



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

# AB VARIABLE PRODUCTS SERIES FUND, INC.

+ INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO

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**INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO**  
**EXPENSE EXAMPLE (unaudited)**

**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

As a shareholder of the Portfolio, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase payments, contingent deferred sales charges on redemptions and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees; distribution (12b-1) fees; and other Portfolio expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period as indicated below.

**Actual Expenses**

The table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During Period” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period. The estimate of expenses does not include fees of other expenses of any variable insurance product. If such expenses were included, the estimate of expenses you paid during the period would be higher and your ending account value would be lower.

**Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Portfolio’s actual expense ratio and an assumed annual rate of return of 5% before expenses, which is not the Portfolio’s actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Portfolio and other funds by comparing this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds. The estimate of expenses does not include fees of other expenses of any variable insurance product. If such expenses were included, the estimate of expenses you paid during the period would be higher and your ending account value would be lower.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as sales charges (loads), or contingent deferred sales charges on redemptions. Therefore, the second line of each class’ table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	<u>Beginning Account Value January 1, 2021</u>	<u>Ending Account Value June 30, 2021</u>	<u>Expenses Paid During Period*</u>	<u>Annualized Expense Ratio*</u>
<b>Class A</b>				
Actual .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 988.20	\$ 6.66	1.35%
Hypothetical (5% annual return before expenses) .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,018.10	\$ 6.76	1.35%
<b>Class B</b>				
Actual .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 986.20	\$ 7.93	1.61%
Hypothetical (5% annual return before expenses) .....	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,016.81	\$ 8.05	1.61%

\* Expenses are equal to each classes’ annualized expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

**INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO**  
**TOP TEN SECTORS (including derivatives)<sup>1</sup>**  
**June 30, 2021 (unaudited)**

**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

Governments—Treasuries <sup>2</sup>	43.9%
Corporates—Investment Grade	23.3
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	17.4
Mortgage Pass-Throughs	13.7
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	10.6
Corporates—Non-Investment Grade	5.5
Inflation-Linked Securities	4.6
Asset-Backed Securities	4.4
Interest Rate Swaps <sup>3</sup>	3.1
Local Governments—US Municipal Bonds	1.8

**SECTOR BREAKDOWN (excluding derivatives)<sup>4</sup>**  
**June 30, 2021 (unaudited)**

Corporates—Investment Grade	22.1%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	16.4
Mortgage Pass-Throughs	13.0
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	10.1
Governments—Treasuries	8.2
Inflation-Linked Securities	4.4
Corporates—Non-Investment Grade	4.2
Asset-Backed Securities	4.2
Local Governments—US Municipal Bonds	1.7
Emerging Markets—Corporate Bonds	0.3
Quasi-Sovereigns	0.1
Short-Term Investments	15.3

1 All data are as of June 30, 2021. The Portfolio's sectors include derivative exposure and are expressed as approximate percentages of the Portfolio's total net assets, based on the Adviser's internal classification. The percentages will vary over time.

2 Includes Treasury Futures.

3 Represents the exposure of the Portfolio's fixed-rate payments on the Interest Rate Swaps. Interest Rate Swaps involve the exchange by a fund with another party of payments calculated by reference to specified interest rates (e.g., an exchange of floating-rate payments for fixed-rate payments).

4 All data are as of June 30, 2021. The Portfolio's sector breakdown is expressed as a percentage of total investments and may vary over time. The Portfolio also enters into derivative transactions, which may be used for hedging or investment purposes (see "Portfolio of Investments" section of the report for additional details).

**INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO**  
**PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**  
**June 30, 2021 (unaudited)**

**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value		Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>CORPORATES– INVESTMENT GRADE–23.3%</b>			Marriott International, Inc./MD Series EE 5.75%, 05/01/2025 .....	U.S.\$ 12	\$ 13,856
<b>INDUSTRIAL–13.1%</b>			MDC Holdings, Inc. 6.00%, 01/15/2043 .....	38	49,002
<b>BASIC–0.6%</b>					<u>153,427</u>
Alpek SAB de CV 4.25%, 09/18/2029(a) .....	U.S.\$ 200	\$ 216,663			
Suzano Austria GmbH 3.75%, 01/15/2031 .....	17	17,765	<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL– RETAILERS–0.6%</b>		
		<u>234,428</u>	Advance Auto Parts, Inc. 3.90%, 04/15/2030 .....	88	98,394
<b>CAPITAL GOODS–0.4%</b>			Ross Stores, Inc. 4.70%, 04/15/2027 .....	113	130,950
General Electric Co. 3.45%, 05/01/2027 .....	107	117,707			<u>229,344</u>
Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp. 3.20%, 06/15/2025 .....	15	15,983	<b>CONSUMER NON- CYCLICAL–2.2%</b>		
		<u>133,690</u>	Altria Group, Inc. 3.40%, 05/06/2030 .....	85	90,063
<b>COMMUNICATIONS– MEDIA–0.7%</b>			4.80%, 02/14/2029 .....	26	30,151
Charter Communications Operating LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital 4.20%, 03/15/2028 .....	7	7,918	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc. 5.55%, 01/23/2049 .....	120	164,995
4.80%, 03/01/2050 .....	15	17,282	BAT Capital Corp. 2.259%, 03/25/2028 .....	128	127,278
5.125%, 07/01/2049 .....	23	27,474	2.726%, 03/25/2031 .....	50	49,249
Comcast Corp. 4.15%, 10/15/2028 .....	95	110,002	4.70%, 04/02/2027 .....	55	62,138
Discovery Communications LLC 4.65%, 05/15/2050 .....	9	10,534	Cigna Corp. 4.375%, 10/15/2028 .....	58	67,509
5.20%, 09/20/2047 .....	15	18,685	CVS Health Corp. 4.30%, 03/25/2028 .....	8	9,190
5.30%, 05/15/2049 .....	10	12,610	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. 4.40%, 11/26/2023 .....	200	217,108
Fox Corp. 5.576%, 01/25/2049 .....	43	58,067			<u>817,681</u>
		<u>262,572</u>	<b>ENERGY–4.6%</b>		
<b>COMMUNICATIONS– TELECOMMUNICATIONS–0.3%</b>			BP Capital Markets America, Inc. 2.939%, 06/04/2051 .....	129	123,714
AT&T, Inc. 3.50%, 09/15/2053(a) .....	55	55,160	Cenovus Energy, Inc. 4.25%, 04/15/2027 .....	12	13,418
3.65%, 09/15/2059(a) .....	74	74,971	4.40%, 04/15/2029 .....	132	149,528
		<u>130,131</u>	5.375%, 07/15/2025 .....	30	34,322
<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL– AUTOMOTIVE–0.7%</b>			Chevron USA, Inc. 3.85%, 01/15/2028 .....	30	34,201
General Motors Co. 6.125%, 10/01/2025 .....	25	29,595	5.25%, 11/15/2043 .....	60	81,578
6.80%, 10/01/2027 .....	34	42,803	Devon Energy Corp. 5.60%, 07/15/2041 .....	50	62,022
General Motors Financial Co., Inc. 4.30%, 07/13/2025 .....	30	33,165	Enbridge Energy Partners LP 7.375%, 10/15/2045 .....	70	110,480
5.25%, 03/01/2026 .....	21	24,261	Energy Transfer LP 4.75%, 01/15/2026 .....	175	197,003
Harley-Davidson Financial Services, Inc. 3.35%, 06/08/2025(a) .....	128	136,926	6.25%, 04/15/2049 .....	14	18,410
		<u>266,750</u>	Enterprise Products Operating LLC 3.70%, 02/15/2026 .....	161	178,322
<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL– OTHER–0.4%</b>			Marathon Oil Corp. 6.80%, 03/15/2032 .....	100	131,343
Las Vegas Sands Corp. 3.90%, 08/08/2029 .....	85	90,569			

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PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS**

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	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value		Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
Marathon Petroleum Corp.			<b>FINANCIAL</b>		
5.125%, 12/15/2026 .....	U.S.\$ 30	\$ 35,318	<b>INSTITUTIONS-10.2%</b>		
6.50%, 03/01/2041 .....	18	25,022	<b>BANKING-7.2%</b>		
ONEOK, Inc.			American Express Co.		
4.00%, 07/13/2027 .....	87	96,140	Series B		
4.35%, 03/15/2029 .....	57	64,359	3.584% (LIBOR		
5.20%, 07/15/2048 .....	5	6,133	3 Month + 3.43%),		
6.35%, 01/15/2031 .....	23	29,747	08/15/2021(b)(c) .....	U.S.\$ 8	\$ 8,020
Plains All American Pipeline			Series C		
LP/PAA Finance Corp.			3.404% (LIBOR		
3.55%, 12/15/2029 .....	8	8,437	3 Month + 3.29%),		
4.50%, 12/15/2026 .....	25	28,087	09/15/2021(b)(c) .....	32	32,087
4.65%, 10/15/2025 .....	57	63,779	Banco de Credito del Peru		
Suncor Energy, Inc.			3.125%, 07/01/2030(a) .....	87	86,099
6.80%, 05/15/2038 .....	59	84,781	Banco Santander SA		
TransCanada PipeLines Ltd.			2.749%, 12/03/2030 .....	200	198,218
6.10%, 06/01/2040 .....	91	125,144	3.49%, 05/28/2030 .....	200	215,942
		<u>1,701,288</u>	Bank of America Corp.		
<b>SERVICES-0.4%</b>			2.687%, 04/22/2032 .....	56	57,684
Booking Holdings, Inc.			Series DD		
4.625%, 04/13/2030 .....	104	124,411	6.30%, 03/10/2026(b) .....	27	31,371
IHS Markit Ltd.			Series L		
4.25%, 05/01/2029 .....	19	21,967	3.95%, 04/21/2025 .....	124	136,161
4.75%, 08/01/2028 .....	7	8,245	Series Z		
		<u>154,623</u>	6.50%, 10/23/2024(b) .....	41	46,353
<b>TECHNOLOGY-1.9%</b>			Bank of New York Mellon		
Broadcom, Inc.			Corp. (The)		
4.11%, 09/15/2028 .....	72	80,945	Series G		
4.15%, 11/15/2030 .....	126	141,393	4.70%, 09/20/2025(b) .....	17	18,697
5.00%, 04/15/2030 .....	46	54,372	Barclays Bank PLC		
Dell International LLC/EMC			6.86%, 06/15/2032(a)(b) .....	29	39,371
Corp.			BNP Paribas SA		
6.02%, 06/15/2026 .....	78	93,549	2.871%, 04/19/2032(a) .....	200	205,188
Infor, Inc.			Capital One Financial Corp.		
1.75%, 07/15/2025(a) .....	34	34,715	Series E		
Micron Technology, Inc.			3.935% (LIBOR 3 Month +		
4.185%, 02/15/2027 .....	111	125,339	3.80%), 09/01/2021(b)(c) .....	83	83,184
Oracle Corp.			CIT Group, Inc.		
2.875%, 03/25/2031 .....	57	59,353	5.25%, 03/07/2025 .....	56	63,025
3.95%, 03/25/2051 .....	68	74,304	Citigroup, Inc.		
VeriSign, Inc.			3.98%, 03/20/2030 .....	37	41,988
2.70%, 06/15/2031 .....	33	33,490	4.075%, 04/23/2029 .....	52	59,028
		<u>697,460</u>	5.95%, 01/30/2023(b) .....	55	57,891
<b>TRANSPORTATION-</b>			Series W		
<b>AIRLINES-0.3%</b>			4.00%, 12/10/2025(b) .....	37	38,241
Delta Air Lines, Inc./SkyMiles			Credit Suisse Group AG		
IP Ltd.			3.80%, 06/09/2023 .....	265	280,645
4.50%, 10/20/2025(a) .....	39	42,304	Fifth Third Bancorp		
4.75%, 10/20/2028(a) .....	46	51,192	Series L		
		<u>93,496</u>	4.50%, 09/30/2025 (b) .....	24	26,048
		<u>4,874,890</u>	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.		
			(The)		
			2.615%, 04/22/2032 .....	78	79,771
			HSBC Holdings PLC		
			4.25%, 08/18/2025 .....	203	224,575
			JPMorgan Chase & Co.		
			2.58%, 04/22/2032 .....	116	119,177

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Series I			4.375%, 01/30/2024(a) .....	U.S.\$ 14	\$ 15,022
3.656% (LIBOR			4.875%, 10/01/2025(a) .....	20	22,157
3 Month + 3.47%),			5.50%, 12/15/2024(a) .....	46	52,042
07/30/2021(b)(c) .....	U.S.\$ 36	\$ 36,078	GE Capital European Funding		
Series V			Unlimited Co.		
3.465% (LIBOR			4.625%, 02/22/2027 .....	EUR 50	73,520
3 Month + 3.32%),			Synchrony Financial		
10/01/2021(b)(c) .....	18	18,007	4.50%, 07/23/2025 .....	U.S.\$ 147	164,609
Series Z					<u>702,372</u>
3.976% (LIBOR			INSURANCE-0.6%		
3 Month + 3.80%),			Alleghany Corp.		
08/01/2021(b)(c) .....	51	51,140	3.625%, 05/15/2030 .....	95	104,823
Morgan Stanley Series H			Centene Corp.		
3.794% (LIBOR 3 Month +			4.25%, 12/15/2027 .....	14	14,769
3.61%), 10/15/2021(b)(c) .....	10	10,041	4.625%, 12/15/2029 .....	16	17,613
Santander Holdings USA, Inc.			Nationwide Mutual Insurance		
4.40%, 07/13/2027 .....	41	45,998	Co.		
Standard Chartered PLC			9.375%, 08/15/2039(a) .....	35	60,631
1.696% (LIBOR			Voya Financial, Inc.		
3 Month + 1.51%),			5.65%, 05/15/2053 .....	31	33,189
01/30/2027(a)(b)(c) .....	100	96,332			<u>231,025</u>
Truist Financial Corp.			REITS-0.2%		
Series Q			Host Hotels & Resorts LP		
5.10%, 03/01/2030(b) .....	81	91,357	Series D		
US Bancorp			3.75%, 10/15/2023 .....	6	6,323
Series J			Vornado Realty LP		
5.30%, 04/15/2027(b) .....	63	71,347	3.40%, 06/01/2031 .....	48	49,495
Wells Fargo & Co.					<u>55,818</u>
2.188%, 04/30/2026 .....	62	64,368			<u>3,780,592</u>
Series BB			Total Corporates-Investment		
3.90%, 03/15/2026(b) .....	33	34,118	Grade		
		<u>2,667,550</u>	(cost \$8,128,136) .....		<u>8,655,482</u>
BROKERAGE-0.3%			COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-		
Charles Schwab Corp. (The)			BACKED SECURITIES-17.2%		
Series G			NON-AGENCY FIXED RATE		
5.375%, 06/01/2025(b) .....	44	48,738	CMBS-13.2%		
Series I			BAMLL Commercial		
4.00%, 06/01/2026(b) .....	72	75,089	Mortgage Securities Trust		
		<u>123,827</u>	Series 2013-WBRK,		
FINANCE-1.9%			Class D		
Air Lease Corp.			3.652%, 03/10/2037(a) .....	110	100,719
2.875%, 01/15/2026 .....	15	15,776	Banc of America Commercial		
3.625%, 04/01/2027 .....	8	8,612	Mortgage Trust		
4.25%, 02/01/2024 .....	17	18,414	Series 2015-UBS7,		
Aircastle Ltd.			Class AS		
2.85%, 01/26/2028(a) .....	88	88,517	3.989%, 09/15/2048 .....	100	109,183
4.125%, 05/01/2024 .....	18	19,220	CCUBS Commercial Mortgage		
4.25%, 06/15/2026 .....	7	7,598	Trust		
4.40%, 09/25/2023 .....	41	43,906	Series 2017-C1, Class A4		
5.00%, 04/01/2023 .....	4	4,279	3.544%, 11/15/2050 .....	155	171,621
5.25%, 08/11/2025(a) .....	47	52,789	CFCRE Commercial Mortgage		
Aviation Capital Group LLC			Trust		
1.95%, 01/30/2026(a) .....	46	45,999	Series 2016-C4, Class A4		
2.875%, 01/20/2022(a) .....	10	10,103	3.283%, 05/10/2058 .....	115	123,950
3.50%, 11/01/2027(a) .....	17	17,853	Series 2016-C4, Class AM		
3.875%, 05/01/2023(a) .....	38	39,797	3.691%, 05/10/2058 .....	45	48,493
4.125%, 08/01/2025(a) .....	2	2,159			

