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- [] REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
- [X] Pre-Effective Amendment No. 4
- [] Post-Effective Amendment No. _

and

- [X] REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
- [X] Amendment No. 4

Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Declaration of Trust

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Approximate Date of Proposed Public Offering:

As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement

If any of the securities being registered on this form are offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. []

[X] when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Max Aggregate Off Price (1)
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value	4,000,000 Shares	\$15.00	\$60,000,

*All of which has been previously paid.

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such dates as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

This information in this Prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to completion, dated February 25, 2004

PROSPECTUS
[LOGO] NUVEEN
Investments

4,000,000 Shares

Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund

Common Shares \$15.00 per share

Investment Objective. The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income.

No Prior History. Because the Fund is newly organized, its common shares have no history of public trading. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value. This risk may be greater for investors who expect to sell their shares in a relatively short period after completion of the public offering.

Portfolio Contents. Under normal market circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets (as defined on page 5 of the Prospectus) in adjustable rate secured senior loans and adjustable rate unsecured senior loans, which unsecured senior loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality.

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Investing in common shares involves certain risks. See "Risks" beginning on page 30.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Per Share Total/(3)/

Public Offering Price	\$15.000
Sales Load/(1)/	\$ 0.675
Estimated Offering Expenses/(2)/	\$ 0.030
Proceeds to the Fund	\$14.295

⁽¹⁾ Certain underwriters that may also participate in any future offering of preferred shares of the Fund may receive additional compensation in that offering based on their participation in this offering. See "Underwriting."

⁽²⁾ Total expenses of issuance and distribution (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) are estimated to be \$. Nuveen Investments, LLC has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses and (ii)

The underwriters expect to deliver the common shares to purchasers on or about $\,$, 2004.

Citigroup
A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
Advest, Inc.

J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc.
McDonald Investments Inc.
Quick & Reilly, Inc.
Ryan Beck & Co.

Nuveen Investments, LLC
Wachovia Securities
Ferris, Baker Watts
Incorporated
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC
Oppenheimer
RBC Capital Markets
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company
Incorporated

SunTrust Robinson Humphrey

, 2004

The Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate senior loans that are secured by specific collateral. Senior loans are made to U.S. or non-U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities that operate in various industries and geographical regions. Senior loans pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals on the basis of an adjustable base lending rate plus a premium. The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its Managed Assets in senior loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal and are commonly referred to as junk bonds. Because of the protective features of senior loans (being senior in a borrower's capital structure and, in certain instances, secured by specific collateral), the Fund's subadviser believes, based on its experience, that senior loans tend to have more favorable loss recovery rates compared to most other types of below investment grade obligations that are subordinated and unsecured.

Leverage. Following the completion of this offering, the Fund intends to seek to increase the Fund's common share net income by utilizing financial leverage by offering preferred shares of beneficial interest and/or by borrowing or issuing commercial paper or notes and investing the proceeds in the manner described above. The Fund currently anticipates that leverage will represent approximately 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets. There is no assurance that the Fund will utilize leverage or that the Fund's leverage strategy will be successful.

Adviser and Subadviser. Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp., the Fund's investment adviser, will be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony Asset Management, LLC will be the Fund's subadviser responsible for managing the Fund's Managed Assets.

The Fund's common shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance. The trading or "ticker" symbol is "JFR." $\,$

You should read this Prospectus, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated , 2004, and as it may be supplemented, containing additional information about the Fund, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information, the table of contents of which is on page 53 of this Prospectus, by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or you may obtain a copy (and other information regarding the Fund) from the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site (http://www.sec.gov).

The Fund's common shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this Prospectus.

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Until , 2004 (25 days after the date of this Prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade the common shares, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information to understand the offering fully.

The Fund...... Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (the "Fund") is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company

investment company.

The Offering...... The Fund is offering common shares of

beneficial interest at \$15.00 per share through a group of underwriters (the "Underwriters") led by Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Nuveen Investments, LLC ("Nuveen"), A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, Advest, Inc., Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, Inc., Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, McDonald Investments Inc., a KeyCorp Company, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., Quick & Reilly, Inc. A FleetBoston Financial Company, RBC Capital Markets Corporation, Ryan Beck & Co., Inc., Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and SunTrust Capital Markets, Inc. The common shares of beneficial interest are called "Common Shares" in this Prospectus. You must purchase at least 100 Common Shares in this offering. The Fund has given the Underwriters an option to purchase up to additional Common Shares to cover orders in excess of Shares. See "Underwriting." Nuveen has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses and (ii) offering costs (other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common Share.

Investment Objective and Policies.....

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income. The Fund's investment objective and certain investment policies are considered fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund cannot assure you that it will attain its investment objective. See "The Fund's Investments" and "Risks."

