transaction and on a continuing basis. In addition, as permitted by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the advisory agreement authorizes the Advisor to cause the Fund to pay commissions for research and brokerage services, a practice commonly referred to as “soft dollars.” The Advisor has adopted a soft dollar policy requiring it to undertake an analysis to determine whether a research product or service falls within the Section 28(e) safe harbor. First, the Advisor must determine whether the product or service constitutes eligible research services under Section 28(e). Second, the Advisor must determine whether the product or service actually provides lawful and appropriate assistance in the performance of the Advisor’s investment decision-making responsibilities. Third, the Advisor must make a good faith determination that the amount of the commissions paid by the Fund and other clients of the Advisor is reasonable in light of the value of the research and brokerage products and services provided by the broker-dealer effecting the transaction.

The types of research services that generally are considered eligible under Section 28(e) and that provide lawful and appropriate assistance to the Advisor in performing their investment decision-making responsibilities may consist of advice, either directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of securities or the advisability of purchasing or selling securities; or analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, as well as political factors and other topics related to securities and financial markets. Typical items that qualify as eligible research include: research reports analyzing the historical or prospective performance of a particular company or stock; discussions with research analysts regarding the advisability of investing in securities; meetings with corporate executives arranged by a broker-dealer to obtain oral reports on the performance of a company; seminars and conferences to the extent they provide substantive content relating to issuers, industries or securities; portfolio analysis software; financial, trade, industry and investment-related publications marketed to a narrow audience; and market, economic, political, company-specific and other data providing substantive content. The research services may be proprietary research offered by the broker or dealer executing a trade or research offered by third parties through the executing broker or dealer.

Some broker-dealers indicate the amount of commissions they expect to receive in exchange for the provision of a particular research service. Although the Advisor does not agree to direct a specific amount of commissions to a firm in that circumstance, it maintains internal procedures (described in the paragraphs below) to identify the broker-dealers that provide the Advisor with research services and the value of those research services, and seek to direct sufficient commissions to ensure the continued receipt of research services they feel are valuable.

The Advisor seeks to allocate brokerage commissions to broker-dealers in a way that, in the Advisor’s judgment, reflects the quality and consistency of service provided by broker-dealers and research service providers. At the beginning of each year, a commission budget is established. The Advisor’s investment professionals then jointly determine which broker-dealers will be eligible to execute client transactions and establish a target commission amount for each such broker-dealer based upon the total commission budget. The Advisor’s investment professionals periodically conduct broker evaluations or broker votes to assist in evaluating the research and execution services received from each broker-dealer. The Advisor’s investment professionals generally take into consideration the following criteria: execution quality, trade errors, quality of research, and access to analysts and company management. The Advisor then makes adjustments to target commission amounts, if any, and adds or removes broker-dealers based

upon the voting results. The Advisor's managed account trading desk takes the commission budget and voting into consideration, as part of the Advisor's obligation to seek best execution, when selecting broker-dealers to execute portfolio transactions for the Fund and the Advisor's other clients. To the extent more than one broker-dealer is considered capable of providing best execution for a particular transaction, the Advisor may direct the transaction to a broker-dealer based upon the target commission amounts then in effect.

Supplementary research information received from broker-dealers or research providers is in addition to, and not in lieu of, services required to be performed by the Advisor does not reduce the advisory fees payable to it by the Fund. The Board will periodically review the commissions paid by the Fund to consider whether the commissions paid over representative periods of time appear to be reasonable in relation to the benefits inuring to the Fund. Research services furnished by firms through which the Fund effects its securities transactions may be used by the Advisor in servicing all of the firm's accounts; not all of such services may be used by the Advisor in connection with the Fund. It is possible that certain of the supplementary research or other services received will primarily benefit one or more other accounts for which investment discretion is exercised. Conversely, the Fund may be the primary beneficiary of the research or services received as a result of portfolio transactions effected for such other account(s). Additionally, the Fund may pay a higher brokerage commission to brokers than might be charged by a different broker, in recognition of the value of the research or services received.

Brokerage may not be allocated based on the sale of Fund shares. The Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, has adopted policies and procedures designed to ensure that the selection of brokers is not influenced by considerations about the sale of Fund shares.