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	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value		Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>CGRBS Commercial</b>			<b>JPMBB Commercial</b>		
Mortgage Trust			Mortgage Securities Trust		
Series 2013-VN05, Class A			Series 2014-C21, Class A5	U.S.\$ 100	\$ 108,079
3.369%, 03/13/2035(a) .....	U.S.\$ 260	\$ 269,340	3.775%, 08/15/2047 .....		
<b>Citigroup Commercial</b>			Series 2014-C22, Class XA	2,481	54,701
Mortgage Trust			0.979%, 09/15/2047(f) .....		
Series 2015-GC27, Class A5			Series 2014-C24, Class C		
3.137%, 02/10/2048 .....	144	153,275	4.55%, 11/15/2047 .....	110	107,448
Series 2015-GC35, Class A4			Series 2015-C30, Class A5		
3.818%, 11/10/2048 .....	55	60,686	3.822%, 07/15/2048 .....	65	71,417
Series 2016-C1, Class A4			Series 2015-C31, Class A3		
3.209%, 05/10/2049 .....	192	207,490	3.801%, 08/15/2048 .....	195	212,934
Series 2016-GC36, Class A5			<b>JPMorgan Chase Commercial</b>		
3.616%, 02/10/2049 .....	65	71,269	Mortgage Securities Trust		
<b>Commercial Mortgage Trust</b>			Series 2012-C6, Class D		
Series 2013-SFS, Class A1			5.313%, 05/15/2045 .....	110	104,403
1.873%, 04/12/2035(a) .....	27	27,338	Series 2012-C6, Class E		
Series 2014-UBS3, Class A4			5.313%, 05/15/2045(a) .....	132	92,920
3.819%, 06/10/2047 .....	130	140,291	<b>LB-UBS Commercial</b>		
Series 2014-UBS5, Class A4			Mortgage Trust		
3.838%, 09/10/2047 .....	130	140,957	Series 2006-C6, Class AJ		
Series 2014-UBS6, Class AM			5.452%, 09/15/2039 .....	24	12,628
4.048%, 12/10/2047 .....	45	48,501	<b>LSTAR Commercial</b>		
Series 2015-CR24, Class A5			Mortgage Trust		
3.696%, 08/10/2048 .....	65	71,099	Series 2016-4, Class A2		
Series 2015-DC1, Class A5			2.579%, 03/10/2049(a) .....	139	140,369
3.35%, 02/10/2048 .....	80	85,770	<b>Morgan Stanley Capital I</b>		
<b>CSAIL Commercial Mortgage</b>			Trust Series 2016-UB12,		
Trust			Class A4 3.596%,		
Series 2015-C2, Class A4			12/15/2049 .....	100	109,795
3.504%, 06/15/2057 .....	100	107,997	<b>UBS Commercial Mortgage</b>		
Series 2015-C3, Class A4			Trust		
3.718%, 08/15/2048 .....	117	127,221	Series 2018-C8, Class A4		
Series 2015-C4, Class A4			3.983%, 02/15/2051 .....	100	113,180
3.808%, 11/15/2048 .....	215	236,795	Series 2018-C9, Class A4		
<b>GS Mortgage Securities Trust</b>			4.117%, 03/15/2051 .....	125	141,317
Series 2013-G1, Class A2			Series 2018-C10, Class A4		
3.557%, 04/10/2031(a) .....	136	136,320	4.313%, 05/15/2051 .....	125	143,480
Series 2014-GC22, Class A5			<b>UBS-Barclays Commercial</b>		
3.862%, 06/10/2047 .....	77	83,105	Mortgage Trust		
Series 2015-GC28, Class A5			Series 2012-C4, Class A5		
3.396%, 02/10/2048 .....	95	102,341	2.85%, 12/10/2045 .....	112	114,831
Series 2018-GS9, Class A4			<b>Wells Fargo Commercial</b>		
3.992%, 03/10/2051 .....	75	85,477	Mortgage Trust		
<b>GSF</b>			Series 2015-SG1, Class A4		
Series 2021-1, Class A1			3.789%, 09/15/2048 .....	95	102,363
1.433%, 08/15/2026(d)(e) .....	19	18,939	Series 2016-C35, Class XA		
Series 2021-1, Class A2			2.077%, 07/15/2048(f) .....	875	67,472
2.435%, 08/15/2026(d)(e) .....	21	21,421	Series 2016-LC25, Class C		
Series 2021-1, Class AS			4.563%, 12/15/2059 .....	85	90,945
2.638%, 08/15/2026(d)(e) .....	4	4,089	Series 2016-NXS6, Class C		
			4.459%, 11/15/2049 .....	100	107,770
			<b>WF-RBS Commercial</b>		
			Mortgage Trust		
			Series 2013-C11, Class XA		
			1.281%, 03/15/2045(a)(f) ..	1,016	14,186
			Series 2014-C19, Class A5		
			4.101%, 03/15/2047 .....	130	140,415
			Series 2014-C24, Class AS		
			3.931%, 11/15/2047 .....	110	116,165
					<u>4,920,505</u>



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NON-AGENCY FLOATING RATE CMBS-4.0%			GS Mortgage Securities Corp. Trust		
Ashford Hospitality Trust Series 2018-KEYS, Class A 1.073% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.00%), 06/15/2035(a)(c) ...	U.S.\$ 100	\$ 100,078	Series 2019-BOCA, Class A 1.273% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.20%), 06/15/2038(a)(c) ...	U.S.\$ 115	\$ 115,214
Atrium Hotel Portfolio Trust Series 2018-ATRM, Class A 1.023% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.95%), 06/15/2035(a)(c) ...	100	99,998	Series 2019-SMP, Class A 1.223% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.15%), 08/15/2032(a)(c) ...	100	100,063
BAMLL Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust Series 2017-SCH, Class AF 1.073% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.00%), 11/15/2033(a)(c) ...	185	181,003	Invitation Homes Trust Series 2018-SFR2, Class C 1.353% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.28%), 06/17/2037(a)(c) ...	100	100,144
BBCMS Mortgage Trust Series 2020-BID, Class A 2.213% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.14%), 10/15/2037(a)(c) ...	71	71,664	Starwood Retail Property Trust Series 2014-STAR, Class A 1.543% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.47%), 11/15/2027(a)(c) .....	174	129,858
Beneria Cowen & Pritzler Collateral Funding Corp. Series 2021-330N, Class A 0.899% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.80%), 06/15/2038(a)(c) ...	21	20,851			<u>1,485,613</u>
BFLD Trust Series 2021-FPM, Class A 1.70% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.60%), 06/15/2038(a)(c) ...	113	113,101	Total Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (cost \$6,300,625) .....		<u>6,406,118</u>
BHMS Series 2018-ATLS, Class A 1.323% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.25%), 07/15/2035(a)(c) .....	81	81,099	<b>MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGHS -13.7%</b>		
BX Trust Series 2018-EXCL, Class A 1.161% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.09%), 09/15/2037(a)(c) .....	79	77,814	AGENCY FIXED RATE 30-YEAR -11.9%		
CLNY Trust Series 2019-IKPR, Class D 2.098% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.03%), 11/15/2038(a)(c) ...	65	64,714	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Series 2019 3.50%, 10/01/2049-11/01/2049 ..	175	186,581
DBWF Mortgage Trust Series 2018-GLKS, Class A 1.123% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.03%), 12/19/2030(a)(c) .....	100	100,137	Series 2020 3.50%, 01/01/2050 .....	86	92,515
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Series 2021-MN1, Class M1 2.018% (SOFR + 2.00%), 01/25/2051(a)(c) ...	19	18,806	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Gold Series 2005 5.50%, 01/01/2035 .....	41	47,391
Great Wolf Trust Series 2019-WOLF, Class A 1.107% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.03%), 12/15/2036(a)(c) .....	111	111,069	Series 2007 5.50%, 07/01/2035 .....	13	15,460
			Series 2016 4.00%, 02/01/2046 .....	113	123,837
			Series 2017 4.00%, 07/01/2044 .....	84	91,831
			Series 2018 4.50%, 10/01/2048-11/01/2048 .....	170	185,076
			Series 2019 5.00%, 11/01/2048 .....	45	49,430
			Federal National Mortgage Association Series 2003 5.50%, 04/01/2033-07/01/2033 .....	40	45,830
			Series 2004 5.50%, 04/01/2034-11/01/2034 .....	36	40,843
			Series 2005 5.50%, 02/01/2035 .....	41	47,190

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Series 2010 4.00%, 12/01/2040 .....	U.S.\$ 52	\$ 56,758			
Series 2012 3.50%, 02/01/2042- 01/01/2043 .....	158	171,325			
Series 2013 3.50%, 04/01/2043 .....	78	84,047			
4.00%, 10/01/2043 .....	203	221,277			
Series 2018 3.50%, 04/01/2048- 05/01/2048 .....	621	663,094			
4.50%, 09/01/2048 .....	146	158,678			
Series 2019 3.50%, 09/01/2049- 11/01/2049 .....	298	317,581			
Series 2020 3.50%, 01/01/2050 .....	79	84,731			
Government National Mortgage Association Series 1994 9.00%, 09/15/2024 .....	0**	217			
Series 2016 3.00%, 04/20/2046 .....	97	101,997			
Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security Series 2021 2.00%, 07/01/2051, TBA ...	415	419,539			
2.50%, 07/01/2051, TBA ...	1,162	1,202,489			
		<u>4,407,717</u>			
<b>AGENCY FIXED RATE</b> 15-YEAR-1.8% Federal National Mortgage Association Series 2016 2.50%, 07/01/2031- 01/01/2032 .....	651	680,845			
Total Mortgage Pass- Throughs (cost \$4,914,789) .....		<u>5,088,562</u>			
<b>COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS-10.6%</b> RISK SHARE FLOATING RATE -8.2% Bellemeade Re Ltd. Series 2018-3A, Class M1B 1.942% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.85%), 10/25/2028(a)(c) ...	82	82,075			
Series 2019-4A, Class M1B 2.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.00%), 10/25/2029(a)(c) ...	150	150,094			
Series 2020-4A, Class M2A 2.692% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.60%), 06/25/2030(a)(c) ...	114	113,966			
Connecticut Avenue Securities Trust Series 2018-R07, Class 1M2 2.492% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.40%), 04/25/2031(a)(c) ...	18	17,672			
			Series 2019-HRP1, Class M2 2.242% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.15%), 11/25/2039(a)(c) .....	U.S.\$ 80	\$ 79,257
			Series 2019-R02, Class 1M2 2.392% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.30%), 08/25/2031(a)(c) .....	22	22,098
			Series 2019-R03, Class 1M2 2.242% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.15%), 09/25/2031(a)(c) .....	36	35,773
			Series 2019-R04, Class 2M2 2.192% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.10%), 06/25/2039(a)(c) .....	32	31,858
			Series 2019-R05, Class 1M2 2.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.00%), 07/25/2039(a)(c) .....	26	26,317
			Series 2019-R06, Class 2M2 2.192% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.10%), 09/25/2039(a)(c) .....	47	46,868
			Series 2019-R07, Class 1M2 2.192% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.10%), 10/25/2039(a)(c) .....	49	49,132
			Series 2020-R01, Class 1M2 2.142% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.05%), 01/25/2040(a)(c) .....	102	102,347
			Series 2020-R02, Class 2M2 2.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.00%), 01/25/2040(a)(c) .....	87	87,646
			Eagle Re Ltd. Series 2020-1, Class M1A 0.992% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.90%), 01/25/2030(a)(c) ...	150	149,637
			Series 2020-2, Class M1B 4.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.00%), 10/25/2030(a)(c) ...	150	150,930
			Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Structured Agency Credit Risk Debt Notes Series 2019-DNA3, Class M2 2.142% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.05%), 07/25/2049(a)(c) .....	75	75,480
			Series 2019-DNA4, Class M2 2.042% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.95%), 10/25/2049(a)(c) .....	54	54,204
			Series 2019-FTR2, Class M2 2.242% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.15%), 11/25/2048(a)(c) .....	115	114,892

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Series 2019-HQA1, Class M2 2.442% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.35%), 02/25/2049(a)(c) .....	U.S.\$ 65	\$ 65,824		Series 2016-C03, Class 2M2 5.992% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.90%), 10/25/2028(c) .....	U.S.\$ 45 \$ 47,334
Series 2020-DNA1, Class M2 1.792% (LIBOR 1 Month + 1.70%), 01/25/2050(a)(c) .....	79	79,725		Series 2016-C05, Class 2M2 4.542% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.45%), 01/25/2029(c) .....	51 53,049
Series 2020-DNA5, Class M2 2.818% (SOFR + 2.80%), 10/25/2050(a)(c)...	70	71,047		Series 2016-C06, Class 1M2 4.342% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.25%), 04/25/2029(c) .....	89 92,016
Series 2021-DNA3, Class B1 3.518% (SOFR + 3.50%), 10/25/2033(a)(c)...	71	73,475		Series 2017-C01, Class 1M2 3.642% (LIBOR 1 Month + 3.55%), 07/25/2029(c) .....	68 71,107
Federal National Mortgage Association Connecticut Avenue Securities Series 2014-C04, Class 1M2 4.992% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.90%), 11/25/2024(c) .....	44	45,635		Series 2017-C02, Class 2M2C 3.742% (LIBOR 1 Month + 3.65%), 09/25/2029(c) .....	68 70,381
Series 2014-C04, Class 2M2 5.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.00%), 11/25/2024(c) .....	12	12,478		Series 2017-C04, Class 2M2 2.942% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.85%), 11/25/2029(c) .....	38 39,123
Series 2015-C01, Class 2M2 4.642% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.55%), 02/25/2025(c) .....	2	2,470		PMT Credit Risk Transfer Trust Series 2019-1R, Class A 2.096% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.00%), 03/27/2024(a)(c)...	41 41,011
Series 2015-C02, Class 1M2 4.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.00%), 05/25/2025(c) .....	33	34,108		Series 2019-2R, Class A 2.846% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.75%), 05/27/2023(a)(c)...	60 59,522
Series 2015-C02, Class 2M2 4.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 4.00%), 05/25/2025(c) .....	13	13,306		Series 2019-3R, Class A 2.796% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.70%), 10/27/2022(a)(c)...	32 32,274
Series 2015-C03, Class 1M2 5.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.00%), 07/25/2025(c) .....	36	37,054		Radnor Re Ltd. Series 2020-1, Class M1A 1.042% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.95%), 01/25/2030(a)(c)...	150 150,016
Series 2015-C04, Class 1M2 5.792% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.70%), 04/25/2028(c) .....	66	69,680		Series 2020-1, Class M2A 2.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.00%), 01/25/2030(a)(c)...	150 147,411
Series 2016-C01, Class 1M2 6.842% (LIBOR 1 Month + 6.75%), 08/25/2028(c) .....	78	83,451		STACR Trust Series 2018-DNA3, Class M2 2.192% (LIBOR 1 Month + 2.10%), 09/25/2048(a)(c) .....	31 30,979
Series 2016-C02, Class 1M2 6.092% (LIBOR 1 Month + 6.00%), 09/25/2028(c) .....	59	62,185		Triangle Re Ltd. Series 2020-1, Class M1B 3.992% (LIBOR 1 Month + 3.90%), 10/25/2030(a)(c)...	150 150,750
				Wells Fargo Credit Risk Transfer Securities Trust Series 2015-WF1, Class 1M2 5.342% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.25%), 11/25/2025(c)(e) .....	19 18,692