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate secured senior loans and adjustable rate unsecured senior loans (collectively referred to as "Senior Loans"), which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality. The Fund will invest at least 65% of its

Managed Assets in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral. Senior Loans pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals by reference to a base lending rate, primarily the London-Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), plus a premium. The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Securities (which term for purposes of this Prospectus includes Senior Loans) of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal and are commonly referred to as "junk bonds." Senior Loans are made to U.S. or non- U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities ("Borrowers") that operate in various industries and geographical regions. It is anticipated that the proceeds of the Senior Loans in

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which the Fund will invest will be used by Borrowers to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, refinancings, internal growth and for other corporate purposes.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in (i) other debt securities such as investment and non-investment grade debt securities, convertible securities and structured notes, (ii) mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities (including collateralized loan obligations and collateralized debt obligations), and (iii) debt securities and other instruments issued by government, government-related or supranational issuers (commonly referred to as sovereign debt securities). No more than 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in each of convertible securities, mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, and sovereign debt securities. The debt securities in which the Fund may invest may have short-term, intermediate-term or long-term maturities. The Fund also may receive warrants and equity securities issued by a Borrower or its affiliates in connection with the Fund's other investments in such entities.

Investment grade quality securities are those securities that, at the time of investment, are (i) rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") within the four highest grades (BBB- or Baa3 or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch")), or (ii) unrated but judged to be of

comparable quality. The Fund may purchase Senior Loans and other debt securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. No more than 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in Senior Loans and other debt securities that are, at the time of investment, rated CCC+ or Caa or below by S&P, Moody's or Fitch or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. See "The Fund's Investments--Portfolio Composition" and "Risks--Below Investment Grade Risk."

The Fund's assets, including assets attributable to any FundPreferred shares (as defined below on page 7) that may be outstanding and the principal amount of any Borrowings (also as defined below on page 7), are called "Managed Assets."

Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. ("NIAC"), the Fund's adviser, will be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony Asset Management, LLC ("Symphony") will be the Fund's subadviser responsible for managing the Fund's Managed Assets.

Under normal circumstances:

- . The Fund expects to maintain an average duration of one year or less for its portfolio investments in Senior Loans and other debt instruments. See "The Fund's Investments--Investment Objective and Policies" for a description of duration.
- The Fund will not invest in inverse floating rate securities.

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- Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers (which term for purposes of this Prospectus includes Borrowers) that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. The Fund's Managed Assets to be invested in Senior Loans and other debt instruments of non-U.S. issuers may include debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in securities of emerging markets issuers.
- . The Fund may not invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in securities from an industry which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to the classification of companies in the same or similar lines of

business such as the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries.

- . The Fund may invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in sectors which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to broader classifications of industries, such as the consumer discretionary sector which includes the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries, provided the Fund's investment in a particular industry within the sector does not exceed the industry limitation.
- . The Fund may invest up to 50% of its Managed Assets in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable).

In pursuing its objective of high current income, the Fund will invest in Senior Loans and other debt instruments that may involve significant credit risk. As part of its efforts to manage this risk and the potential impact of such risk on the overall value and returns of the Fund's portfolio, Symphony will implement its credit management strategy that includes (i) a focus on Senior Loans that are secured by specific assets, (ii) rigorous and on-going bottom-up fundamental analysis of issuers, and (iii) overall portfolio diversification. Symphony will perform its own credit and research analysis of issuers, taking into consideration, among other things, the entity's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, its anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and its earnings prospects. Even with these efforts, because of the greater degree of credit risk within the portfolio, the Fund's net asset value could decline over time. In an effort to help preserve the Fund's overall capital, Symphony will seek to enhance portfolio value by investing in securities it believes to be undervalued, which, if successful, can mitigate the potential loss of value due to credit events over time.

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During temporary defensive periods or in order to keep the Fund's cash fully invested, the Fund may deviate from its investment objective and invest all or a portion of its assets in investment grade debt securities, including obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities. In addition, upon Symphony's recommendation that a change would be in the best

interests of the Fund and upon concurrence by NIAC, and subject to approval of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, Symphony may deviate from its investment guidelines noted above. For a more complete discussion of the Fund's portfolio composition, see "The Fund's Investments."

Proposed Use of Leverage.....

Following the completion of this offering, the Fund intends to seek to increase Common Share net income by utilizing financial leverage by offering preferred shares of beneficial interest ("FundPreferred(TM) shares") and/or by borrowing or issuing commercial paper or notes (collectively, "Borrowings") and investing the proceeds in the manner described above. The Fund currently anticipates that FundPreferred shares and/or Borrowings will represent approximately 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets. There is no assurance that the Fund will issue FundPreferred shares or incur Borrowings.

There is no guarantee that the Fund's leverage strategy will be successful. See "Risks--Leverage Risk." FundPreferred shares will pay dividends based on short-term rates, which will be reset frequently. Interest on Borrowings may be at a fixed or floating rate, but generally will be based on short-term rates. The Fund intends to seek to enhance Common Share net income through the use of leverage by issuing FundPreferred shares or Borrowings at generally lower short-term rates applicable to financings of high credit quality and investing the proceeds of such leverage at generally higher short-term rates applicable to financings of low credit quality, like Senior Loans. The lower credit quality of the Fund's portfolio investments increases the likelihood of loss from default or decline in financial capacity by Borrowers. See "Risks--Senior Loan Risks--Borrower Credit Risk" and "Risks--Below Investment Grade Risk." So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's portfolio investments exceeds the FundPreferred share dividend rate or the interest rate on any Borrowings, the investment of the proceeds of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings will generate more income than will be needed to make $\hbox{dividend or interest payments on } Fund \hbox{Preferred}$ shares or Borrowings. If so, the excess will be available to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders.