Portfolio securities will not be purchased from or sold to (and savings deposits will not be made in and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements will not be entered into with) the Advisor, or an affiliated person of the Advisor (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act), acting as principal. However, pursuant to SEC rules, the Fund may engage the Advisor or an affiliate of the Advisor to act as broker in connection with purchases or sales of portfolio securities effected on an agency basis. To date, the Fund has not done so. The Fund will not purchase securities during the existence of any underwriting or selling group relating thereto of which the Advisor or an affiliated person is a member, except to the extent permitted by the SEC. The Fund may purchase securities through underwritings in which U.S. Bank or an affiliate is a participant in accordance with the Fund's affiliated underwriting procedures, which generally require that the participating U.S. Bank affiliate be carved out from any compensation related to an affiliated Fund participation in the offering.

The Advisor manages numerous accounts in addition to the Fund and many of those accounts hold and invest in the same securities as the Fund. The Advisor allocates investment opportunities across the Fund and the firm's other similarly managed accounts in a fair and equitable manner, with no account(s) being favored over others. In making investment allocations, the Advisor considers the clients' investment goals and restrictions, uninvested cash, sector and issuer diversification, anticipated cash flows, risk tolerances, portfolio size and other relevant factors. The Fund generally does not invest in initial public offerings of equity securities, so allocations of new issues are usually not required.

The Advisor may, when appropriate, aggregate purchases or sales of securities and allocate such trades among multiple client accounts, including the Fund. The Advisor will aggregate orders when it believes it will be advantageous to do so, such as the possibility of obtaining more favorable execution and prices. However, in some instances, bunching an order for the Fund with orders for other client accounts may adversely affect the price paid or received by the Fund or the size of the position obtained or sold by the Fund because the Fund's order is being shared with other accounts. Aggregated orders that can only be partially filled will typically be allocated on a pro rata basis, subject to de minimis requirements. Each account participating in an aggregated order will receive the same average price.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

Advisory Services

Investment Advisor

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (“Baird”), located at 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, is the investment advisor to the Fund. Baird is owned indirectly by its employees through several holding companies. Baird is owned directly by Baird Financial Corporation (“BFC”). BFC is, in turn, owned by Baird Holding Company (“BHC”). BHC is owned by Baird Financial Group, Inc. (“BFG”), which is the ultimate parent company of Baird. Employees of Baird own substantially all of the outstanding stock of BFG.

Baird serves as investment advisor to the Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement dated September 29, 2000, as amended (the “Advisory Agreement”).

The Advisory Agreement has an initial two year term beginning on its effective date and will continue in effect, year-to-year, subject to the annual approval (a) by a majority of the Independent Directors, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval and (b) by either the full Board or by the Fund’s shareholders. The Advisory Agreement was approved with respect to the Fund by the Independent Directors on August 21, 2018. The Advisory Agreement terminates in the event of assignment and generally may be terminated by either party if certain conditions are met, without penalty, on a 60-day notice.

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor supervises the management of the Fund’s investments and business affairs, subject to the supervision of the Board. The Advisor has agreed to pay all expenses incurred by it in connection with its advisory activities. These expenses do not include the cost of securities and other investments purchased or sold for the Fund and do not include brokerage commissions and any other transaction charges. Brokerage commissions and other transaction charges are included in the cost basis of the securities and other investments.

As compensation for its advisory services, the Fund pays to the Advisor a monthly management fee at the annual rate of 0.75% of the average daily NAV. From time to time, the Advisor may voluntarily waive all or a portion of its management fee for the Fund. As described in the Prospectus, the Advisor has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse Fund expenses so as to limit the total annual fund operating expenses, including interest expense and fees and expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with the Fund’s investments in other investment companies and excluding taxes, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses to an annual rate of 0.85% for the Institutional Class and 1.10% for the Investor Class, through April 30, 2020. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor can recapture any expenses or fees it has waived or reimbursed within a three-year period, provided that the aggregate amount actually paid by the Fund toward the operating expenses in any month (taking into account the recoupment) will not cause the Fund to exceed the lesser of: (1) the expense cap in place at the time of the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement; or (2) the expense cap in place at the time of the recoupment. However, the Fund is not obligated to pay any such waived fees more than three years after the fees were waived or reimbursed.

The Advisor may act as an investment advisor and administrator to other persons, firms, or corporations (including investment companies), and may have numerous advisory clients in addition to the Fund.

Proxy Voting Policies

The Board has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures that delegate the authority to vote proxies to the Advisor, subject to the supervision of the Board. The Board has authorized the Advisor to retain a third party proxy voting service, such as Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. (“ISS”), to provide recommendations on proxy votes. The Board has approved the proxy voting policies and procedures of the Advisor for the Fund. The Board monitors the implementation of these policies and procedures to ensure that the Advisor’s voting decisions:

- are consistent with the Advisor’s fiduciary duty to the Fund and its shareholders;
- seek to maximize shareholder return and the value of Fund investments;
- promote sound corporate governance; and
- are consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and policies.