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Series 2015-WF1, Class 2M2 5.592% (LIBOR 1 Month + 5.50%), 11/25/2025(c)(e) .....	U.S.\$ 8	\$ 7,811	Series 2006-24CB, Class A16 5.75%, 08/25/2036 .....	U.S.\$ 50	\$ 38,776
		<u>3,064,849</u>	Series 2006-28CB, Class A14 6.25%, 10/25/2036 .....	36	27,186
<b>AGENCY FLOATING</b>			Series 2006-J1, Class 1A13 5.50%, 02/25/2036 .....	23	20,624
<b>RATE-1.1%</b>			Chase Mortgage Finance Trust Series 2007-S5, Class 1A17 6.00%, 07/25/2037 .....	17	11,654
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMICs Series 4981, Class HS 6.009% (6.10%-LIBOR 1 Month), 06/25/2050(c)(g) .....	368	65,606	Countrywide Home Loan Mortgage Pass-Through Trust Series 2006-10, Class 1A8 6.00%, 05/25/2036 .....	22	15,758
Federal National Mortgage Association REMICs Series 2011-131, Class ST 6.449% (6.54%-LIBOR 1 Month), 12/25/2041(c)(g) .....	97	20,571	Series 2006-13, Class 1A19 6.25%, 09/25/2036 .....	12	7,584
Series 2015-90, Class SL 6.059% (6.15%-LIBOR 1 Month), 12/25/2045(c)(g) .....	193	39,741	First Horizon Alternative Mortgage Securities Trust Series 2006-FA3, Class A9 6.00%, 07/25/2036 .....	37	25,119
Series 2016-77, Class DS 5.909% (6.00%-LIBOR 1 Month), 10/25/2046(c)(g) .....	159	31,342	JPMorgan Alternative Loan Trust Series 2006-A3, Class 2A1 3.192%, 07/25/2036 .....	73	<u>62,496</u>
Series 2017-26, Class TS 5.859% (5.95%-LIBOR 1 Month), 04/25/2047(c)(g) .....	192	46,561			<u>218,802</u>
Series 2017-62, Class AS 6.059% (6.15%-LIBOR 1 Month), 08/25/2047(c)(g) .....	180	37,417	<b>AGENCY FIXED RATE-0.5%</b>		
Series 2017-81, Class SA 6.109% (6.20%-LIBOR 1 Month), 10/25/2047(c)(g) .....	194	45,955	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMICs Series 5015, Class BI 4.00%, 09/25/2050(f) .....	208	36,283
Series 2017-97, Class LS 6.109% (6.20%-LIBOR 1 Month), 12/25/2047(c)(g) ...	211	53,306	Series 5049, Class CI 3.50%, 12/25/2050(f) .....	223	31,061
Government National Mortgage Association Series 2017-134, Class SE 6.107% (6.20%-LIBOR 1 Month), 09/20/2047(c)(g) ...	128	25,105	Federal National Mortgage Association Grantor Trust Series 2004-T5, Class AB4 0.632%, 05/28/2035 .....	50	48,377
Series 2017-65, Class ST 6.057% (6.15%-LIBOR 1 Month), 04/20/2047(c)(g) ...	178	<u>39,065</u>	Federal National Mortgage Association REMICs Series 2020-89, Class KI 4.00%, 12/25/2050(f) .....	443	<u>70,283</u>
		<u>404,669</u>			<u>186,004</u>
<b>NON-AGENCY FIXED</b>			<b>NON-AGENCY</b>		
<b>RATE-0.6%</b>			<b>FLOATING RATE-0.2%</b>		
Alternative Loan Trust Series 2005-20CB, Class 3A6 5.50%, 07/25/2035 .....	11	9,605	Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust Series 2006-AR4, Class A2 0.472% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.38%), 12/25/2036(c) ....	101	47,751
			HomeBanc Mortgage Trust Series 2005-1, Class A1 0.592% (LIBOR 1 Month + 0.50%), 03/25/2035(c) ....	24	<u>21,569</u>
					<u>69,320</u>
			<b>Total Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (cost \$3,993,200) .....</b>		<u><u>3,943,644</u></u>

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<b>GOVERNMENTS—</b>			CCO Holdings LLC/CCO		
<b>TREASURIES—8.6%</b>			Holdings Capital Corp.		
MALAYSIA—0.3%			4.50%, 08/15/2030-		
Malaysia Government			06/01/2033(a) ..... U.S.\$		
Bond			75 \$ 77,003		
Series 117			CSC Holdings LLC		
3.882%, 03/10/2022 ..... MYR			6.75%, 11/15/2021 ..... 30 30,600		
474 \$ 115,802			Netflix, Inc.		
UNITED STATES—8.3%			5.875%, 11/15/2028 ..... 83 101,962		
U.S. Treasury Bonds			Sirius XM Radio, Inc.		
1.875%, 02/15/2051 ..... U.S.\$			4.00%, 07/15/2028(a) ..... 57 58,810		
1,384 1,322,007			305,535		
5.375%, 02/15/2031 ..... 175 237,673			<b>COMMUNICATIONS—</b>		
U.S. Treasury Notes			<b>TELECOMMUNICATIONS—0.4%</b>		
0.875%, 11/15/2030(h) ..... 579 550,750			Lumen Technologies, Inc.		
1.125%, 02/15/2031 ..... 213 207,237			4.50%, 01/15/2029(a) ..... 60 58,432		
1.625%, 05/15/2026 ..... 756 783,581			T-Mobile USA, Inc.		
3,101,248			2.625%, 04/15/2026-		
Total Governments—Treasuries			02/15/2029 ..... 27 27,261		
(cost \$3,141,073) ..... 3,217,050			2.875%, 02/15/2031 ..... 41 40,661		
<b>INFLATION-LINKED</b>			3.375%, 04/15/2029 ..... 7 7,239		
<b>SECURITIES—4.6%</b>			133,593		
CANADA—0.6%			<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL—</b>		
Canadian Government Real			<b>AUTOMOTIVE—0.2%</b>		
Return Bond			Allison Transmission, Inc.		
1.50%, 12/01/2044 ..... CAD			3.75%, 01/30/2031(a) ..... 61 59,856		
203 214,593			<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL—</b>		
UNITED STATES—4.0%			<b>ENTERTAINMENT—0.5%</b>		
U.S. Treasury Inflation Index			Mattel, Inc.		
0.125%, 01/15/2031(TIPS) .. U.S.\$			3.375%, 04/01/2026(a) ..... 32 33,174		
82 90,381			3.75%, 04/01/2029(a) ..... 32 33,269		
0.25%, 01/15/2025(TIPS) ... 1,189 1,287,061			Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.		
0.75%, 07/15/2028(TIPS) .... 96 109,903			10.875%, 06/01/2023(a) .... 43 49,027		
1,487,345			11.50%, 06/01/2025(a) ..... 73 84,220		
Total Inflation-Linked			199,690		
Securities			<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL—</b>		
(cost \$1,672,090) ..... 1,701,938			<b>RESTAURANTS—0.2%</b>		
<b>CORPORATES—</b>			1011778 BC ULC/New Red		
<b>NON-INVESTMENT</b>			Finance, Inc.		
<b>GRADE—4.5%</b>			3.50%, 02/15/2029(a) ..... 77 76,109		
<b>INDUSTRIAL—3.1%</b>			<b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL—</b>		
BASIC—0.3%			<b>RETAILERS—0.1%</b>		
Ingevity Corp.			Levi Strauss & Co.		
3.875%, 11/01/2028(a) ..... 65 64,863			3.50%, 03/01/2031(a) ..... 42 41,860		
Sealed Air Corp.			<b>CONSUMER NON-</b>		
4.00%, 12/01/2027(a) ..... 47 49,985			<b>CYCLICAL—0.2%</b>		
114,848			Albertsons Cos., Inc./Safeway,		
CAPITAL GOODS—0.3%			Inc./New Albertsons LP/		
GFL Environmental, Inc.			Albertsons LLC		
3.50%, 09/01/2028(a) ..... 62 62,002			3.50%, 03/15/2029(a) ..... 41 40,513		
TransDigm, Inc.			Newell Brands, Inc.		
6.25%, 03/15/2026(a) ..... 50 52,740			4.70%, 04/01/2026 ..... 33 36,792		
114,742			4.875%, 06/01/2025 ..... 8 8,864		
COMMUNICATIONS—			Spectrum Brands, Inc.		
MEDIA—0.8%			5.75%, 07/15/2025 ..... 5 5,128		
Cable One, Inc.			91,297		
4.00%, 11/15/2030(a) ..... 37 37,160					

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ENERGY-0.1%			Neighborly Issuer LLC		
Transocean Poseidon Ltd.			Series 2021-1A, Class A2		
6.875%, 02/01/2027(a) .....	U.S.\$ 33	\$ 33,164	3.584%, 04/30/2051(a) .....	U.S.\$ 33	\$ 34,279
		<u>1,170,694</u>	Nelnet Student Loan Trust		
<b>FINANCIAL</b>			Series 2021-BA, Class B	100	99,944
<b>INSTITUTIONS-1.2%</b>			2.68%, 04/20/2062(a) .....		
BANKING-1.0%			SoFi Consumer Loan Program		
Credit Suisse Group AG			LLC		
7.50%, 07/17/2023(a)(b) ...	200	217,132	Series 2017-4, Class B		
Discover Financial Services			3.59%, 05/26/2026(a) .....	90	91,205
Series D			Series 2017-5, Class A2		
6.125%, 06/23/2025(b) .....	127	142,528	2.78%, 09/25/2026(a) .....	4	4,461
		<u>359,660</u>			<u>919,791</u>
FINANCE-0.2% .....			<b>AUTOS-FIXED</b>		
SLM Corp.			RATE -1.5%		
4.20%, 10/29/2025 .....	68	73,085	Avis Budget Rental Car		
		<u>432,745</u>	Funding AESOP LLC		
<b>UTILITY-0.2%</b>			Series 2018-2A, Class A		
<b>ELECTRIC-0.2%</b>			4.00%, 03/20/2025(a) .....	105	113,418
Vistra Operations Co. LLC			Exeter Automobile		
4.375%, 05/01/2029(a) .....	58	58,306	Receivables Trust		
Total Corporates-Non-			Series 2017-1A, Class D		
Investment Grade			6.20%, 11/15/2023(a) .....	93	94,288
(cost \$1,603,033) .....		<u>1,661,745</u>	Series 2017-3A, Class C		
<b>ASSET-BACKED</b>			3.68%, 07/17/2023(a) .....	40	40,291
<b>SECURITIES-4.4%</b>			First Investors Auto Owner		
<b>OTHER ABS-FIXED</b>			Trust		
RATE-2.5%			Series 2020-1A, Class A		
AB Issuer LLC			1.49%, 01/15/2025(a) .....	21	21,446
Series 2021-1, Class A2			Flagship Credit Auto Trust		
3.734%, 07/30/2051(a)(d) ...	80	80,610	Series 2016-4, Class D		
Affirm Asset Securitization			3.89%, 11/15/2022(a) .....	89	89,416
Trust			Ford Credit Auto Owner Trust		
Series 2020-A, Class A			Series 2021-1, Class D		
2.10%, 02/18/2025(a) .....	100	100,891	2.31%, 10/17/2033(a) .....	150	150,531
Series 2021-A, Class C			Hertz Vehicle Financing II LP		
1.66%, 08/15/2025(a) .....	100	100,447	Series 2017-1A, Class A		
Series 2021-Z1, Class A			2.96%, 10/25/2021(a) .....	12	11,978
1.07%, 08/15/2025(a) .....	95	95,122	Series 2019-1A, Class A		
Domino's Pizza Master Issuer			3.71%, 03/25/2023(a) .....	10	9,646
LLC			Hertz Vehicle Financing LLC		
Series 2021-1A, Class A2I			Series 2018-2A, Class A		
2.662%, 04/25/2051(a) .....	50	51,741	3.65%, 06/27/2022(a) .....	12	12,061
GCI Funding I LLC					<u>543,075</u>
Series 2021-1, Class A			<b>CREDIT CARDS-FIXED</b>		
2.38%, 06/18/2046(a)(d) ...	100	99,974	RATE-0.4%		
Hardee's Funding LLC			World Financial Network		
Series 2018-1A, Class A23			Credit Card Master Trust		
5.71%, 06/20/2048(a) .....	37	41,025	Series 2018-B, Class M		
Series 2020-1A, Class A2			3.81%, 07/15/2025 .....	70	70,468
3.981%, 12/20/2050(a) .....	85	89,624	Series 2019-B, Class M		
Marlette Funding Trust			3.04%, 04/15/2026 .....	80	81,703
Series 2019-3A, Class A					<u>152,171</u>
2.69%, 09/17/2029(a) .....	9	8,711			
Series 2020-1A, Class A					
2.24%, 03/15/2030(a) .....	22	21,757			