Because both Senior Loans and the Fund's FundPreferred shares and Borrowings generally pay interest or dividends based on short-term market interest rates, the Fund's investments in Senior Loans may potentially offset the leverage risks borne by the Fund relating to the fluctuations on Common Share income due to variations in the FundPreferred share dividend rate and/or the interest rate on Borrowings. See "Use of Leverage."

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Investment Adviser and Subadviser.....

NIAC will be the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging.

NIAC, a registered investment adviser, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. Founded in 1898, Nuveen Investments, Inc. and its affiliates had approximately \$90 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2003. According to Thomson Wealth Management, Nuveen is the leading sponsor of closed-end exchange-traded funds as measured by the number of funds (106) and the amount of fund assets under management (approximately \$47.1 billion) as of December 31, 2003.

Symphony, a registered investment adviser, is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. Founded in 1994, Symphony had approximately \$2.7 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2003. Symphony specializes in the management of market neutral equity and debt strategies and Senior Loan and other debt portfolios.

NIAC and Symphony will sometimes individually be referred to as an "Adviser" and collectively be referred to as the "Advisers."

NIAC will receive an annual fee, payable monthly, in a maximum amount equal to .85% of the Fund's average daily Managed Assets (as previously defined, Managed Assets include assets attributable to any FundPreferred shares that may be outstanding and the principal amount of any Borrowings), with lower fee levels for assets that exceed \$500 million. NIAC will pay a portion of that fee to Symphony. The Advisers have contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and expenses in the amount of .32% of average daily Managed Assets of the Fund for the first five full years of the Fund's operations (through March 31, 2009), and in a declining amount for an additional three years (through March 31, 2012). For more information on fees and expenses, including fees attributable to Common Shares, see "Management of the Fund."

Distributions...... Commencing with the Fund's first dividend, the Fund intends to make regular monthly cash distributions to Common Shareholders based on the past and projected performance of the Fund. The Fund's Common Share dividend rate will depend on a number of factors, including the net earnings on the Fund's portfolio investments, the rate at which such net earnings change as a result of changes in short-term market interest rates, the rate at which dividends are payable on FundPreferred shares or interest is

payable on Borrowings, and the rate at which such FundPreferred share dividend or Borrowing interest rates change. As portfolio and market conditions change, the rate of dividends on the Common Shares and the Fund's dividend policy could change. Over time, the Fund will distribute all of its net investment income and net short-term capital gains (after it pays accrued dividends on, or redeems or liquidates, any outstanding FundPreferred shares, if any, and makes interest and required principal payments on Borrowings, if any). In addition, at

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least annually, the Fund intends to distribute net long-term capital gains, if any, to you so long as the net long-term capital gains are not necessary to pay accrued dividends on, or redeem or liquidate, any FundPreferred shares or pay interest on, or repay, any Borrowings.

The Fund expects to declare its initial Common Share distribution approximately 45 days, and to pay that distribution approximately 60 to 90 days, from the completion of this offering, depending on market conditions. In most circumstances, Common Shareholders may elect to automatically reinvest some or all of their distributions in additional Common Shares under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

Listing.....

The Common Shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance. See "Description of Shares--Common Shares." The trading or "ticker" symbol of the Common Shares is "JFR." Because of this exchange listing, the Fund may sometimes be referred to in public communications as a "closed-end exchange-traded fund" or "exchange-traded fund."

Custodian and Transfer Agent.....

State Street Bank and Trust Company will serve as custodian and transfer agent for the Fund. See "Custodian and Transfer Agent."

Market Discount from
Net Asset Value and
Expected Reductions in
Net Asset Value.....

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at prices lower than net asset value. This characteristic is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's net asset value could decrease as a result of investment activities and may be a greater risk for investors expecting to sell their shares in a relatively short period of time following the completion of this offering. The Fund cannot predict whether Common Shares will trade at, above or below net asset value. Net asset value of the Fund and the net asset value per Common Share

will be reduced immediately following this offering by the sales load and the amount of organization and offering expenses paid by the Fund. See "Use of Proceeds," "Use of Leverage," "Risks," "Description of Shares," "Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund" and the Statement of Additional Information under "Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund." The net asset value per Common Share also will be reduced by any costs associated with the issuance of FundPreferred shares or any Borrowings. The Common Shares are designed primarily for long-term investors, and you should not view the Fund as a vehicle for trading purposes.

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Tax Considerations....

Dividends with respect to the Common Shares generally will not constitute "qualified dividend income" for federal income tax purposes and thus generally will not be eligible for taxation at long-term capital gain tax rates (except in the case of capital gain dividends).