When available, the Fund’s proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 will be available without charge, either upon request, by calling toll free, 1-866-44BAIRD, or by accessing the Fund’s website at www.bairdfunds.com, or both; and by accessing the SEC’s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Proxy Voting Policies – Advisor

The Advisor’s proxy voting policies and procedures provide that the Advisor will typically vote proxies in accordance with the recommendations made by the independent proxy voting service, and in the best interest of clients and Fund shareholders. However, because the independent proxy voting service’s guidelines are not exhaustive, do not address all potential voting issues and do not necessarily correspond with the opinions of the portfolio managers, there may be instances where the Advisor may not vote strictly according to ISS’ guidelines. In such a case, the Advisor submits the matter to the its proxy voting committee.

In situations where there is a potential conflict of interest and the independent proxy voting service does not provide a recommendation or there is a proxy challenge, Baird’s Proxy Voting Sub-Committee will determine the nature and materiality of the conflict.

- If the conflict is determined to not be material, the Sub-Committee will vote the proxy in a manner the Sub-Committee believes is in the best interests of the client and without consideration of any benefit to Baird or its affiliates.
- If the potential conflict is determined to be material, Baird’s Proxy Voting Sub-Committee will take one of the following steps to address the potential conflict:
 - (1) cast the vote in accordance with the recommendations of an independent third party, such as ISS;
 - (2) refer the proxy to the client or to a fiduciary of the client for voting purposes;
 - (3) suggest that the client engage another party to determine how the proxy should be voted;
 - (4) if the matter is not addressed by the independent proxy voting service, vote in accordance with management’s recommendation; or
 - (5) abstain from voting.

Codes of Ethics

The Company, the Advisor and the Distributor have adopted a joint written Code of Ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. The Code of Ethics governs the personal securities transactions of directors, officers and employees who may have access to current trading information of the Fund. The Code of Ethics permits such persons to invest in securities for their personal accounts, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund, subject to certain restrictions. The Code of Ethics includes pre-clearance, reporting and other procedures to monitor personal transactions and ensure that such transactions are consistent with the best interests of the Fund.

Fund Administration

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services (“Fund Services”) provides administrative personnel and services (including blue sky services) to the Company and the Fund. Administrative services include, but are not limited to, providing equipment, telephone facilities, various personnel, including clerical and supervisory, and computers as is necessary or beneficial to provide compliance services to the Fund and the Company. From time to time, Fund Services may be an affiliated person of an affiliated person at the Company due to the affiliation with U.S. Bank described below.

Custodian

U.S. Bank, 1555 North Rivercenter Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212, serves as custodian of the Fund’s assets. From time to time, U.S. Bank may be considered an “affiliated person” of the Company for purposes of the 1940 Act as a result of certain of U.S. Bank’s fiduciary accounts for which it has investment authority and/or voting authority collectively acquiring 5% or more of the shares of one or more series of the Company. Under the Custody Agreement between U.S. Bank and the Fund (the “Custody Agreement”), U.S. Bank has agreed to (i) maintain separate accounts in the name of the Fund; (ii) make receipts and disbursements of money on behalf of the Fund; (iii) collect and receive all income and other payments and distributions on account of the Fund’s portfolio investments; (iv) respond to correspondence from shareholders, security brokers and others relating to its duties; and (v) make periodic reports to the Company concerning the Fund’s operations. U.S. Bank may, at its own expense, open and maintain a custody account or accounts on behalf of the Fund with other banks or trust companies, provided that U.S. Bank shall remain liable for the performance of all of its duties under the Custody Agreement notwithstanding any delegation. U.S. Bank and Fund Services are affiliates. U.S. Bank and its affiliates may participate in revenue sharing arrangements with service providers of mutual funds in which the Fund may invest. Subcustodians may provide custodial services for assets of the Fund held outside the U.S.

Transfer Agent

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (“USBFS”), 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent for the Fund under a transfer agent servicing agreement. As transfer and dividend disbursing agent, USBFS has agreed to (i) issue and redeem shares of the Fund; (ii) make dividend payments and other distributions to shareholders of the Fund; (iii) respond to correspondence by Fund shareholders and others relating to its duties; (iv) maintain shareholder accounts; and (v) make periodic reports to the Fund.