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	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value		Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>HOME EQUITY LOANS—</b>					
<b>FLOATING Rate—0.0%</b>					
<b>ABFC Trust</b>					
Series 2003-WF1,					
Class A2 1.217% (LIBOR					
1 Month + 1.13%),					
12/25/2032 (c) .....	U.S.\$ 12	\$ 12,093		U.S.\$ 50	\$ 43,875
<b>Total Asset-Backed Securities</b>					
(cost \$1,603,765) .....		<u>1,627,130</u>			
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENTS—</b>					
<b>US MUNICIPAL</b>					
<b>BONDS—1.8%</b>					
<b>UNITED STATES—1.8%</b>					
<b>Port Authority of New York &amp;</b>					
<b>New Jersey</b>					
Series 2020A					
1.086%, 07/01/2023 .....	50	50,636		5,630	<u>5,629,419</u>
<b>State Board of Administration</b>				<b>Shares</b>	
<b>Finance Corp.</b>					
Series 2020A					
1.705%, 07/01/2027 .....	80	81,295			
<b>State of California</b>					
5.70%, 11/01/2021 .....	65	66,181			
Series 2010					
7.625%, 03/01/2040 .....	200	336,909			
<b>Tobacco Settlement Finance</b>					
<b>Authority/WV</b>					
3.00%, 06/01/2035 .....	46	47,849			
<b>University of California</b>					
Series 2021B					
3.071%, 05/15/2051 .....	75	<u>75,757</u>			
<b>Total Local Governments—</b>					
<b>US Municipal Bonds</b>					
(cost \$519,602) .....		<u>658,627</u>			
<b>EMERGING MARKETS—</b>					
<b>CORPORATE BONDS—0.3%</b>					
<b>INDUSTRIAL—0.3%</b>					
<b>BASIC—0.1%</b>					
<b>Volcan Cia Minera SAA</b>					
4.375%, 02/11/2026(a) .....	19	<u>18,715</u>			
<b>CAPITAL GOODS—0.2%</b>					
<b>Embraer Netherlands Finance</b>					
<b>BV</b>					
5.40%, 02/01/2027 .....	85	<u>90,261</u>			
		<u>108,976</u>			
<b>UTILITY—0.0%</b>					
<b>ELECTRIC—0.0%</b>					
<b>Terraform Global Operating</b>					
<b>LLC</b>					
6.125%, 03/01/2026(e) .....	5	<u>5,150</u>			
<b>Total Emerging Markets—</b>					
<b>Corporate Bonds</b>					
(cost \$109,109) .....		<u>114,126</u>			
<b>QUASI-SOVEREIGNS—0.1%</b>					
<b>QUASI-SOVEREIGN</b>					
<b>BONDS—0.1%</b>					
<b>MEXICO—0.1%</b>					
<b>Petroleos Mexicanos</b>					
6.75%, 09/21/2047					
(cost \$43,967) .....	U.S.\$ 50	\$ 43,875			
<b>SHORT-TERM</b>					
<b>INVESTMENTS—16.1%</b>					
<b>U.S. TREASURY</b>					
<b>BILLS—15.1%</b>					
<b>U.S. Treasury Bill Zero</b>					
Coupon, 07/27/2021-					
11/26/2021					
(cost \$5,629,703) .....				5,630	<u>5,629,419</u>
<b>INVESTMENT</b>					
<b>COMPANIES—1.0%</b>					
<b>AB Fixed Income Shares,</b>					
Inc.—Government Money					
Market Portfolio—Class AB,					
0.01%(i)(j)(k)					
(cost \$366,094) .....				366,094	<u>366,094</u>
<b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>					
(cost \$5,995,797) .....					<u>5,995,513</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>					
<b>INVESTMENTS—105.2%</b>					
(cost \$38,025,186) .....					39,113,810
<b>Other assets less</b>					
liabilities—(5.2%) .....					<u>(1,941,747)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS—100.0%</b> .....					<u>\$ 37,172,063</u>

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## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

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### FUTURES (see Note D)

Description	Number of Contracts	Expiration Month	Current Notional	Value and Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Purchased Contracts</b>				
U.S. T-Note 2 Yr (CBT) Futures	21	September 2021	\$ 4,626,726	\$ (8,252)
U.S. T-Note 5 Yr (CBT) Futures	7	September 2021	864,008	507
U.S. Ultra Bond (CBT) Futures	14	September 2021	2,697,625	96,394
<b>Sold Contracts</b>				
10 Yr Canadian Bond Futures	6	September 2021	704,356	(8,213)
				<u>\$ 80,436</u>

### FORWARD CURRENCY EXCHANGE CONTRACTS (see Note D)

Counterparty		Contracts to Deliver (000)		In Exchange For (000)	Settlement Date	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd.	AUD	1,001	USD	775	08/25/2021	\$ 24,816
Bank of America, NA	USD	384	RUB	28,540	07/28/2021	4,413
Bank of America, NA	CHF	716	USD	785	08/05/2021	11,021
Citibank, NA	CAD	1,348	USD	1,077	07/16/2021	(10,571)
Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc.	USD	786	CHF	716	08/05/2021	(12,058)
Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc.	MYR	497	USD	120	09/23/2021	744
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	SEK	3,074	USD	370	07/15/2021	11,239
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	USD	1	SEK	5	07/15/2021	(3)
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	USD	131	CAD	158	07/16/2021	(3,145)
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	EUR	123	USD	151	08/03/2021	4,876
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	USD	72	EUR	60	08/03/2021	(67)
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	AUD	16	USD	12	08/25/2021	8
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	USD	16	AUD	21	08/25/2021	(440)
						<u>\$ 30,833</u>

### INTEREST RATE SWAPTIONS WRITTEN (see Note D)

Description	Index	Counterparty	Strike Rate	Expiration Date	Notional Amount (000)	Premiums Received	Market Value
<b>Call</b>							
OTC-1 Year							
Interest Rate Swap	3 Month LIBOR	Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC	1.60%	08/26/2021	USD 954	\$ 12,641	\$ (18,583)



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**CENTRALLY CLEARED CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS (see Note D)**

Description	Fixed Rate (Pay) Receive	Payment Frequency	Implied Credit Spread at June 30, 2021	Notional Amount (000)	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Sale Contracts</b>							
Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC							
CDX-NAHY Series 34, 5 Year Index, 06/20/2025*	5.00%	Quarterly	2.36%	USD 132	\$ 13,147	\$ 5,863	\$ 7,284
CDX-NAHY Series 36, 5 Year Index, 06/20/2026*	5.00	Quarterly	2.74	USD 212	21,896	19,404	2,492
					<u>\$ 35,043</u>	<u>\$ 25,267</u>	<u>\$ 9,776</u>

\* Termination date

**CENTRALLY CLEARED INTEREST RATE SWAPS (see Note D)**

Notional Amount (000)	Termination Date	Rate Type		Payment Frequency Paid/ Received	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
		Payments made by the Fund	Payments received by the Fund				
SEK 15,600	08/30/2024	3 Month STIBOR	(0.165)%	Quarterly/ Annual	\$ (23,127)	\$ 10	\$ (23,137)
USD 130	09/27/2029	1.593%	3 Month LIBOR	Semi-Annual/ Quarterly	(3,319)	—	(3,319)
USD 250	12/13/2029	1.764%	3 Month LIBOR	Semi-Annual/ Quarterly	(8,824)	—	(8,824)
CAD 78	03/03/2051	2.297%	3 Month CDOR	Semi-Annual	(1,407)	3	(1,410)
CAD 240	03/04/2051	2.333%	3 Month CDOR	Semi-Annual	(5,957)	—	(5,957)
					<u>\$ (42,634)</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ (42,647)</u>

**CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS (see Note D)**

Swap Counterparty & Referenced Obligation	Fixed Rate (Pay) Receive	Payment Frequency	Implied Credit Spread at June 30, 2021	Notional Amount (000)	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Buy Contracts</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets, Inc.							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)%	Monthly	5.05%	USD 7	\$ 542	\$ 1,398	\$ (856)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 7	542	1,399	(857)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 119	9,229	23,290	(14,061)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 128	9,894	25,918	(16,024)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 298	23,110	58,852	(35,742)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 595	46,093	119,723	(73,630)

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Swap Counterparty & Referenced Obligation	Fixed Rate (Pay) Receive	Payment Frequency	Implied Credit Spread at June 30, 2021	Notional Amount (000)	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Buy Contracts (continued)</b>							
Goldman Sachs International CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)%	Monthly	5.05%	USD 51	\$ 3,951	\$ 8,787	\$ (4,836)
JPMorgan Securities, LLC CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 68	5,256	13,627	(8,371)
Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 27	2,092	5,204	(3,112)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 9, 09/17/2058*	(3.00)	Monthly	5.05	USD 54	4,183	10,949	(6,766)
<b>Sale Contracts</b>							
Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 1	(264)	(155)	(109)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 1	(264)	(124)	(140)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 2	(529)	(233)	(296)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 3	(792)	(367)	(425)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 4	(1,056)	(512)	(544)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 4	(1,056)	(415)	(641)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 5	(1,320)	(552)	(768)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 6	(1,585)	(759)	(826)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 7	(1,848)	(1,007)	(841)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 6	(1,585)	(735)	(850)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 6	(1,585)	(698)	(887)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,113)	(1,048)	(1,065)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 7	(1,848)	(773)	(1,075)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,112)	(979)	(1,133)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 9	(2,376)	(972)	(1,404)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 9	(2,377)	(953)	(1,424)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB- Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 12	(3,169)	(1,241)	(1,928)

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Swap Counterparty & Referenced Obligation	Fixed Rate (Pay) Receive	Payment Frequency	Implied Credit Spread at June 30, 2021	Notional Amount (000)	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Sale Contracts (continued)</b>							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00%	Monthly	10.00%	USD 14	\$ (3,697)	\$ (1,512)	\$ (2,185)
Credit Suisse International CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 28	(7,394)	(1,868)	(5,526)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 56	(14,784)	(8,017)	(6,767)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 94	(24,824)	(5,868)	(18,956)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 318	(84,026)	(12,553)	(71,473)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 350	(92,429)	(19,546)	(72,883)
Deutsche Bank AG							
CDX-CMBX.NA.A Series 6, 05/11/2063*	2.00	Monthly	10.08	USD 135	(11,397)	(2,548)	(8,849)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,113)	(905)	(1,208)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,113)	(443)	(1,670)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 27	(7,130)	(2,979)	(4,151)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 28	(7,395)	(3,091)	(4,304)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 51	(13,468)	(6,201)	(7,267)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 132	(34,859)	(8,927)	(25,932)
Goldman Sachs International							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 4	(1,056)	(586)	(470)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 4	(1,056)	(346)	(710)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,112)	(762)	(1,350)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 8	(2,113)	(705)	(1,408)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 14	(3,698)	(1,733)	(1,965)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 16	(4,226)	(1,667)	(2,559)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 28	(7,392)	(4,416)	(2,976)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 39	(10,296)	(6,239)	(4,057)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 41	(10,827)	(5,384)	(5,443)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 49	(12,940)	(4,086)	(8,854)

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Swap Counterparty & Referenced Obligation	Fixed Rate (Pay) Receive	Payment Frequency	Implied Credit Spread at June 30, 2021	Notional Amount (000)	Market Value	Upfront Premiums Paid/ (Received)	Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
<b>Sale Contracts (continued)</b>							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00%	Monthly	10.00%	USD 57	\$ (15,053)	\$ (5,860)	\$ (9,193)
JPMorgan Securities, LLC							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 9	(2,376)	(1,108)	(1,268)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 18	(4,752)	(2,149)	(2,603)
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 51	(13,464)	(6,035)	(7,429)
Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC							
CDX-CMBX.NA.BBB-Series 6, 05/11/2063*	3.00	Monthly	10.00	USD 35	(9,243)	(2,382)	(6,861)
					<u>\$ (327,220)</u>	<u>\$ 139,708</u>	<u>\$ (466,928)</u>

\* Termination date

\*\* Principal amount less than 500.

- (a) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A or Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities are considered restricted, but liquid and may be resold in transactions exempt from registration. At June 30, 2021, the aggregate market value of these securities amounted to \$8,674,281 or 23.3% of net assets.
- (b) Securities are perpetual and, thus, do not have a predetermined maturity date. The date shown, if applicable, reflects the next call date.
- (c) Floating Rate Security. Stated interest/floor/ceiling rate was in effect at June 30, 2021.
- (d) Security in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value.
- (e) Security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A or Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities, which represent 0.20% of net assets as of June 30, 2021, are considered illiquid and restricted. Additional information regarding such securities follows:

144A/Restricted & Illiquid Securities	Acquisition Date	Cost	Market Value	Percentage of Net Assets
GSF Series 2021-1, Class A1 1.433%, 08/15/2026	02/25/2021	\$ 18,944	\$ 18,939	0.05%
GSF Series 2021-1, Class A2 2.435%, 08/15/2026	02/25/2021	21,609	21,421	0.06%
GSF Series 2021-1, Class AS 2.638%, 08/15/2026	02/25/2021	4,114	4,089	0.01%
Terraform Global Operating LLC 6.125%, 03/01/2026	02/08/2018	5,000	5,150	0.01%
Wells Fargo Credit Risk Transfer Securities Trust Series 2015-WF1, Class 1M2 5.342%, 11/25/2025	09/28/2015	19,222	18,692	0.05%
Wells Fargo Credit Risk Transfer Securities Trust Series 2015-WF1, Class 2M2 5.592%, 11/25/2025	09/28/2015	7,843	7,811	0.02%

(f) IO—Interest Only.

(g) Inverse interest only security.

(h) Position, or a portion thereof, has been segregated to collateralize OTC derivatives outstanding.

(i) Affiliated investments.

- (j) To obtain a copy of the fund's shareholder report, please go to the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or call AB at (800) 227-4618.
- (k) The rate shown represents the 7-day yield as of period end.

Currency Abbreviations:

AUD—Australian Dollar  
CAD—Canadian Dollar  
CHF—Swiss Franc  
EUR—Euro  
MYR—Malaysian Ringgit  
RUB—Russian Ruble  
SEK—Swedish Krona  
USD—United States Dollar

Glossary:

ABS—Asset-Backed Securities  
CBT—Chicago Board of Trade  
CDOR—Canadian Dealer Offered Rate  
CDX-CMBX.NA—North American Commercial Mortgage-Backed Index  
CDX-NAHY—North American High Yield Credit Default Swap Index  
CMBS—Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities  
LIBOR—London Interbank Offered Rate  
REIT—Real Estate Investment Trust  
REMICs—Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits  
SOFR—Secured Overnight Financing Rate  
STIBOR—Stockholm Interbank Offered Rate  
TBA—To Be Announced  
TIPS—Treasury Inflation Protected Security

See notes to financial statements.

**INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES**

June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

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**ASSETS**

Investments in securities, at value	
Unaffiliated issuers (cost \$37,659,092) .....	\$38,747,716
Affiliated issuers (cost \$366,094) .....	366,094
Cash .....	323
Cash collateral due from broker .....	200,449
Foreign currencies, at value (cost \$464) .....	477
Interest receivable .....	178,043
Market value on credit default swaps (net premiums paid \$269,147) .....	104,892
Receivable for investment securities sold .....	89,531
Unrealized appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts .....	57,117
Receivable for capital stock sold .....	52,243
Receivable for variation margin on futures .....	11,069
Affiliated dividends receivable .....	3
Total assets .....	<u>39,807,957</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Swaptions written, at value (premiums received \$12,641) .....	18,583
Payable for investment securities purchased .....	1,775,404
Market value on credit default swaps (net premiums received \$129,439) .....	432,112
Payable for capital stock redeemed .....	226,067
Unrealized depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts .....	26,284
Administrative fee payable .....	20,282
Advisory fee payable .....	13,930
Payable for variation margin on centrally cleared swaps .....	3,265
Foreign capital gains tax payable .....	2,860
Distribution fee payable .....	2,186
Transfer Agent fee payable .....	129
Accrued expenses and other liabilities .....	114,792
Total liabilities .....	<u>2,635,894</u>

**NET ASSETS** ..... \$37,172,063

**COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS**

Capital stock, at par .....	\$ 3,436
Additional paid-in capital .....	34,281,868
Distributable earnings .....	<u>2,886,759</u>

**NET ASSETS** ..... \$37,172,063

**Net Asset Value Per Share—1 billion shares of capital stock authorized, \$.001 par value**

Class	Net Assets	Shares Outstanding	Net Asset Value
A	\$ 26,688,292	2,458,634	\$ 10.85
B	\$ 10,483,771	977,548	\$ 10.72

See notes to financial statements.