Special Risk

Considerations.....

No Prior History. The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company with no history of operations.

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Investment and Market Risk. An investment in the Fund's Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest. Your investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Fund, most of which are not traded on a national securities exchange, NASDAQ (as defined below) or in the over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably.

Your Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of Fund dividends and distributions. The Fund likely will use leverage, which magnifies the securities market risks described above. See "Use of Leverage" and "Risks--Investment and Market Risk."

Senior Loan Risks.

Borrower Credit Risk. Borrowers under Senior Loans may default on their obligations to pay principal or interest when due. This non- payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of a Senior Loan experiencing non-payment and, potentially, a decrease in the net asset value of the Fund. Although under normal circumstances at least 65% of the Fund's Managed Assets will be invested in Senior Loans that are secured by

specific collateral, there can be no assurance that liquidation of such collateral would satisfy the Borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal or that such collateral could be readily liquidated. In the event of bankruptcy of a Borrower, the Fund could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing a Senior Loan. The Fund is subject to the same inherent risks described above with respect to issuers of other debt instruments in which the Fund may invest, although it is not expected that those debt instruments will be secured by collateral.

Senior Loan Interest Rate Risk. Because the interest rates of Senior Loans reset frequently, if market interest rates fall, the loans' interest rates will be reset to lower levels, potentially reducing the Fund's income. Because both Senior Loans and the Fund's FundPreferred shares and Borrowings generally pay interest or dividends based on short-term market interest rates, the Fund's investments in Senior Loans may potentially offset the leverage risks borne by the Fund relating to the fluctuations on Common Share income due to variations in the FundPreferred share dividend rate and/or the interest rate on Borrowings. See "Use of Leverage." The Fund is subject to the same inherent risks described above with respect to other adjustable rate debt instruments in which the Fund may invest.

Participation Risks. The Fund also may purchase a participation interest in a Senior Loan and by doing so acquire some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a Senior Loan to a Borrower. A participation typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the lender, not the Borrower. As a result, the Fund assumes the credit risk of the lender selling the

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participation in addition to the credit risk of the Borrower. By purchasing a participation, the Fund will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the lender selling the participation and only upon receipt by the lender of the payments from the Borrower. See "Risks—Senior Loan Risk" and "Risks—Below Investment Grade Risk."

Prepayment Risk. During periods of declining interest rates or for other purposes, Borrowers may exercise their option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, forcing the Fund to reinvest in lower yielding securities. This is known as call or prepayment risk.

Other Risks Associated with Senior Loans. Many

Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest may not be rated by an NRSRO, generally will not be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally will not be listed on a securities exchange. In addition, the amount of public information available with respect to Senior Loans generally may be less extensive than that available for registered and exchange-listed securities. Economic and other events (whether real or perceived) can reduce the demand for certain Senior Loans or Senior Loans generally, which may reduce market prices and cause the Fund's net asset value per share to fall. The frequency and magnitude of such changes cannot be predicted. No active trading market currently exists for some Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest and, thus, those loans may be illiquid. As a result, such Senior Loans generally are more difficult to value than more liquid securities for which a trading market exists.

Below Investment Grade Risk. The Fund may purchase Senior Loans and other debt instruments that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as "junk bonds." Issuers of lower rated securities may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. The prices of these lower grade securities are typically more sensitive to negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn, than are the prices of higher rated securities. The secondary market for lower rated securities, including some Senior Loans, may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities, a factor which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular security. See "Risks--Below Investment Grade Risk."

Leverage Risk. The Fund's use of leverage through the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings creates an opportunity for increased Common Share net income but also creates special risks for Common Shareholders, including the major risks listed below. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy, if utilized, will be successful. The Fund will pay (and Common Shareholders will bear) any costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of any FundPreferred shares (for example, distribution related expenses such as a participation fee paid at what the Fund expects will be an annual rate of 0.25% of FundPreferred share liquidation preference to broker-dealers

successfully participating in FundPreferred share auctions) and Borrowings.

Leverage creates two major types of risks for Common Shareholders:

- the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of Common Shares because changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio investments, including investments purchased with the proceeds of the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, are borne entirely by the Common Shareholders; and
- the possibility either that (i) Common Share income will fall if the dividend rate on FundPreferred shares or the interest rate on any Borrowings rises and there is no corresponding increase, or a lagging increase, in the interest rates on investments in the Fund's portfolio, or (ii) Common Share income will fluctuate because the dividend rate on FundPreferred shares or the interest rate on any Borrowings varies. Because both Senior Loans and the Fund's FundPreferred shares and Borrowings generally pay interest or dividends based on short-term market interest rates, the Fund's investments in Senior Loans may potentially offset the leverage risks borne by the Fund relating to the fluctuations on Common Share income due to variations in the FundPreferred share dividend rate and/or the interest rate on Borrowings.
- If the Fund seeks an investment grade rating from a NRSRO for any FundPreferred shares, commercial paper or notes issued by the Fund (which the Fund expects to do), asset coverage or portfolio composition provisions in addition to and more stringent than those required by the 1940 Act may be imposed in connection with the issuance of such a rating. Any lender from which the Fund borrows may require additional asset coverage and portfolio composition provisions as well as restrictions on the Fund's investment practices.