Fund Accounting

In addition, the Fund has entered into the Fund accounting servicing agreement with Fund Services pursuant to which Fund Services has agreed to maintain the financial accounts and records of the Fund in compliance with the 1940 Act and to provide other accounting services to the Fund.

Financial Intermediaries

From time to time, the Fund may pay, directly or indirectly, amounts to financial intermediaries that provide transfer-agent type and/or other administrative services relating to the Fund to their customers or other persons who beneficially own interests in the Fund, such as participants in 401(k) plans. These services may include, among other things, sub-accounting services, transfer agent-type services, answering inquiries relating to the Fund, transmitting, on behalf of the Fund, proxy statements, annual reports, updated prospectuses and other communications regarding the Fund, and related services as the Fund or the intermediaries' customers or such other persons may reasonably request.

Sub-Accounting Service Fees

In addition to the fees that the Fund may pay to the Transfer Agent, the Board has authorized the Fund to pay service fees to intermediaries such as banks, broker-dealers, financial advisers or other financial institutions for sub-administration, sub-transfer agency, recordkeeping (collectively, "sub-accounting services") and other shareholder services associated with shareholders whose shares are held of record in omnibus, networked, or other group accounts or accounts traded through registered securities clearing agents, up to annual limits approved by the Board.

Sub-accounting fees paid by the Fund are included in the total amount of "Other Expenses" listed in the Fund's Fees and Expenses table in the Prospectus.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER

Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Manager of the Fund

As described in the Prospectus under "The Investment Management Team," the portfolio manager listed below is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and, unless otherwise indicated, is jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the other accounts set forth in the following table.

The following provides information regarding other accounts managed by the portfolio manager as of August 31, 2018. The number of accounts listed in the following table includes accounts managed by the Advisor on a wrap-fee basis.

Category of Account	Total Number of Accounts Managed	Total Assets in Accounts Managed (in millions)	Number of Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Assets in Accounts for which Advisory Fee is Based on Performance (in millions)
<u>Jonathan Good</u>				
Other Registered Investment Companies	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	2	\$1.8	0	\$0

The Advisor and its individual portfolio managers advise multiple accounts for numerous clients. In addition to the Fund, these accounts may include separate accounts, collective trusts, and a portion of a state 529 education savings plan portfolio. The Advisor manages potential conflicts of interest between the Fund and other types of accounts through trade allocation policies and oversight by the Advisor's investment management departments and compliance department. Allocation policies are designed to address potential conflicts of interest in situations where two or more funds and/or other accounts participate in investment transactions involving the same securities.

Compensation of Portfolio Manager

The Advisor compensates portfolio managers with a base salary and an annual incentive bonus. A portfolio manager's base salary is generally a fixed amount based on level of experience and responsibilities. A portfolio manager's bonus is determined primarily by pre-tax investment performance of the accounts, including the Fund. Performance is measured relative to the appropriate benchmark's long and short-term performance, measured on a one-three-five-year basis, as applicable, with greater weight given to long-term performance. Portfolio managers may own and may be offered an opportunity to purchase or sell common stock in the Advisor, Baird Holding Company or Baird Financial Corporation. Portfolio managers may also own and may be offered an opportunity to purchase or sell shares in private equity offerings sponsored by the Advisor.

Ownership of Fund Shares by Portfolio Manager

As of the date of this SAI, the portfolio manager owned the following amounts (by dollar range) in the Fund:

<i>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Small/ Mid Cap Growth Fund</i>	
Portfolio Manager	
Jonathan Good	\$100,001 - \$500,000

The above ownership information relates only to the Institutional Class shares of the Fund.

DISTRIBUTOR

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, 777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202, also serves as the principal distributor for shares of the Fund pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with the Company dated September 26, 2000, as amended (the “Distribution Agreement”). The Distributor is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and each state’s securities laws and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”). The offering of the Fund’s shares is continuous. The Distribution Agreement provides that the Distributor, as agent in connection with the distribution of Fund shares, will use its best efforts to distribute the Fund’s shares. As compensation for its services under the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor may retain all or a portion of the Rule 12b-1 fees payable under the Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan, discussed below.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, adopted a Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the “Plan”) for the Investor Class shares of the Fund pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Plan authorizes payments by the Fund in connection with the distribution of Investor Class shares at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund’s average daily NAV attributable to the Investor Class. Payments may be made by the Fund under the Plan for the purpose of financing any activity primarily intended to result in the sale of Investor Class shares of the Fund. Such activities typically include advertising; compensation for sales and sales marketing activities of financial service agents and others, such as dealers or distributors; shareholder account servicing; and production and dissemination of prospectuses and sales and marketing materials. To the extent any activity is one which the Fund may finance without the Plan, the Fund may also make payments to finance such activity outside of the Plan and not subject to its limitations. The Plan is a “compensation plan” which means that payments under the Plan are based upon a percentage of average daily net assets attributable to the Investor Class regardless of the amounts actually paid or expenses actually incurred by the Distributor; however, in no event, may such payments exceed the maximum allowable fee. It is, therefore, possible that the Distributor may realize a profit in a particular year as a result of these payments. The Plan increases the Investor Class’ expenses from what they would otherwise be. The Fund may engage in joint distribution activities with other Baird Funds and to the extent the expenses are not allocated to a specific Baird Fund, expenses will be allocated based on the Fund’s net assets.