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**INVESTMENT INCOME**

Interest .....	\$ 600,698
Dividends—Affiliated issuers .....	29
	600,727

**EXPENSES**

Advisory fee (see Note B) .....	88,016
Distribution fee—Class B .....	13,359
Transfer agency—Class A .....	1,763
Transfer agency—Class B .....	663
Custody and accounting .....	62,758
Administrative .....	39,336
Audit and tax .....	38,665
Printing .....	10,947
Legal .....	10,131
Directors' fees .....	9,523
Miscellaneous .....	3,291
Total expenses .....	278,452
Less: expenses waived and reimbursed by the Adviser (see Note B) .....	(128)
Net expenses .....	278,324
Net investment income .....	322,403

**REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENT AND FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS**

Net realized gain (loss) on:	
Investment transactions .....	288,223
Forward currency exchange contracts .....	66,299
Futures .....	(318,357)
Swaps .....	5,513
Foreign currency transactions .....	(109,229)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of:	
Investments (a) .....	(882,876)
Forward currency exchange contracts .....	59,600
Futures .....	150,113
Swaps .....	(114,431)
Swaptions written .....	(5,942)
Foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities .....	(7,662)
Net loss on investment and foreign currency transactions .....	(868,749)
<b>NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS .....</b>	<b>\$(546,346)</b>

(a) Net of decrease in accrued foreign capital gains taxes on unrealized gains of \$9,868.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

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	<b>Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2020</b>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b>		
Net investment income .....	\$ 322,403	\$ 819,646
Net realized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions .....	(67,551)	1,348,708
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments and foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities .....	<u>(801,198)</u>	<u>241,431</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations .....	(546,346)	2,409,785
Distributions to Shareholders		
Class A .....	-0-	(1,056,131)
Class B .....	-0-	(355,053)
<b>CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Net decrease .....	<u>(4,119,992)</u>	<u>(3,575,324)</u>
Total decrease .....	(4,666,338)	(2,576,723)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Beginning of period .....	<u>41,838,401</u>	<u>44,415,124</u>
End of period .....	<u>\$37,172,063</u>	<u>\$41,838,401</u>

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE A: Significant Accounting Policies

The AB Intermediate Bond Portfolio (the “Portfolio”), is a series of AB Variable Products Series Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”). The Portfolio’s investment objective is to generate income and price appreciation without assuming what AllianceBernstein L.P. (the “Adviser”) considers undue risk. The Portfolio is diversified as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Fund was incorporated in the State of Maryland as an open-end series investment company. The Fund offers 11 separately managed pools of assets which have differing investment objectives and policies. The Portfolio offers Class A and Class B shares. Both classes of shares have identical voting, dividend, liquidating and other rights, except that Class B shares bear a distribution expense and have exclusive voting rights with respect to the Class B distribution plan.

The Portfolio offers and sells its shares only to separate accounts of certain life insurance companies for the purpose of funding variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies. Sales are made without a sales charge at the Portfolio’s net asset value per share.

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”), which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Portfolio is an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Portfolio.

#### 1. Security Valuation

Portfolio securities are valued at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations or, if market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable, at “fair value” as determined in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Fund’s Board of Directors (the “Board”).

In general, the market values of securities which are readily available and deemed reliable are determined as follows: securities listed on a national securities exchange (other than securities listed on the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (“NASDAQ”)) or on a foreign securities exchange are valued at the last sale price at the close of the exchange or foreign securities exchange. If there has been no sale on such day, the securities are valued at the last traded price from the previous day. Securities listed on more than one exchange are valued by reference to the principal exchange on which the securities are traded; securities listed only on NASDAQ are valued in accordance with the NASDAQ Official Closing Price; listed or over the counter (“OTC”) market put or call options are valued at the mid level between the current bid and ask prices. If either a current bid or current ask price is unavailable, the Adviser will have discretion to determine the best valuation (e.g., last trade price in the case of listed options); open futures are valued using the closing settlement price or, in the absence of such a price, the most recent quoted bid price. If there are no quotations available for the day of valuation, the last available closing settlement price is used; U.S. Government securities and any other debt instruments having 60 days or less remaining until maturity are generally valued at market by an independent pricing vendor, if a market price is available. If a market price is not available, the securities are valued at amortized cost. This methodology is commonly used for short term securities that have an original maturity of 60 days or less, as well as short term securities that had an original term to maturity that exceeded 60 days. In instances when amortized cost is utilized, the Valuation Committee (the “Committee”) must reasonably conclude that the utilization of amortized cost is approximately the same as the fair value of the security. Factors the Committee will consider include, but are not limited to, an impairment of the creditworthiness of the issuer or material changes in interest rates. Fixed-income securities, including mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities, may be valued on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service or at a price obtained from one or more of the major broker-dealers. In cases where broker-dealer quotes are obtained, the Adviser may establish procedures whereby changes in market yields or spreads are used to adjust, on a daily basis, a recently obtained quoted price on a security. Swaps and other derivatives are valued daily, primarily using independent pricing services, independent pricing models using market inputs, as well as third party broker-dealers or counterparties. Open-end mutual funds are valued at the closing net asset value per share, while exchange traded funds are valued at the closing market price per share.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (including restricted securities) or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value as deemed appropriate by the Adviser. Factors considered in making this determination may include, but are not limited to, information obtained by contacting the issuer, analysts, analysis of the issuer’s financial statements or other available documents. In addition, the Portfolio may use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded in non-U.S. markets because most foreign markets close well before the Portfolio values its securities at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The

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earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim and may materially affect the value of those securities. To account for this, the Portfolio generally values many of its foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

### 2. Fair Value Measurements

In accordance with U.S. GAAP regarding fair value measurements, fair value is defined as the price that the Portfolio would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability (including those valued based on their market values as described in Note A.1 above). Inputs may be observable or unobservable and refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Portfolio. Unobservable inputs reflect the Portfolio's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. Each investment is assigned a level based upon the observability of the inputs which are significant to the overall valuation. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized below.

- Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical investments
- Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)
- Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Portfolio's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The fair value of debt instruments, such as bonds, and over-the-counter derivatives is generally based on market price quotations, recently executed market transactions (where observable) or industry recognized modeling techniques and are generally classified as Level 2. Pricing vendor inputs to Level 2 valuations may include quoted prices for similar investments in active markets, interest rate curves, coupon rates, currency rates, yield curves, option adjusted spreads, default rates, credit spreads and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows which are then discounted to calculate fair values. If these inputs are unobservable and significant to the fair value, these investments will be classified as Level 3.

Where readily available market prices or relevant bid prices are not available for certain equity investments, such investments may be valued based on similar publicly traded investments, movements in relevant indices since last available prices or based upon underlying company fundamentals and comparable company data (such as multiples to earnings or other multiples to equity). Where an investment is valued using an observable input, such as another publicly traded security, the investment will be classified as Level 2. If management determines that an adjustment is appropriate based on restrictions on resale, illiquidity or uncertainty, and such adjustment is a significant component of the valuation, the investment will be classified as Level 3. An investment will also be classified as Level 3 where management uses company fundamentals and other significant inputs to determine the valuation.

Valuations of mortgage-backed or other asset-backed securities, by pricing vendors, are based on both proprietary and industry recognized models and discounted cash flow techniques. Significant inputs to the valuation of these instruments are value of the collateral, the rates and timing of delinquencies, the rates and timing of prepayments, and default and loss expectations, which are driven in part by housing prices for residential mortgages. Significant inputs are determined based on relative value analyses, which incorporate comparisons to instruments with similar collateral and risk profiles, including relevant indices. Mortgage and asset-backed securities for which management has collected current observable data through pricing services are generally categorized within Level 2. Those investments for which current observable data has not been provided are classified as Level 3.

Other fixed income investments, including non-U.S. government and corporate debt, are generally valued using quoted market prices, if available, which are typically impacted by current interest rates, maturity dates and any perceived credit risk of the issuer. Additionally, in the absence of quoted market prices, these inputs are used by pricing vendors to derive a valuation based upon industry or proprietary models which incorporate issuer specific data with relevant yield/spread comparisons with more widely quoted bonds with similar key characteristics. Those investments for which there are observable inputs are classified as Level 2. Where the inputs are not observable, the investments are classified as Level 3.

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The following table summarizes the valuation of the Portfolio's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2021:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Investments in Securities:</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Corporates—Investment Grade .....	\$ 0–	\$ 8,655,482	\$ 0–	\$ 8,655,482
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities .....	0–	6,361,669	44,449	6,406,118
Mortgage Pass-Throughs .....	0–	5,088,562	0–	5,088,562
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations .....	0–	3,943,644	0–	3,943,644
Governments—Treasuries .....	0–	3,217,050	0–	3,217,050
Inflation-Linked Securities .....	0–	1,701,938	0–	1,701,938
Corporates—Non-Investment Grade .....	0–	1,661,745	0–	1,661,745
Asset-Backed Securities .....	0–	1,446,546	180,584	1,627,130
Local Governments—US Municipal Bonds .....	0–	658,627	0–	658,627
Emerging Markets—Corporate Bonds .....	0–	114,126	0–	114,126
Quasi-Sovereigns .....	0–	43,875	0–	43,875
<b>Short-Term Investments:</b>				
U.S. Treasury Bills .....	0–	5,629,419	0–	5,629,419
Investment Companies .....	366,094	0–	0–	366,094
Total Investments in Securities .....	366,094	38,522,683	225,033	39,113,810
<b>Other Financial Instruments(a):</b>				
<b>Assets:</b>				
Futures .....	96,901	0–	0–	96,901(b)
Forward Currency Exchange Contracts .....	0–	57,117	0–	57,117
Centrally Cleared Credit Default Swaps .....	0–	35,043	0–	35,043(b)
Credit Default Swaps .....	0–	104,892	0–	104,892
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Futures .....	(16,465)	0–	0–	(16,465)(b)
Forward Currency Exchange Contracts .....	0–	(26,284)	0–	(26,284)
Interest Rate Swaptions Written .....	0–	(18,583)	0–	(18,583)
Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swaps .....	0–	(42,634)	0–	(42,634)(b)
Credit Default Swaps .....	0–	(432,112)	0–	(432,112)
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$446,530</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,200,122</u></b>	<b><u>\$225,033</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,871,685</u></b>

(a) Other financial instruments are derivative instruments, such as futures, forwards and swaps, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on the instrument. Other financial instruments may also include swaps with upfront premiums, options written and swaptions written which are valued at market value.

(b) Only variation margin receivable/(payable) at period end is reported within the statement of assets and liabilities. This amount reflects cumulative unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on futures and centrally cleared swaps as reported in the portfolio of investments. Where applicable, centrally cleared swaps with upfront premiums are presented here at market value.

### 3. Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and commitments under forward currency exchange contracts are translated into U.S. dollars at the mean of the quoted bid and ask prices of such currencies against the U.S. dollar. Purchases and sales of portfolio securities are translated into U.S. dollars at the rates of exchange prevailing when such securities were acquired or sold. Income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at rates of exchange prevailing when accrued.

Net realized gain or loss on foreign currency transactions represents foreign exchange gains and losses from sales and maturities of foreign fixed income investments, holding of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on foreign investment transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Portfolio's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized currency gains and losses from valuing foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities at period end

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exchange rates are reflected as a component of net unrealized appreciation or depreciation of foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities.

### 4. Taxes

It is the Portfolio's policy to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its investment company taxable income and net realized gains, if any, to shareholders. Therefore, no provisions for federal income or excise taxes are required. The Portfolio may be subject to taxes imposed by countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on income and/or capital gains earned or repatriated. Taxes are accrued and applied to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized appreciation/depreciation as such income and/or gains are earned.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP requirements regarding accounting for uncertainties in income taxes, management has analyzed the Portfolio's tax positions taken or expected to be taken on federal and state income tax returns for all open tax years (the current and the prior three tax years) and has concluded that no provision for income tax is required in the Portfolio's financial statements.

### 5. Investment Income and Investment Transactions

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or as soon as the Portfolio is informed of the dividend. Interest income is accrued daily. Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the securities are purchased or sold. Investment gains or losses are determined on the identified cost basis. The Portfolio amortizes premiums and accretes discounts as adjustments to interest income. The Portfolio accounts for distributions received from REIT investments or from regulated investment companies as dividend income, realized gain, or return of capital based on information provided by the REIT or the investment company.

### 6. Class Allocations

All income earned and expenses incurred by the Portfolio are borne on a pro-rata basis by each outstanding class of shares, based on the proportionate interest in the Portfolio represented by the net assets of such class, except for class specific expenses which are allocated to the respective class. Expenses of the Fund are charged proportionately to each portfolio or based on other appropriate methods. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated among the various share classes based on respective net assets.

### 7. Dividends and Distributions

Dividends and distributions to shareholders, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income dividends and capital gains distributions are determined in accordance with federal tax regulations and may differ from those determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. To the extent these differences are permanent, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require such reclassification.

### NOTE B: Advisory Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates

Under the terms of the investment advisory agreement, the Portfolio pays the Adviser an advisory fee at an annual rate of .45% of the first \$2.5 billion, .40% of the next \$2.5 billion up to \$5 billion, .35% of the excess over \$5 billion up to \$8 billion and .30% in excess of \$8 billion, of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. The fee is accrued daily and paid monthly.

Pursuant to the investment advisory agreement, the Portfolio may reimburse the Adviser for certain legal and accounting services provided to the Portfolio by the Adviser. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, the reimbursement for such services amounted to \$39,336.

The Portfolio compensates AllianceBernstein Investor Services, Inc. ("ABIS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, under a Transfer Agency Agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the Portfolio. Such compensation retained by ABIS amounted to \$818 for the six months ended June 30, 2021.

The Portfolio may invest in AB Government Money Market Portfolio (the "Government Money Market Portfolio") which has a contractual annual advisory fee rate of .20% of the portfolio's average daily net assets and bears its own expenses. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive .10% of the advisory fee of Government Money Market Portfolio (resulting in a net advisory fee of .10%) until August 31, 2022. In connection with the investment by the Portfolio in Government Money Market Portfolio, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fee from the Portfolio in an amount equal to the Portfolio's pro rata share of the effective advisory fee of Government Money Market Portfolio, as borne indirectly by the Portfolio as an acquired fund fee and expense. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, such waiver amounted to \$128.

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A summary of the Portfolio’s transactions in AB mutual funds for the six months ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Market Value 12/31/20 (000)</u>	<u>Purchases at Cost (000)</u>	<u>Sales Proceeds (000)</u>	<u>Market Value 6/30/21 (000)</u>	<u>Dividend Income (000)</u>
Government Money Market Portfolio .....	\$765	\$15,882	\$16,281	\$366	\$0*

\* Amount is less than \$500.

During the second quarter of 2018, AXA S.A. (“AXA”), a French holding company for the AXA Group, completed the sale of a minority stake in its subsidiary, AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc. (now named Equitable Holdings, Inc.) (“Equitable”), through an initial public offering. Equitable is the holding company for a diverse group of financial services companies, including an approximate 65% economic interest in the Adviser and a 100% interest in AllianceBernstein Corporation, the general partner of the Adviser. Since the initial sale, AXA has completed additional offerings (and related transactions). As a result, as of May 20, 2021, AXA no longer owns shares of Equitable.

Sales that were completed on November 13, 2019 resulted in the indirect transfer of a “controlling block” of voting securities of the Adviser (a “Change of Control Event”) and may have been deemed to have been an “assignment” causing a termination of the Portfolio’s investment advisory and administration agreements. In order to ensure that investment advisory and administration services could continue uninterrupted in the event of a Change of Control Event, the Board previously approved new investment advisory and administration agreements with the Adviser, and shareholders of the Portfolio subsequently approved the new investment advisory agreement. These agreements became effective on November 13, 2019.

**NOTE C: Distribution Plan**

The Portfolio has adopted a Distribution Plan (the “Plan”) for Class B shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Under the Plan, the Portfolio pays distribution and servicing fees to AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (the “Distributor”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, at an annual rate of up to .50% of the Portfolio’s average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares. The fees are accrued daily and paid monthly. The Board currently limits payments under the Plan to .25% of the Portfolio’s average daily net assets attributable to Class B shares. The Plan provides that the Distributor will use such payments in their entirety for distribution assistance and promotional activities.