See "Risks--Leverage Risk."

Non-U.S. Issuer Risk. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers involve special risks not presented by investments in securities of U.S. issuers, including the following: less publicly available information about non-U.S. issuers or markets due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices; many non-U.S. markets are smaller, less liquid and more volatile; potential adverse effects

of fluctuations in currency exchange rates or controls on the value of the Fund's investments; the economies of non-U.S. countries may grow at slower rates than expected or may experience a downturn or recession; the impact of economic, political, social or diplomatic events; possible seizure of a company's assets; restrictions imposed by non-U.S. countries limiting the ability of non-U.S. issuers to make payments of principal and/or interest due

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to blockages of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise; and withholding and other non-U.S. taxes may decrease the Fund's return. These risks are more pronounced to the extent that the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in companies located in one region and to the extent that the Fund invests in securities of issuers in emerging markets countries. In addition, economic, political and social developments may significantly disrupt the financial markets or interfere with the Fund's ability to enforce its rights against non-U.S. issuers. See "Risks--Non-U.S. Securities Risk."

Currency Risk. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers that are non-U.S. dollar denominated. However, initially the Fund does not intend to invest in such securities. Investments by the Fund in non-U.S.-dollar denominated securities will be subject to currency risk. Currency risk is the risk that fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and non-U.S. currencies may negatively affect an investment. The value of securities denominated in non-U.S. currencies may fluctuate based on changes in the value of those currencies relative to the U.S. dollar, and a decline in applicable foreign exchange rates could reduce the value of such securities held by the Fund.

Illiquid Securities Risk. The Fund may invest up to 50% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are illiquid. Illiquid securities are not readily marketable and may include some restricted securities. Illiquid securities involve the risk that the securities will not be able to be sold at the time desired by the Fund or at prices approximating the value at which the Fund is carrying the securities on its books.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed-income securities will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of such securities generally will fall. The Fund's investment in such securities means that the net asset value and market price of Common Shares will tend to decline if market interest rates rise.

Market interest rates in the U.S. and in certain

other countries in which the Fund may invest currently are near historically low levels. Because the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans and will maintain an average portfolio duration of one year or less, the Fund is intended to have a relatively low level of interest rate risk. However, because interest rates on Senior Loans and other adjustable rate debt instruments typically only reset periodically (e.g., monthly or quarterly), changes in prevailing interest rates (and particularly sudden and significant changes) can be expected to cause some fluctuation in the market value of these securities, including declines in market value as interest rates rise. See "Risks--Investment and Market Risk" and "Risks--Interest Rate Risk."

Regulatory Risk. To the extent that legislation or state or federal regulators that regulate certain financial institutions impose additional requirements or restrictions with respect to the ability of such institutions to make loans, particularly in connection with highly leveraged transactions, the availability of Senior Loans for

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investment may be adversely affected. Further, such legislation or regulation could depress the market value of Senior Loans.

Market Disruption Risk. Certain events have a disruptive effect on the securities markets, such as terrorist attacks (including the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001), war and other geopolitical events. The Fund cannot predict the effects of similar events in the future on the U.S. economy. Lower rated securities tend to be more volatile than higher rated securities so that these events and any actions resulting from them may have a greater impact on the prices and volatility of lower rated securities than on higher rated securities.

Inflation Risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investment will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Common Shares and distributions can decline. In addition, during any periods of rising inflation, FundPreferred share dividend rates would likely increase, which, without a corresponding increase in the interest rates on investments in the Fund's portfolio, would reduce returns to Common Shareholders. Inflation risk is mitigated to a certain degree by the Fund's investments in Senior Loans and other adjustable rate debt instruments, because increases in inflation have historically been accompanied by increases in the adjustable rates of interest of such securities.

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

Anti-Takeover Provisions. The Fund's Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration") includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to open-end status. These provisions could have the effect of depriving the Common Shareholders of opportunities to sell their Common Shares at a premium over the then current market price of the Common Shares. See "Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust" and "Risks--Anti-Takeover Provisions."

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SUMMARY OF FUND EXPENSES

The Annual Expenses table below assumes the issuance of FundPreferred shares in an amount equal to 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets (after their issuance), and shows Fund expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses Sales Load Paid by You (as a percentage of offering price) Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (as a percentage of offering price)/(1)(2)/ Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees	4.50% .20% None/(3)/
	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares/(5)/
Annual Expenses Management Fees/(4)/ Other Expenses/(4)/ Interest Payments on Borrowings/(4)/	
Total Annual Expenses/(4)/ Fee and Expense Reimbursement (Years 1-5)	1.69% (.52)%/(6)/
Total Net Annual Expenses (Years 1-5)/(4)/	1.17%/(6)/ ====

⁽¹⁾ Nuveen has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses and (ii) offering costs (other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common Share.