Administration of the Plan is regulated by Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, which requires that the Board receive and review at least quarterly reports concerning the nature and qualification of expenses which are made, that the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, approve all agreements implementing the Plan and that the Plan may be continued from year-to-year only if the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, concludes at least annually that continuation of the Plan is likely to benefit shareholders.

Interests of Certain Persons

With the exception of the Advisor, in its capacity as the Fund’s investment advisor and principal underwriter of Fund shares, no “interested person” of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, and no director of the Company has or had a direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan or any related agreement.

Anticipated Benefits to the Fund

The continuation of the Plan is approved annually by the Board, including a majority of the directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan or any related agreements. The Board has determined that the Plan is likely to benefit Investor Class shares by providing an incentive for brokers, dealers and other financial intermediaries to engage in sales and marketing efforts on behalf of the Fund and to provide enhanced services to Investor Class shareholders. The Board also determined that the Plan is necessary for the Fund to sell Investor Class shares and access important distribution channels.

Shareholder Servicing and Revenue Sharing Payments

The Distributor, out of its own resources and without additional cost to the Fund or its shareholders, may provide additional cash payments or other compensation to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries who market and sell shares of the Fund and/or who provide various administrative, sub-accounting and shareholder services. These payments are in addition to the 12b-1 fees payable out of Fund assets to firms that sell Investor Class shares. The payments may specifically be made in connection with the inclusion of the Fund in certain programs offered by broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries, invitations to conferences and seminars held or sponsored by those firms, access to branch offices and sales representatives of those firms and opportunities to make presentations and provide information to them. Payments may be structured as a flat fee, a percentage of net sales or net assets (or a combination thereof) or a fee based on the number of underlying client accounts. The Distributor currently has agreements with the following firms, under which the Distributor makes ongoing payments in lieu of, or in addition to, the 12b-1 fee: Benefit Plans Administrators (BPA), BMO Harris Bank, BNY Mellon, Charles Schwab, Edward Jones & Co., Fidelity (National Financial), Great West Life, John Hancock, J.P. Morgan Retirement Plan Services, LPL Financial, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Merrill Lynch (Financial Data Services), Morningstar Investment Services, Pershing, PNC, PNC Investments, Prudential, Raymond James, TD Ameritrade, TIAA-CREF, T. Rowe Price, UBS, U.S. Bank National Association, Vanguard and Wells Fargo. In some circumstances, the Fund may directly pay the intermediary for performing sub-transfer agency and related services to customers of financial intermediaries who hold shares of the Fund through omnibus accounts.

The Advisor may also pay cash or non-cash compensation to sales representatives of broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries in the form of occasional gift, meals and entertainment, and pay for exhibit space or sponsorships at regional or national events of broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries.

Referral Program

As indicated in the Prospectus, the Distributor has a referral program under which it may pay compensation to registered representatives of the Distributor for their efforts in selling Institutional Class shares of the Fund. Such compensation will not exceed 0.10% per year of the value of the Institutional Class share accounts for which the registered representative is responsible. In addition, registered representatives of the Distributor may receive payments under the Plan with respect to distribution and shareholder services for Investor Class shares of the Fund.

The prospect of receiving, or the receipt of additional payments or other compensation as described above may provide the Distributor's registered representatives with an incentive to favor sales of shares of the Fund and other mutual funds whose affiliates offer similar compensation over the sale of shares of mutual funds that do not make such payments.