The Portfolio is not obligated under the Plan to pay any distribution and servicing fees in excess of the amounts set forth above. The purpose of the payments to the Distributor under the Plan is to compensate the Distributor for its distribution services with respect to the sale of the Portfolio’s Class B shares. Since the Distributor’s compensation is not directly tied to its expenses, the amount of compensation received by it under the Plan during any year may be more or less than its actual expenses. For this reason, the Plan is characterized by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission as being of the “compensation” variety.

In the event that the Plan is terminated or not continued, no distribution or servicing fees (other than current amounts accrued but not yet paid) would be owed by the Portfolio to the Distributor.

The Plan also provides that the Adviser may use its own resources to finance the distribution of the Portfolio’s shares.

**NOTE D: Investment Transactions**

Purchases and sales of investment securities (excluding short-term investments) for the six months ended June 30, 2021 were as follows:

	<u>Purchases</u>	<u>Sales</u>
Investment securities (excluding U.S. government securities) .....	\$ 5,972,403	\$11,633,576
U.S. government securities .....	21,589,432	22,935,137

The cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes. Accordingly, gross unrealized appreciation and unrealized depreciation are as follows:

Gross unrealized appreciation .....	\$1,489,125
Gross unrealized depreciation .....	(794,973)
Net unrealized appreciation .....	<u>\$ 694,152</u>

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### 1. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Portfolio may use derivatives in an effort to earn income and enhance returns, to replace more traditional direct investments, to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets (collectively, “investment purposes”), or to hedge or adjust the risk profile of its portfolio.

The principal types of derivatives utilized by the Portfolio, as well as the methods in which they may be used are:

- **Futures**

The Portfolio may buy or sell futures for investment purposes or for the purpose of hedging its portfolio against adverse effects of potential movements in the market. The Portfolio bears the market risk that arises from changes in the value of these instruments and the imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the futures and movements in the price of the assets, reference rates or indices which they are designed to track. Among other things, the Portfolio may purchase or sell futures for foreign currencies or options thereon for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investment in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions”.

At the time the Portfolio enters into futures, the Portfolio deposits and maintains as collateral an initial margin with the broker, as required by the exchange on which the transaction is effected. Such amount is shown as cash collateral due from broker on the statement of assets and liabilities. Pursuant to the contract, the Portfolio agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Portfolio as unrealized gains or losses. Risks may arise from the potential inability of a counterparty to meet the terms of the contract. The credit/counterparty risk for exchange-traded futures is generally less than privately negotiated futures, since the clearinghouse, which is the issuer or counterparty to each exchange-traded future, has robust risk mitigation standards, including the requirement to provide initial and variation margin. When the contract is closed, the Portfolio records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the time it was closed.

Use of long futures subjects the Portfolio to risk of loss in excess of the amounts shown on the statement of assets and liabilities, up to the notional value of the futures. Use of short futures subjects the Portfolio to unlimited risk of loss. Under some circumstances, futures exchanges may establish daily limits on the amount that the price of futures can vary from the previous day’s settlement price, which could effectively prevent liquidation of unfavorable positions.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held futures for hedging and non-hedging purposes.

- **Forward Currency Exchange Contracts**

The Portfolio may enter into forward currency exchange contracts in order to hedge its exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates on its foreign portfolio holdings, to hedge certain firm purchase and sale commitments denominated in foreign currencies and for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions”.

A forward currency exchange contract is a commitment to purchase or sell a foreign currency at a future date at a negotiated forward rate. The gain or loss arising from the difference between the original contract and the closing of such contract would be included in net realized gain or loss on forward currency exchange contracts. Fluctuations in the value of open forward currency exchange contracts are recorded for financial reporting purposes as unrealized appreciation and/or depreciation by the Portfolio. Risks may arise from the potential inability of a counterparty to meet the terms of a contract and from unanticipated movements in the value of a foreign currency relative to the U.S. dollar.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held forward currency exchange contracts for hedging and non-hedging purposes.

- **Option Transactions**

For hedging and investment purposes, the Portfolio may purchase and write (sell) put and call options on U.S. and foreign securities, including government securities, and foreign currencies that are traded on U.S. and foreign securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets. Among other things, the Portfolio may use options transactions for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Currency Transactions” and may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, for hedging and investment purposes.

The risk associated with purchasing an option is that the Portfolio pays a premium whether or not the option is exercised. Additionally, the Portfolio bears the risk of loss of the premium and change in market value should the counterparty not perform under the contract. If a put or call option purchased by the Portfolio were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Portfolio. Put and call options purchased are accounted for in the same manner as portfolio securities. The cost of securities acquired through the exercise of call options is increased by premiums paid. The proceeds from securities sold through the exercise of put options are decreased by the premiums paid.

When the Portfolio writes an option, the premium received by the Portfolio is recorded as a liability and is subsequently adjusted to the current market value of the option written. The Portfolio's maximum payment for written put options equates to the number of shares multiplied by the strike price. In certain circumstances maximum payout amounts may be partially offset by recovery values of the respective referenced assets and upfront premium received upon entering into the contract. Premiums received from written options which expire unexercised are recorded by the Portfolio on the expiration date as realized gains from options written. The difference between the premium received and the amount paid on effecting a closing purchase transaction, including brokerage commissions, is also treated as a realized gain, or if the premium received is less than the amount paid for the closing purchase transaction, as a realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium received is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security or currency in determining whether the Portfolio has realized a gain or loss. If a put option is exercised, the premium received reduces the cost basis of the security or currency purchased by the Portfolio. In writing an option, the Portfolio bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security or currency underlying the written option. Exercise of an option written by the Portfolio could result in the Portfolio selling or buying a security or currency at a price different from the current market value.

The Portfolio may also invest in options on swap agreements, also called "swaptions". A swaption is an option that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap on a future date in exchange for paying a market-based "premium". A receiver swaption gives the owner the right to receive the total return of a specified asset, reference rate, or index. A payer swaption gives the owner the right to pay the total return on a specified asset, reference rate, or index. Swaptions also include options that allow an existing swap to be terminated or extended by one of the counterparties. The Portfolio's maximum payment for written put swaptions equates to the notional amount of the underlying swap. In certain circumstances maximum payout amounts may be partially offset by recovery values of the respective referenced assets and upfront premium received upon entering into the contract.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held written swaptions for hedging and non-hedging purposes.

- **Swaps**

The Portfolio may enter into swaps to hedge its exposure to interest rates, credit risk or currencies. The Portfolio may also enter into swaps for non-hedging purposes as a means of gaining market exposures, making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under "Currency Transactions." A swap is an agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals based upon or calculated by reference to changes in specified prices or rates for a specified amount of an underlying asset. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other. In addition, collateral may be pledged or received by the Portfolio in accordance with the terms of the respective swaps to provide value and recourse to the Portfolio or its counterparties in the event of default, bankruptcy or insolvency by one of the parties to the swap.

Risks may arise as a result of the failure of the counterparty to the swap to comply with the terms of the swap. The loss incurred by the failure of a counterparty is generally limited to the net interim payment to be received by the Portfolio, and/or the termination value at the end of the contract. Therefore, the Portfolio considers the creditworthiness of each counterparty to a swap in evaluating potential counterparty risk. This risk is mitigated by having a netting arrangement between the Portfolio and the counterparty and by the posting of collateral by the counterparty to the Portfolio to cover the Portfolio's exposure to the counterparty. Additionally, risks may arise from unanticipated movements in interest rates or in the value of the underlying securities. The Portfolio accrues for the interim payments on swaps on a daily basis, with the net amount recorded within unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swaps on the statement of assets and liabilities, where applicable. Once the interim payments are

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settled in cash, the net amount is recorded as realized gain/(loss) on swaps on the statement of operations, in addition to any realized gain/(loss) recorded upon the termination of swaps. Upfront premiums paid or received for swaps are recognized as cost or proceeds on the statement of assets and liabilities and are amortized on a straight line basis over the life of the contract. Amortized upfront premiums are included in net realized gain/(loss) from swaps on the statement of operations. Fluctuations in the value of swaps are recorded as a component of net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swaps on the statement of operations.

Certain standardized swaps, including certain interest rate swaps and credit default swaps, are (or soon will be) subject to mandatory central clearing. Cleared swaps are transacted through futures commission merchants (“FCMs”) that are members of central clearinghouses, with the clearinghouse serving as central counterparty, similar to transactions in futures contracts. Centralized clearing will be required for additional categories of swaps on a phased-in basis based on requirements published by the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

At the time the Portfolio enters into a centrally cleared swap, the Portfolio deposits and maintains as collateral an initial margin with the broker, as required by the clearinghouse on which the transaction is effected. Such amount is shown as cash collateral due from broker on the statement of assets and liabilities. Pursuant to the contract, the Portfolio agrees to receive from or pay to the broker an amount of cash equal to the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract. Such receipts or payments are known as variation margin and are recorded by the Portfolio as unrealized gains or losses. Risks may arise from the potential inability of a counterparty to meet the terms of the contract. The credit/counterparty risk for centrally cleared swaps is generally less than non-centrally cleared swaps, since the clearinghouse, which is the issuer or counterparty to each centrally cleared swap, has robust risk mitigation standards, including the requirement to provide initial and variation margin. When the contract is closed, the Portfolio records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the time it was closed.

### *Interest Rate Swaps:*

The Portfolio is subject to interest rate risk exposure in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. Because the Portfolio holds fixed rate bonds, the value of these bonds may decrease if interest rates rise. To help hedge against this risk and to maintain its ability to generate income at prevailing market rates, the Portfolio may enter into interest rate swaps. Interest rate swaps are agreements between two parties to exchange cash flows based on a notional amount. The Portfolio may elect to pay a fixed rate and receive a floating rate, or, receive a fixed rate and pay a floating rate on a notional amount.

In addition, the Portfolio may also enter into interest rate swap transactions to preserve a return or spread on a particular investment or portion of its portfolio, or protecting against an increase in the price of securities the Portfolio anticipates purchasing at a later date. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Portfolio with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments) computed based on a contractually-based principal (or “notional”) amount. Interest rate swaps are entered into on a net basis (i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments).

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held interest rate swaps for hedging and non-hedging purposes.

### *Credit Default Swaps:*

The Portfolio may enter into credit default swaps, including to manage its exposure to the market or certain sectors of the market, to reduce its risk exposure to defaults by corporate and sovereign issuers held by the Portfolio, or to create exposure to corporate or sovereign issuers to which it is not otherwise exposed. The Portfolio may purchase credit protection (“Buy Contract”) or provide credit protection (“Sale Contract”) on the referenced obligation of the credit default swap. During the term of the swap, the Portfolio receives/(pays) fixed payments from/(to) the respective counterparty, calculated at the agreed upon rate applied to the notional amount. If the Portfolio is a buyer/(seller) of protection and a credit event occurs, as defined under the terms of the swap, the Portfolio will either (i) receive from the seller/(pay to the buyer) of protection an amount equal to the notional amount of the swap (the “Maximum Payout Amount”) and deliver/(take delivery of) the referenced obligation or (ii) receive/(pay) a net



settlement amount in the form of cash or securities equal to the notional amount of the swap less the recovery value of the referenced obligation. In certain circumstances Maximum Payout Amounts may be partially offset by recovery values of the respective referenced obligations, upfront premium received upon entering into the agreement, or net amounts received from settlement of buy protection credit default swaps entered into by the Portfolio for the same referenced obligations with the same counterparty.

Credit default swaps may involve greater risks than if a Portfolio had invested in the referenced obligation directly. Credit default swaps are subject to general market risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. If the Portfolio is a buyer of protection and no credit event occurs, it will lose the payments it made to its counterparty. If the Portfolio is a seller of protection and a credit event occurs, the value of the referenced obligation received by the Portfolio coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the Maximum Payout Amount it pays to the buyer, resulting in a net loss to the Portfolio.

Implied credit spreads over U.S. Treasuries of comparable maturity utilized in determining the market value of credit default swaps on issuers as of period end are disclosed in the portfolio of investments. The implied spreads serve as an indicator of the current status of the payment/performance risk and typically reflect the likelihood of default by the issuer of the referenced obligation. The implied credit spread of a particular reference obligation also reflects the cost of buying/selling protection and may reflect upfront payments required to be made to enter into the agreement. Widening credit spreads typically represent a deterioration of the referenced obligation's credit soundness and greater likelihood of default or other credit event occurring as defined under the terms of the agreement. A credit spread identified as "Defaulted" indicates a credit event has occurred for the referenced obligation.

During the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio held credit default swaps for hedging and non-hedging purposes.

The Portfolio typically enters into International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreements ("ISDA Master Agreement") with its OTC derivative contract counterparties in order to, among other things, reduce its credit risk to OTC counterparties. ISDA Master Agreements include provisions for general obligations, representations, collateral and events of default or termination. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Portfolio typically may offset with the OTC counterparty certain derivative financial instruments' payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment (close-out netting) in the event of default or termination. In the event of a default by an OTC counterparty, the return of collateral with market value in excess of the Portfolio's net liability, held by the defaulting party, may be delayed or denied.

The Portfolio's ISDA Master Agreements may contain provisions for early termination of OTC derivative transactions in the event the net assets of the Portfolio decline below specific levels ("net asset contingent features"). If these levels are triggered, the Portfolio's OTC counterparty has the right to terminate such transaction and require the Portfolio to pay or receive a settlement amount in connection with the terminated transaction. If OTC derivatives were held at period end, please refer to netting arrangements by the OTC counterparty table below for additional details.

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<u>Derivative Type</u>	<u>Asset Derivatives</u>		<u>Liability Derivatives</u>	
	<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Interest rate contracts .....	Receivable/Payable for variation margin on futures	\$ 96,901*	Receivable/Payable for variation margin on futures	\$ 16,465*
Credit contracts .....	Receivable/Payable for variation margin on centrally cleared swaps	9,776*		
Interest rate contracts .....			Receivable/Payable for variation margin on centrally cleared swaps	42,647*
Foreign currency contracts .....	Unrealized appreciation on forward currency exchange contracts	57,117	Unrealized depreciation on forward currency exchange contracts	26,284
Interest rate contracts .....			Swaptions written, at value	18,583
Credit contracts .....	Market value on credit default swaps	104,892	Market value on credit default swaps	432,112
Total .....		<u>\$268,686</u>		<u>\$536,091</u>

\* Only variation margin receivable/payable at period end is reported within the statement of assets and liabilities. This amount reflects cumulative unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on futures and centrally cleared swaps as reported in the portfolio of investments.

<u>Derivative Type</u>	<u>Location of Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Within Statement of Operations</u>	<u>Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives</u>	<u>Change in Unrealized Appreciation or (Depreciation)</u>
Interest rate contracts .....	Net realized gain (loss) on futures; Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of futures	\$(318,357)	\$ 150,113
Foreign currency contracts .....	Net realized gain (loss) on forward currency exchange contracts; Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of forward currency exchange contracts	66,299	59,600
Interest rate contracts .....	Net realized gain (loss) on swaptions written; Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swaptions written	—	(5,942)
Interest rate contracts .....	Net realized gain (loss) on swaps; Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swaps	(63,905)	(11,460)
Credit contracts .....	Net realized gain (loss) on swaps; Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of swaps	69,418	(102,971)
Total .....		<u>\$(246,545)</u>	<u>\$ 89,340</u>

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The following table represents the average monthly volume of the Portfolio’s derivative transactions during the six months ended June 30, 2021:

Futures:

Average notional amount of buy contracts .....	\$10,363,303
Average notional amount of sale contracts .....	\$ 4,539,285

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts:

Average principal amount of buy contracts .....	\$ 3,781,674
Average principal amount of sale contracts .....	\$ 6,133,189

Swaptions Written:

Average notional amount .....	\$ 954,000(a)
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Centrally Cleared Interest Rate Swaps:

Average notional amount .....	\$ 5,520,879
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Credit Default Swaps:

Average notional amount of buy contracts .....	\$ 1,394,286
Average notional amount of sale contracts .....	\$ 1,737,900

Centrally Cleared Credit Default Swaps:

Average notional amount of sale contracts .....	\$ 452,309
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(a) Positions were open for two months during the period.