- (2) If the Fund utilizes leverage through the issuance of FundPreferred shares, costs associated therewith will effectively be borne by the Common Shareholders and result in a reduction of the net asset value of the Common Shares. Assuming the issuance of FundPreferred shares in the amount equal to 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets (after issuance), the offering costs thereof are estimated to be approximately \$0.19 per Common Share (1.30% of the estimated proceeds from the Fund's Common Share offering, after deducting offering costs).
- (3) You will be charged a \$2.50 service charge and pay brokerage charges if you direct State Street Bank and Trust Company, as agent for the Common Shareholders (the "Plan Agent") to sell your Common Shares held in a dividend reinvestment account.
- (4) In the event the Fund, as an alternative to issuing FundPreferred shares in an amount equal to 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets, utilizes leverage through Borrowings in an amount equal to approximately 33 1/3% of the Fund's Managed Assets (including the aggregate amount obtained from leverage) and FundPreferred shares in an amount equal to approximately 4 2/3% of the Fund's Managed Assets (including the aggregate amount obtained from leverage), it is estimated that, as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, the Management Fee would be 1.37%, Other Expenses would be .32%, Interest Payments on Borrowings (assuming an interest rate of 2.00%, which interest rate is subject to change based on prevailing market conditions) would be 1.08%, Total Annual Expenses would be 2.77% and Total Net Annual Expenses would be 2.25%. Based on the total net annual expenses and in accordance with the example below, the expenses for years 1, 3, 5 and 10 would be \$81, \$126, \$173 and \$323, respectively.

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(5) Stated as percentages of net assets attributable to Common Shares. Assuming no issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, the Fund's expenses would be estimated to be as follows:

	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares
Annual Expenses Management Fees	.85% .20% None
Total Annual Expenses Fees and Expense Reimbursement (Years 1-5)	1.05%
Total Net Annual Expenses (Years 1-5)	.73%/(6)/ ======

(6) The Advisers have contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and expenses in the amount of .32% of average daily Managed Assets for the first 5 full years of the Fund's operations, .24% of average daily Managed Assets in year 6, .16% in year 7 and .08% in year 8. Assuming the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings in an aggregate amount equal to 38% of

the Fund's Managed Assets (including the aggregate amount obtained from leverage) and calculated as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, those amounts would be .52% for the first 5 full years, .39% in year 6, .26% in year 7 and .13% in year 8. Without the reimbursement, "Total Annual Expenses" would be estimated to be 1.69% of average daily net assets attributable to Common Shares (or, assuming no issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, 1.05% of average daily net assets).

The purpose of the table above is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a Common Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly. The expenses shown in the table are based on estimated amounts for the Fund's first year of operations and assume that the Fund issues approximately 33,300,000 Common Shares. See "Management of the Fund" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

The following example illustrates the expenses (including (i) the sales load of \$45, (ii) estimated offering expenses of this offering of \$2, and (iii) the estimated FundPreferred share offering costs assuming FundPreferred shares are issued representing 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets (after issuance) in an aggregate amount of \$13) that you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Common Shares, assuming (1) total annual expenses of 1.17% of net assets attributable to Common Shares in years 1 through 5, increasing to 1.69% in years 9 and 10 and (2) a 5% annual return:/(1)/

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be higher or lower.

- (1) The example assumes that the estimated Other Expenses set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate, that fees and expenses increase as described in note 2 below and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested at Common Share net asset value. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.
- (2) Assumes reimbursement of fees and expenses of .24% of average daily Managed Assets in year 6, .16% in year 7 and .08% in year 8. The Advisers have not agreed to reimburse the Fund for any portion of its fees and expenses beyond March 31, 2012. See footnote 6 above and "Management of the Fund--Investment Management Agreement."

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THE FUND

The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 15, 2004, pursuant to a Declaration governed by the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a newly organized entity, the Fund has no operating history. The Fund's principal office is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and its telephone number is (800) 257-8787.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of the offering of Common Shares will be approximately \$ if the Underwriters exercise the over-allotment option in full) after payment of the estimated organization and offering costs. Nuveen has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses and (ii) offering costs (other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common Share. The Fund will invest the net proceeds of the offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies as stated below. It is presently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest substantially all of the net proceeds in Senior Loans and other securities that meet the Fund's investment objective and policies within approximately two to three months after the completion of the offering. Pending such investment, it is anticipated that the proceeds will be invested in short-term or long-term securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term money market instruments.

THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS

Investment Objective and Policies

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

In pursuing its objective of high current income, the Fund will invest in Senior Loans and other debt instruments that may involve significant credit risk. As part of its efforts to manage this risk and the potential impact of such risk on the overall value and returns of the Fund's portfolio, Symphony will implement its credit management strategy that includes (i) a focus on Senior Loans that are secured by specific assets, (ii) rigorous and on-going bottom-up fundamental analysis of issuers, and (iii) overall portfolio diversification. Symphony will perform its own credit and research analysis of issuers, taking into consideration, among other things, the entity's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, its anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and its earnings prospects. Even with these efforts, because of the greater degree of credit risk within the portfolio, the Fund's net asset value could decline over time. In an effort to help preserve the Fund's overall capital, Symphony will seek to enhance portfolio value by investing in securities it believes to be undervalued, which, if successful, can mitigate the potential loss of value due to credit events over time.