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE POLICY

The Fund does not provide or permit others to provide information about the Fund's portfolio holdings to any third party on a selective basis, except as permitted by the Company's policy regarding disclosure of portfolio holdings (the "Disclosure Policy"). Pursuant to the Disclosure Policy, the Company or the Advisor may disclose information about the Fund's portfolio holdings only in the following circumstances:

- The Fund discloses its portfolio holdings by mailing its annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders approximately two months after the end of the fiscal year and six-month period. In addition, the Company discloses the portfolio holdings of the Fund as of the end of the first and third fiscal quarters by filing Form N-Q with the SEC and as of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters by filing Form N-CSR with the SEC.
- The Fund's full portfolio holdings (showing number of shares and dollar values) as of month-end are posted on the Company's website no earlier than five (5) business days after month-end.
- The Fund may also provide portfolio holdings information to various ratings agencies, consultants, broker-dealers, investment advisers, financial intermediaries, investors and others, upon request, so long as such information, at the time it is provided, is posted on the Company's website or otherwise publicly available.

The Fund may elect to not post its portfolio holdings on the Company's website as described above if the Fund has a valid business reason for doing so. If the Fund makes such an election, the Fund's portfolio holdings cannot be selectively disclosed to any person until such information is filed with the SEC or posted to the Company's website.

In limited circumstances, for the business purposes described below, the Fund's portfolio holdings may be disclosed to, or known by, certain third parties in advance of being filed with the SEC or their publication on the Company's website.

- The Advisor may disclose Fund portfolio holdings to the Fund's service providers (administrator, fund accountant, custodian, transfer agent and independent pricing service) in connection with the fulfillment of their duties to the Fund. These service providers are required by contract with the Fund to keep such information confidential and not use it for any purpose other than the purpose for which the information was disclosed.
- The Advisor may disclose Fund portfolio holdings to its vendors (including, without limitation, portfolio accounting system, proxy voting services, attribution and analytics systems) in connection with the fulfillment of its duties to the Fund. These service providers are required by contract with the Advisor to keep such information confidential and not use it for any purpose other than the purpose for which the information was disclosed.
- The Advisor may disclose Fund portfolio holdings to persons who owe a fiduciary duty or other duty of trust or confidence to the Fund, such as the Fund's legal counsel and independent registered public accounting firm.
- Disclosure of portfolio holdings as of a particular date may be made in response to inquiries from consultants, prospective clients or other persons, provided that the recipient signs a confidentiality agreement prohibiting disclosure and misuse of the holdings information.

The Company is prohibited from entering into any other arrangements with third parties to disclose information regarding the Fund's portfolio securities without (1) prior approval of the Advisor's legal and compliance departments; and (2) the execution of a confidentiality agreement by the third parties. No compensation or other consideration may be received by the Fund, the Advisor in connection with the disclosure of portfolio holdings in accordance with this policy.

The Board has delegated to the CCO the responsibility to monitor the foregoing policy and to address any violations thereof. The CCO reports to the Board and the Board reviews any disclosures of Fund portfolio holdings outside of the permitted disclosures described above on a quarterly basis to ensure that disclosure of information about portfolio holdings is in the best interest of Fund shareholders and to address any conflicts between the interests of Fund shareholders and those of the Advisor or any other Fund affiliate.

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING PROGRAM

The Company has established an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program (the "Program") as required by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"). In order to ensure compliance with this law, the Program provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, the designation of an anti-money laundering compliance officer, an ongoing training program, an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program and a customer identification program.

Procedures to implement the Program include, but are not limited to, determining that the Fund's Distributor and transfer agent have established proper anti-money laundering procedures that require the reporting of suspicious and/or fraudulent activity, verifying the identity and beneficial owners, if applicable, of the new shareholders, checking shareholder names against designated government lists, including the Office of Foreign Asset Control ("OFAC"), and undertaking a complete and thorough review of all new account applications. The Company will not transact business with any person or entity whose identity cannot be adequately verified.

Pursuant to the USA PATRIOT Act and the Program, the Fund may be required to "freeze" the account of a shareholder if the shareholder appears to be involved in suspicious activity or if certain account information matches information on government lists of known terrorists or other suspicious persons, or the Fund may be required to transfer the account or proceeds of the account to a governmental agency.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cohen & Company, Ltd., 342 North Water Street, Suite 830, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, has been selected as independent registered public accounting firm of the Fund. As such, it is responsible for auditing the financial statements of the Fund.

COUNSEL

Godfrey & Kahn, S.C., 833 East Michigan Street, Suite 1800, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as counsel to the Company and has passed upon the legality of the shares offered by the Fund.

PERFORMANCE

From time to time, the total return of Investor Class shares and Institutional Class shares of the Fund may be quoted in advertisements, shareholder reports or other communications to shareholders. Performance information is generally available by calling the Fund (toll-free) at 1-866-44BAIRD.