For financial reporting purposes, the Portfolio does not offset derivative assets and derivative liabilities that are subject to netting arrangements in the statement of assets and liabilities.

All OTC derivatives held at period end were subject to netting arrangements. The following table presents the Portfolio’s derivative assets and liabilities by OTC counterparty net of amounts available for offset under ISDA Master Agreements (“MA”) and net of the related collateral received/pledged by the Portfolio as of June 30, 2021. Exchange-traded derivatives and centrally cleared swaps are not subject to netting arrangements and as such are excluded from the table.

<u>Counterparty</u>	<u>Derivative Assets Subject to a MA</u>	<u>Derivatives Available for Offset</u>	<u>Cash Collateral Received*</u>	<u>Security Collateral Received*</u>	<u>Net Amount of Derivative Assets</u>
Australia and New Zealand Banking					
Group Ltd. ....	\$ 24,816	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 24,816
Bank of America, NA .....	15,434	-0-	-0-	-0-	15,434
Citibank, NA/Citigroup Global					
Markets, Inc. ....	89,410	(40,147)	-0-	-0-	49,263
Goldman Sachs International .....	3,951	(3,951)	-0-	-0-	-0-
JPMorgan Securities, LLC .....	5,256	(5,256)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Morgan Stanley & Co. International					
PLC/Morgan Stanley & Co.					
International PLC/Morgan Stanley					
Capital Services, Inc. ....	7,019	(7,019)	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Street Bank & Trust Co. ....	16,123	(3,655)	-0-	-0-	12,468
Total .....	<u>\$162,009</u>	<u>\$(60,028)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$101,981<sup>^</sup></u>

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Counterparty	Derivative Liabilities Subject to a MA	Derivatives Available for Offset	Cash Collateral Pledged*	Security Collateral Pledged*	Net Amount of Derivative Liabilities
Citibank, NA/Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. ....	\$ 40,147	\$(40,147)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Credit Suisse International .....	223,457	-0-	-0-	(223,457)	-0-
Deutsche Bank AG .....	78,475	-0-	-0-	-0-	78,475
Goldman Sachs International ....	70,769	(3,951)	-0-	-0-	66,818
JPMorgan Securities, LLC .....	20,592	(5,256)	-0-	-0-	15,336
Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC/Morgan Stanley & Co. International PLC/Morgan Stanley Capital Services, Inc. ....	39,884	(7,019)	-0-	-0-	32,865
State Street Bank & Trust Co. ...	3,655	(3,655)	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total .....	<u>\$476,979</u>	<u>\$(60,028)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$(223,457)</u>	<u>\$193,494<sup>^</sup></u>

\* The actual collateral received/pledged may be more than the amount reported due to over-collateralization.

<sup>^</sup> Net amount represents the net receivable/payable that would be due from/to the counterparty in the event of default or termination. The net amount from OTC financial derivative instruments can only be netted across transactions governed under the same master agreement with the same counterparty.

### 2. Currency Transactions

The Portfolio may invest in non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities on a currency hedged or unhedged basis. The Portfolio may seek investment opportunities by taking long or short positions in currencies through the use of currency-related derivatives, including forward currency exchange contracts, futures and options on futures, swaps, and other options. The Portfolio may enter into transactions for investment opportunities when it anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by the Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. Such transactions may also be used when the Adviser believes that it may be more efficient than a direct investment in a foreign currency-denominated security. The Portfolio may also conduct currency exchange contracts on a spot basis (i.e., for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the currency exchange market for buying or selling currencies).

### 3. TBA and Dollar Rolls

The Portfolio may invest in TBA mortgage-backed securities. A TBA, or “To Be Announced”, trade represents a contract for the purchase or sale of mortgage-backed securities to be delivered at a future agree-upon date; however, the specific mortgage pool numbers or the number of pools that will be delivered to fulfill the trade obligation or terms of the contract are unknown at the time of the trade. Mortgage pools (including fixed-rate or variable-rate mortgages) guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association, or GNMA, the Federal National Mortgage Association, or FNMA, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or FHLMC, are subsequently allocated to the TBA transactions.

The Portfolio may enter into certain TBA transactions known as dollar rolls. Dollar rolls involve sales by the Portfolio of securities for delivery in the current month and the Portfolio’s simultaneously contracting to repurchase substantially similar (same type and coupon) securities on a specified future date. During the roll period, the Portfolio forgoes principal and interest paid on the securities. The Portfolio is compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the “drop”) as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. Dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities the Portfolio is obligated to repurchase under the agreement may decline below the repurchase price. Dollar rolls are speculative techniques. For the six months ended June 30, 2021, the Portfolio earned drop income of \$17,360 which is included in interest income in the accompanying statement of operations.

**NOTE E: Capital Stock**

Each class consists of 500,000,000 authorized shares. Transactions in capital shares for each class were as follows:

	SHARES		AMOUNT	
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2020	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2020
<b>Class A</b>				
Shares sold .....	102,639	137,413	\$ 1,107,275	\$ 1,476,072
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends .....	—	97,250	—	1,056,131
Shares redeemed .....	(422,269)	(509,318)	(4,552,746)	(5,519,329)
Net decrease .....	<u>(319,630)</u>	<u>(274,655)</u>	<u>\$(3,445,471)</u>	<u>\$(2,987,126)</u>
<b>Class B</b>				
Shares sold .....	79,820	132,767	\$ 846,004	\$ 1,411,697
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends .....	—	33,028	—	355,053
Shares redeemed .....	(142,671)	(222,779)	(1,520,525)	(2,354,948)
Net decrease .....	<u>(62,851)</u>	<u>(56,984)</u>	<u>\$( 674,521)</u>	<u>\$( 588,198)</u>

At June 30, 2021, certain shareholders of the Portfolio owned 80% in aggregate of the Portfolio’s outstanding shares. Significant transactions by such shareholders, if any, may impact the Portfolio’s performance.

**NOTE F: Risks Involved in Investing in the Portfolio**

**Market Risk**—The value of the Portfolio’s assets will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. The value of its investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events, including public health crises (including the occurrence of a contagious disease or illness), that affect large portions of the market.

**Interest Rate Risk**—Changes in interest rates will affect the value of investments in fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, the value of existing investments in fixed-income securities tends to fall and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations. The current historically low interest rate environment heightens the risks associated with rising interest rates.

**Credit Risk**—An issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely payments of interest or principal, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security and accrued interest. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security.

**Below Investment Grade Securities Risk**—Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings (“junk bonds”) tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations. These securities may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as specific corporate developments, interest rate sensitivity and negative perceptions of the junk bond market generally, and may be more difficult to trade than other types of securities.

**Duration Risk**—Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise.

**Inflation Risk**—This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio’s assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio’s distributions. This risk is significantly greater if the Portfolio invests a significant portion of its assets in fixed-income securities with longer maturities.

**Foreign (Non-U.S.) Risk**—Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve more risk than those of U.S. issuers. These securities may fluctuate more widely in price and may be more difficult to trade due to adverse market, economic, political, regulatory or other factors.

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**Emerging Market Risk**—Investments in emerging market countries may have more risk because the markets are less developed and less liquid, and because these investments may be subject to increased economic, political, regulatory or other uncertainties.

**Currency Risk**—Fluctuations in currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce its returns.

**Mortgage-Related and/or Other Asset-Backed Securities Risk**—Investments in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities are subject to certain additional risks. The value of these securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates. These risks include "extension risk", which is the risk that, in periods of rising interest rates, issuers may delay the payment of principal, and "prepayment risk", which is the risk that in periods of falling interest rates, issuers may pay principal sooner than expected, exposing the Portfolio to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. Mortgage-backed securities offered by nongovernmental issuers and other asset-backed securities may be subject to other risks, such as higher rates of default in the mortgages or assets backing the securities or risks associated with the nature and servicing of mortgages or assets backing the securities.

**Leverage Risk**—When the Portfolio borrows money or otherwise leverages its investments, its performance may be volatile because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the Portfolio's investments. The Portfolio may create leverage through the use of reverse repurchase arrangements, forward currency exchange contracts, forward commitments, dollar rolls or futures or by borrowing money. The use of other types of derivative instruments by the Portfolio, such as options and swaps, may also result in a form of leverage. Leverage may result in higher returns to the Portfolio than if the Portfolio were not leveraged, but may also adversely affect returns, particularly if the market is declining.

**Illiquid Investments Risk**—Illiquid investments risk exists when certain investments are or become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling such investments may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Portfolio. Causes of illiquid investments risk may include low trading volumes, large positions and heavy redemptions of Portfolio shares. Illiquid investments risk may be higher in a rising interest rate environment, when the value and liquidity of fixed-income securities generally decline.

**Derivatives Risk**—The Portfolio may enter into derivative transactions such as forwards, options, futures and swaps. Derivatives may be illiquid, difficult to price, and leveraged so that small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio, and subject to counterparty risk to a greater degree than more traditional investments. Derivatives may result in significant losses, including losses that are far greater than the value of the derivatives reflected on the statement of assets and liabilities.

**LIBOR Transition and Associated Risk**—A Portfolio may invest in debt securities, derivatives or other financial instruments that utilize the London Interbank Offered Rate, or "LIBOR," as a "benchmark" or "reference rate" for various interest rate calculations. The United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, will cease publishing certain LIBOR benchmarks at the end of 2021. Although certain LIBOR rates are intended to be published until June 2023, banks are strongly encouraged to cease entering into agreements with counterparties referencing LIBOR by the end of 2021. Although financial regulators and industry working groups have suggested alternative reference rates, such as the European Interbank Offer Rate, the Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rate and the Secured Overnight Financing Rate, global consensus on alternative rates is lacking and the process for amending existing contracts or instruments to transition away from LIBOR is underway but remains incomplete. The elimination of LIBOR or changes to other reference rates or any other changes or reforms to the determination or supervision of reference rates could have an adverse impact on the market for, or value of, any securities or payments linked to those reference rates, which may adversely affect a Portfolio's performance and/or net asset value. Uncertainty and risk also remain regarding the willingness and ability of issuers and lenders to include revised provisions in new and existing contracts or instruments. Consequently, the transition away from LIBOR to other reference rates may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that are tied to LIBOR, fluctuations in values of LIBOR-related investments or investments in issuers that utilize LIBOR, increased difficulty in borrowing or refinancing and diminished effectiveness of hedging strategies, potentially adversely affecting a Portfolio's performance. Furthermore, the risks associated with the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and transition may be exacerbated if the work necessary to effect an orderly transition to an alternative reference rate is not completed in a timely manner. Because the

usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate during the transition period, these effects could occur prior to the end of 2021.

**Indemnification Risk**—In the ordinary course of business, the Portfolio enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Portfolio’s maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Portfolio has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these indemnification provisions and expects the risk of loss thereunder to be remote. Therefore, the Portfolio has not accrued any liability in connection with these indemnification provisions.

**Management Risk**—The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively-managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the intended results. Some of these techniques may incorporate, or rely upon, quantitative models, but there is no guarantee that these models will generate accurate forecasts, reduce risk or otherwise perform as expected.

**NOTE G: Joint Credit Facility**

A number of open-end mutual funds managed by the Adviser, including the Portfolio, participate in a \$325 million revolving credit facility (the “Facility”) intended to provide short-term financing related to redemptions and other short term liquidity requirements, subject to certain restrictions. Commitment fees related to the Facility are paid by the participating funds and are included in miscellaneous expenses in the statement of operations. The Portfolio did not utilize the Facility during the six months ended June 30, 2021.

**NOTE H: Distributions to Shareholders**

The tax character of distributions to be paid for the year ending December 31, 2021 will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year. The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019 were as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income .....	\$1,411,184	\$1,285,477
Total taxable distributions paid .....	<u>\$1,411,184</u>	<u>\$1,285,477</u>

As of December 31, 2020, the components of accumulated earnings/(deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income .....	\$1,363,985
Undistributed capital gains .....	198,097(a)
Other losses .....	(9,819)(b)
Unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) .....	1,880,842(c)
Total accumulated earnings/(deficit) .....	<u>\$3,433,105</u>

(a) During the fiscal year, the Portfolio utilized \$164,058 of capital loss carry forwards to offset current year net realized gains.

(b) As of December 31, 2020, the cumulative deferred loss on straddles was \$9,819.

(c) The differences between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) are attributable primarily to the recognition for tax purposes of unrealized gains/losses on certain derivative instruments, the tax treatment of Treasury inflation-protected securities, the amortization on callable bonds, the tax treatment of swaps, and the tax deferral of losses on wash sales.

For tax purposes, net realized capital losses may be carried over to offset future capital gains, if any. Funds are permitted to carry forward capital losses for an indefinite period, and such losses will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. As of December 31, 2020, the Portfolio did not have any capital loss carryforwards.

**NOTE I: Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued an Accounting Standards Update, ASU 2020-04, “Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848) – Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting.” ASU 2020-04 provides optional guidance to ease the potential accounting burden due to the discontinuation of the LIBOR and other interbank-offered based reference rates. ASU 2020-04 is effective as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Management is currently evaluating the impact, if any, of applying ASU 2020-04.

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**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

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**NOTE J: Subsequent Events**

Management has evaluated subsequent events for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through the date the financial statements are issued. Management has determined that there are no material events that would require disclosure in the Portfolio's financial statements through this date.



**INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO**  
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

*Selected Data For A Share Of Capital Stock Outstanding Throughout Each Period*

	CLASS A					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$10.99	\$10.73	\$10.21	\$10.56	\$10.65	\$10.63
<b><u>Income From Investment Operations</u></b>						
Net investment income (a) .....	.09(b)	.22(b)	.26(b)	.23(b)	.23	.28†
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions .....	(.23)	.41	.57	(.31)	.14	.23
Contributions from Affiliates .....	—0—	—0—	.00(c)	—0—	.00(c)	—0—
Net increase (decrease) in net asset value from operations .....	(.14)	.63	.83	(.08)	.37	.51
<b><u>Less: Dividends and Distributions</u></b>						
Dividends from net investment income .....	—0—	(.37)	(.31)	(.13)	(.36)	(.35)
Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions .....	—0—	—0—	—0—	(.14)	(.10)	(.14)
Total dividends and distributions .....	—0—	(.37)	(.31)	(.27)	(.46)	(.49)
Net asset value, end of period .....	<u>\$10.85</u>	<u>\$10.99</u>	<u>\$10.73</u>	<u>\$10.21</u>	<u>\$10.56</u>	<u>\$10.65</u>
<b><u>Total Return</u></b>						
Total investment return based on net asset value (d)* .....	(1.18)%	5.96%	8.20%	(.72)%	3.52%	4.71%†
<b><u>Ratios/Supplemental Data</u></b>						
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) .....	\$26,688	\$30,529	\$32,763	\$33,267	\$38,172	\$42,183
Ratio to average net assets of:						
Expenses, net of waivers/ reimbursements .....	1.35%^	1.27%	1.26%	1.16%	1.11%	1.06%
Expenses, before waivers/ reimbursements .....	1.36%^	1.27%	1.27%	1.16%	1.11%	1.06%
Net investment income .....	1.72%(b)^	1.99%(b)	2.48%(b)	2.20%(b)	2.11%	2.60%†
Portfolio turnover rate** .....	72%	89%	75%	155%	216%	156%

See footnote summary on page 41.