NIAC will be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony will be the Fund's subadviser responsible for managing the Fund's Managed Assets. See "Management of the Fund."

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in secured Senior Loans and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality. The Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral. Investment in adjustable rate instruments such as Senior

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Loans is expected to minimize changes in the underlying principal value of of such investments, and therefore, the Fund's net asset value, resulting from

changes in market interest rates. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in (i) other debt securities such as investment and non-investment grade debt securities, convertible securities and structured notes, (ii) mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities (including collateralized loan obligations and collateralized debt obligations), and (iii) debt securities and other instruments issued by government, government-related or supranational issuers. No more than 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in each of convertible securities, mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, and sovereign debt securities. The debt securities in which the Fund may invest may have short-term, intermediate-term or long-term maturities. The Fund also may receive warrants and equity securities issued by a Borrower or its affiliates in connection with the Fund's other investments in such entities. The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality.

Investment grade quality securities are those securities that, at the time of investment, are (i) rated by at least one NRSRO within the four highest grades (BBB- or Baa3 or better by S&P, Moody's or Fitch), or (ii) unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. No more than 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in Senior Loans and other debt securities rated CCC+ or Caa or below by S&P, Moody's or Fitch or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as "junk bonds." See Appendix A in the Statement of Additional Information for a description of security ratings.

The Fund's policy under normal circumstances of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in secured Senior Loans and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality, is not considered to be fundamental by the Fund and can be changed without a vote of the Common Shareholders. However, this policy may only be changed by the Fund's Board following the provision of 60 days prior written notice to Common Shareholders.

Under normal market circumstances, Symphony expects to maintain an average duration of one year or less for the Fund's portfolio investments in Senior Loans and other debt instruments. In comparison to maturity (which is the date on which a debt instrument ceases and the issuer is obligated to repay the principal amount), duration is a measure of the price volatility of a debt instrument as a result of changes in market rates of interest, based on the weighted average timing of the instrument's expected principal and interest payments. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers a security's yield, coupon payments, principal payments and call features in addition to the amount of time until the security finally matures. As the value of a security changes over time, so will its duration. Prices of securities with shorter durations (such as the anticipated average duration of one year or less for the Fund's portfolio investments as described above) tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with longer durations. In general, the value of a portfolio of securities with a shorter duration can be expected to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a longer duration.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. The Fund may not invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in securities from an industry which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to the classification of companies in the same or similar lines of business such as the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries. The Fund may invest more than 20%

of its Managed Assets in sectors which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to broader classifications of industries, such as the consumer discretionary sector which includes the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries, provided the Fund's investment in a particular industry within the sector does not exceed the industry limitation. In addition, the Fund

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may invest up to 50% of its Managed Assets in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable).

For a more complete discussion of the Fund's initial portfolio composition, see "--Portfolio Composition and Other Information."

The Fund cannot change its investment objective without the approval of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding" Common Shares and FundPreferred shares voting together as a single class, and of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding" FundPreferred shares voting as a separate class. When used with respect to particular shares of the Fund, a "majority of the outstanding" shares means (i) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the shares are present or represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the shares, whichever is less. See "Description of Shares--FundPreferred Shares--Voting Rights" and the Statement of Additional Information under "Description of Shares--FundPreferred Shares--Voting Rights" for additional information with respect to the voting rights of holders of FundPreferred shares.

Overall Fund Management

NIAC is the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation.

NIAC will oversee Symphony in its management of the Fund's portfolio. This oversight will include ongoing evaluation of Symphony's investment performance, portfolio allocations, quality of investment process and personnel, compliance with Fund and regulatory guidelines, trade allocation and execution, and other factors.

NIAC will also oversee the Fund's use of leverage, and efforts to minimize the costs and mitigate the risks to Common Shareholders associated with using financial leverage. See "Use of Leverage" and "Hedging Transactions" below. This effort may involve making adjustments to investment policies in an attempt to minimize costs and mitigate risks.

Symphony Investment Philosophy and Process

Investment Philosophy. Symphony believes that managing risk, particularly for volatile assets such as Senior Loans and other forms of high yield debt, is of paramount importance. Symphony believes that a combination of fundamental credit analysis and valuation information that is available from the equity markets provide a means of identifying what it believes to be superior investment candidates. Additionally, Symphony focuses primarily on liquid securities to help ensure that exit strategies remain available under different market conditions.

Investment Process. In identifying Senior Loans and other securities for potential purchase, Symphony combines quantitative screening and fundamental and relative value analysis. Symphony screens the identified investment

candidates for liquidity constraints and favorable capital structures. The investment team then performs rigorous bottom-up fundamental analysis to identify investments with sound industry fundamentals, cash flow sufficiency and asset quality. The final portfolio is constructed using risk management and monitoring systems to ensure proper diversification.