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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AB Variable Products Series Fund

### Selected Data For A Share Of Capital Stock Outstanding Throughout Each Period

	CLASS B					
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$10.87	\$10.62	\$10.10	\$10.45	\$10.54	\$10.53
<b>Income From Investment Operations</b>						
Net investment income (a) .....	.08(b)	.19(b)	.23(b)	.20(b)	.20	.25†
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions .....	(.23)	.41	.58	(.31)	.14	.22
Contributions from Affiliates .....	—0—	—0—	.00(c)	—0—	.00(c)	—0—
Net increase (decrease) in net asset value from operations .....	(.15)	.60	.81	(.11)	.34	.47
<b>Less: Dividends and Distributions</b>						
Dividends from net investment income .....	—0—	(.35)	(.29)	(.10)	(.33)	(.32)
Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions .....	—0—	—0—	—0—	(.14)	(.10)	(.14)
Total dividends and distributions .....	—0—	(.35)	(.29)	(.24)	(.43)	(.46)
Net asset value, end of period .....	\$10.72	\$10.87	\$10.62	\$10.10	\$10.45	\$10.54
<b>Total Return</b>						
Total investment return based on net asset value (d)* .....	(1.38)%	5.64%	7.99%	(1.01)%	3.28%	4.36%†
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000's omitted) .....	\$10,484	\$11,309	\$11,652	\$12,054	\$14,786	\$16,029
Ratio to average net assets of:						
Expenses, net of waivers/ reimbursements .....	1.61%^	1.52%	1.51%	1.41%	1.36%	1.32%
Expenses, before waivers/ reimbursements .....	1.61%^	1.52%	1.52%	1.41%	1.36%	1.32%
Net investment income .....	1.46%(b)^	1.74%(b)	2.23%(b)	1.95%(b)	1.87%	2.36%†
Portfolio turnover rate** .....	72%	89%	75%	155%	216%	156%

See footnote summary on page 41.

- (a) Based on average shares outstanding.
- (b) Net of expenses waived/reimbursed by the Adviser.
- (c) Amount is less than \$.005.
- (d) Total investment return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption on the last day of the period. Total return does not reflect (i) insurance company's separate account related expense charges and (ii) the deductions of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or the redemption of Portfolio shares. Total investment return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

† For the year ended December 31, 2016, the amount includes a refund for overbilling of prior years' custody out of pocket fees as follows:

<u>Net Investment Income Per Share</u>	<u>Net Investment Income Ratio</u>	<u>Total Return</u>
\$.03	.28%	.29%

- \* Includes the impact of proceeds received and credited to the Portfolio resulting from class action settlements, which enhanced the Portfolio's performance for the years ended December 31, 2019, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 by .03%, .03% and .03%, respectively.
  - \*\* The Portfolio accounts for dollar roll transactions as purchases and sales.
  - ^ Annualized.
- See notes to financial statements.

**OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PORTFOLIO'S LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM:**

In October 2016, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted the open-end fund liquidity rule (the "Liquidity Rule"). In June 2018 the SEC adopted a requirement that funds disclose information about the operation and effectiveness of their Liquidity Risk Management Program ("LRMP") in their reports to shareholders.

One of the requirements of the Liquidity Rule is for the Portfolio to designate an Administrator of the Portfolio's Liquidity Risk Management Program. The Administrator of the Portfolio's LRMP is AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment adviser (the "Adviser"). The Adviser has delegated the responsibility to its Liquidity Risk Management Committee (the "Committee").

Another requirement of the Liquidity Rule is for the Portfolio's Board of Directors (the "Fund Board") to receive an annual written report from the Administrator of the LRMP, which addresses the operation of the Portfolio's LRMP and assesses its adequacy and effectiveness. The Adviser provided the Fund Board with such annual report during the first quarter of 2021, which covered the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (the "Program Reporting Period").

The LRMP's principal objectives include supporting the Portfolio's compliance with limits on investments in illiquid assets and mitigating the risk that the Portfolio will be unable to meet its redemption obligations in a timely manner.

Pursuant to the LRMP, the Portfolio classifies the liquidity of its portfolio investments into one of the four categories defined by the SEC: Highly Liquid, Moderately Liquid, Less Liquid, and Illiquid. These classifications are reported to the SEC on Form N-PORT.

During the Program Reporting Period, the Committee reviewed whether the Portfolio's strategy is appropriate for an open-end structure, incorporating any holdings of less liquid and illiquid assets. If the Portfolio participated in derivative transactions, the exposure from such transactions were considered in the LRMP.

The Committee also performed an analysis to determine whether the Portfolio is required to maintain a Highly Liquid Investment Minimum ("HLIM"). The Committee also incorporated the following information when determining the Portfolio's reasonably anticipated trading size for purposes of liquidity monitoring: historical net redemption activity, a Portfolio's concentration in an issuer, shareholder concentration, investment performance, total net assets, and distribution channels.

The Adviser informed the Fund Board that the Committee believes the Portfolio's LRMP is adequately designed, has been implemented as intended, and has operated effectively since its inception. No material exceptions have been noted since the implementation of the LRMP. During the Program Reporting Period, beginning in March 2020, all financial markets experienced extreme levels of price volatility and relative illiquidity resulting from the COVID-19 impacts on the global economy. This extreme relative illiquidity resulted in significantly wider bid-ask spreads to transact in securities, including many of those securities held by the Portfolio, and in a diminished depth of liquidity in most markets, to varying degrees. Nonetheless, there were no liquidity events that impacted the Portfolio or its ability to timely meet redemptions during the Program Reporting Period.

## **INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO CONTINUANCE DISCLOSURE**

**AB Variable Products Series Fund**

### **INFORMATION REGARDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FUND'S ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

The disinterested directors (the “directors”) of AB Variable Products Series Fund, Inc. (the “Company”) approved the continuance of the Company’s Advisory Agreement with the Adviser in respect of AB Intermediate Bond Portfolio (the “Fund”) at a meeting held by video conference on November 3-5, 2020 (the “Meeting”).

Prior to approval of the continuance of the Advisory Agreement, the directors had requested from the Adviser, and received and evaluated, extensive materials. They reviewed the proposed continuance of the Advisory Agreement with the Adviser and with experienced counsel who are independent of the Adviser, who advised on the relevant legal standards. The directors also reviewed additional materials, including comparative analytical data prepared by the Senior Analyst for the Fund. The directors also discussed the proposed continuance in private sessions with counsel.

The directors considered their knowledge of the nature and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund gained from their experience as directors or trustees of most of the registered investment companies advised by the Adviser, their overall confidence in the Adviser’s integrity and competence they have gained from that experience, the Adviser’s initiative in identifying and raising potential issues with the directors and its responsiveness, frankness and attention to concerns raised by the directors in the past, including the Adviser’s willingness to consider and implement organizational and operational changes designed to improve investment results and the services provided to the AB Funds. The directors noted that they have four regular meetings each year, at each of which they review extensive materials and information from the Adviser, including information on the investment performance of the Fund and the money market fund advised by the Adviser in which the Fund invests a portion of its assets.

The directors also considered all factors they believed relevant, including the specific matters discussed below. During the course of their deliberations, the directors evaluated, among other things, the reasonableness of the advisory fee. The directors did not identify any particular information that was all-important or controlling, and different directors may have attributed different weights to the various factors. The directors determined that the selection of the Adviser to manage the Fund and the overall arrangements between the Fund and the Adviser, as provided in the Advisory Agreement, including the advisory fee, were fair and reasonable in light of the services performed, expenses incurred and such other matters as the directors considered relevant in the exercise of their business judgment. The material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the directors’ determinations included the following:

#### **Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided**

The directors considered the scope and quality of services provided by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, including the quality of the investment research capabilities of the Adviser and the other resources it has dedicated to performing services for the Fund. The directors noted that the Adviser from time to time reviews the Fund’s investment strategies and from time to time proposes changes intended to improve the Fund’s relative or absolute performance for the directors’ consideration. They also noted the professional experience and qualifications of the Fund’s portfolio management team and other senior personnel of the Adviser. The directors also considered that the Advisory Agreement provides that the Fund will reimburse the Adviser for the cost to it of providing certain clerical, accounting, administrative and other services to the Fund by employees of the Adviser or its affiliates. Requests for these reimbursements are made on a quarterly basis and subject to approval by the directors. Reimbursements, to the extent requested and paid, result in a higher rate of total compensation from the Fund to the Adviser than the fee rate stated in the Advisory Agreement. The directors noted that the methodology used to determine the reimbursement amounts had been reviewed by an independent consultant at the request of the directors. The quality of administrative and other services, including the Adviser’s role in coordinating the activities of the Fund’s other service providers, also was considered. The directors concluded that, overall, they were satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund under the Advisory Agreement.

#### **Costs of Services Provided and Profitability**

The directors reviewed a schedule of the revenues and expenses and related notes indicating the profitability of the Fund to the Adviser for calendar years 2018 and 2019 that had been prepared with an expense allocation methodology arrived at in consultation with an independent consultant at the request of the directors. The directors noted the assumptions and methods of allocation used by the Adviser in preparing fund-specific profitability data and understood that there are a number of potentially acceptable allocation methodologies for information of this type. The directors noted that the profitability information reflected all revenues and expenses of the Adviser’s relationship with the Fund, including those relating to its subsidiaries that provide transfer agency and distribution services to the Fund. The directors recognized that it is difficult to

## INTERMEDIATE BOND PORTFOLIO CONTINUANCE DISCLOSURE

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AB Variable Products Series Fund

make comparisons of the profitability of the Advisory Agreement with the profitability of fund advisory contracts for unaffiliated funds because comparative information is not generally publicly available and is affected by numerous factors. The directors focused on the profitability of the Adviser's relationship with the Fund before taxes and distribution expenses. The directors concluded that the Adviser's level of profitability from its relationship with the Fund was not unreasonable.

### **Fall-Out Benefits**

The directors considered the other benefits to the Adviser and its affiliates from their relationships with the Fund and the money market fund advised by the Adviser in which the Fund invests, including, but not limited to, benefits relating to 12b-1 fees and sales charges received by the Fund's principal underwriter (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Adviser) in respect of the Fund's Class B shares; and transfer agency fees paid by the Fund to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Adviser. The directors recognized that the Adviser's profitability would be somewhat lower without these benefits. The directors understood that the Adviser also might derive reputational and other benefits from its association with the Fund.

### **Investment Results**

In addition to the information reviewed by the directors in connection with the Meeting, the directors receive detailed performance information for the Fund at each regular Board meeting during the year.

At the Meeting, the directors reviewed performance information prepared by an independent service provider (the "15(c) service provider"), showing the performance of the Class A Shares of the Fund against a group of similar funds ("peer group") and a larger group of similar funds ("peer universe"), each selected by the 15(c) service provider, and information prepared by the Adviser showing performance of the Class A Shares against a broad-based securities market index, in each case for the 1-, 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended July 31, 2020 and (in the case of comparisons with the broad-based securities market index) for the period from inception. Based on their review, the directors concluded that the Fund's investment performance was acceptable.

### **Advisory Fees and Other Expenses**

The directors considered the advisory fee rate payable by the Fund to the Adviser and information prepared by the 15(c) service provider concerning advisory fee rates payable by other funds in the same category as the Fund. The directors recognized that it is difficult to make comparisons of advisory fees because there are variations in the services that are included in the fees payable by other funds. The directors compared the Fund's contractual effective advisory fee rate with a peer group median and noted that it was above the median. The directors took into account the impact on the advisory fee rate of the administrative expense reimbursement paid to the Adviser in the latest fiscal year.

The directors also considered the Adviser's fee schedule for other clients utilizing investment strategies similar to those of the Fund. For this purpose, they reviewed the relevant advisory fee information from the Adviser's Form ADV and in a report from the Fund's Senior Analyst and noted the differences between the Fund's fee schedule, on the one hand, and the Adviser's institutional fee schedule and the schedule of fees charged by the Adviser to any offshore funds and for services to any sub-advised funds utilizing investment strategies similar to those of the Fund, on the other. The directors noted that the Adviser may, in some cases, agree to fee rates with large institutional clients that are lower than those reviewed by the directors and that they had previously discussed with the Adviser its policies in respect of such arrangements. The directors previously discussed these matters with an independent fee consultant. The directors also compared the advisory fee rate for the Fund with that for another fund advised by the Adviser utilizing similar investment strategies.

The Adviser reviewed with the directors the significantly greater scope of the services it provides to the Fund relative to institutional, offshore fund and sub-advised fund clients. In this regard, the Adviser noted, among other things, that, compared to institutional and offshore or sub-advisory accounts, the Fund (i) demands considerably more portfolio management, research and trading resources due to significantly higher daily cash flows; (ii) has more tax and regulatory restrictions and compliance obligations; (iii) must prepare and file or distribute regulatory and other communications about fund operations; and (iv) must provide shareholder servicing to retail investors. The Adviser also reviewed the greater legal risks presented by the large and changing population of Fund shareholders who may assert claims against the Adviser in individual or class actions, and the greater entrepreneurial risk in offering new fund products, which require substantial investment to launch, may not succeed, and generally must be priced to compete with larger, more established funds resulting in lack of profitability to the Adviser until a new fund achieves scale. In light of the substantial differences in services rendered by the Adviser to institutional, offshore fund and sub-advised fund clients as compared to the Fund, and the different risk profile, the directors considered these fee comparisons inapt and did not place significant weight on them in their deliberations.

In connection with their review of the Fund's advisory fee, the directors also considered the total expense ratio of the Class A shares of the Fund in comparison to a peer group and a peer universe selected by the 15(c) service provider. The Class A expense ratio of the Fund was based on the Fund's latest fiscal year. The directors noted that it was likely that the expense ratios of some of the other funds in the Fund's category were lowered by waivers or reimbursements by those funds' investment advisers, which in some cases might be voluntary or temporary. The directors view expense ratio information as relevant to their evaluation of the Adviser's services because the Adviser is responsible for coordinating services provided to the Fund by others. The directors noted that the Fund's expense ratio was above the medians. After reviewing and discussing the Adviser's explanations of the reasons for this, the directors concluded that the Fund's expense ratio was acceptable.

**Economies of Scale**

The directors noted that the advisory fee schedule for the Fund contains breakpoints that reduce the fee rates on assets above specified levels. The directors took into consideration prior presentations by an independent consultant on economies of scale in the mutual fund industry and for the AB Funds, and presentations from time to time by the Adviser concerning certain of its views on economies of scale. The directors also previously discussed economies of scale with an independent fee consultant. The directors also had requested and received from the Adviser certain updates on economies of scale in advance of the Meeting. The directors believe that economies of scale may be realized (if at all) by the Adviser across a variety of products and services, and not only in respect of a single fund. The directors noted that there is no established methodology for setting breakpoints that give effect to the fund-specific services provided by a fund's adviser and to the economies of scale that an adviser may realize in its overall mutual fund business or those components of it which directly or indirectly affect a fund's operations. The directors observed that in the mutual fund industry as a whole, as well as among funds similar to the Fund, there is no uniformity or pattern in the fees and asset levels at which breakpoints (if any) apply. The directors also noted that the advisory agreements for many funds do not have breakpoints at all. Having taken these factors into account, the directors concluded that the Fund's shareholders would benefit from a sharing of economies of scale in the event the Fund's net assets exceed a breakpoint in the future.





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