Portfolio Composition and Other Information

The Fund's portfolio will be composed principally of the following investments. A more detailed description of the Fund's investment policies and restrictions and more detailed information about the Fund's portfolio investments are contained in the Statement of Additional Information.

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Senior Loans. The Fund may invest (i) in Senior Loans made by banks or other financial institutions to Borrowers, (ii) assignments of such interests in Senior Loans or (iii) participation interests in Senior Loans. Senior Loans hold the most senior position in the capital structure of a Borrower, are typically secured with specific collateral and have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the Borrower that is senior to that held by subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the Borrower. The capital structure of a Borrower may include Senior Loans, senior and junior subordinated debt, preferred stock and common stock issued by the Borrower, typically in descending order of seniority with respect to claims on the Borrower's assets. The proceeds of Senior Loans primarily are used by Borrowers to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, refinancings, internal growth and for other corporate purposes. A Senior Loan is typically originated, negotiated and structured by a U.S. or non-U.S. commercial bank, insurance company, finance company or other financial institution ("Agent") for a lending syndicate of financial institutions which typically includes the Agent ("Lenders"). The Agent typically administers and enforces the Senior Loan on behalf of the other Lenders in the syndicate. In addition, an institution, typically but not always the Agent, holds any collateral on behalf of the Lenders. The Fund normally will rely primarily on the Agent to collect principal of and interest on a Senior Loan. Also, the Fund usually will rely on the Agent to monitor compliance by the Borrower with the restrictive covenants in a loan agreement.

Senior Loans in which the Fund will invest generally pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals by reference to a base lending rate, plus a premium. Senior Loans typically have rates of interest that are redetermined either daily, monthly, quarterly or semi-annually by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium or credit spread. These base lending rates are primarily LIBOR, and secondarily the prime rate offered by one or more major U.S. banks (the "Prime Rate") and the certificate of deposit ("CD") rate or other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. As adjustable rate loans, the frequency of how often a Senior Loan resets its interest rate will impact how closely such Senior Loans track current market interest rates. The Senior Loans held by the Fund will have a dollar-weighted average period until the next interest rate adjustment of approximately 90 days or less. As a result, as short-term interest rates increase, interest payable to the Fund from its investments in Senior Loans should increase, and as short-term interest rates decrease, interest payable to the Fund from its investments in Senior Loans should decrease. The Fund may utilize derivative instruments to shorten the effective interest rate redetermination period of Senior Loans in its portfolio. Senior Loans typically have a stated term of between one and eight years. In the experience of Symphony, the average life of Senior Loans in recent years has been approximately two years because of prepayments.

The Fund expects primarily to purchase Senior Loans by assignment from a participant in the original syndicate of lenders or from subsequent assignees of such interests. The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations under the loan agreement with the same rights and obligations as the assigning Lender. Assignments may, however, be arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender.

The Fund also may purchase participation interests in the original syndicate making Senior Loans. Loan participation interests typically represent direct participations in a loan to a corporate borrower, and generally are offered by banks or other financial institutions or lending syndicates. The Fund may participate in such syndications, or can buy part of a Senior Loan, becoming a part Lender. When purchasing a participation interest, the Fund assumes the credit risk associated with the corporate Borrower and may assume the credit risk associated with an interposed bank or other financial intermediary. The participation interests in which the Fund intends to invest may not be rated by any NRSRO. See "Risks--Senior Loan Risks--Participation Risk."

The Fund may purchase and retain in its portfolio Senior Loans where the Borrowers have experienced, or may be perceived to be likely to experience, credit problems, including involvement in

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or recent emergence from bankruptcy reorganization proceedings or other forms of debt restructuring. Such investments may provide opportunities for enhanced income as well as capital appreciation. At times, in connection with the restructuring of a Senior Loan either outside of bankruptcy court or in the context of bankruptcy court proceedings, the Fund may determine or be required to accept equity securities or junior debt securities in exchange for all or a portion of a Senior Loan. See "--Non-Senior Loan Investments--Warrants and Equity Securities."

Non-Senior Loan Investments. The Fund may invest in debt instruments and other securities as described below:

Corporate Bonds. Corporate bonds generally are used by corporations to borrow money from investors. The issuer pays the investor a fixed or variable rate of interest and normally must repay the amount borrowed on or before maturity. Certain bonds are "perpetual" in that they have no maturity date. The Fund may invest in bonds and other debt securities of any quality.

Structured Notes. The Fund may utilize structured notes and similar instruments for investment purposes and also for hedging purposes. Structured notes are privately negotiated debt obligations where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an "embedded index"), such as selected securities, an index of securities or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. The interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending on a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments.

U.S. Government Securities. U.S. Government securities include (1) U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less), U.S.

Treasury notes (maturities of one year to ten years) and U.S. Treasury bonds (generally maturities of greater than ten years) and (2) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are supported by any of the following: (i) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (ii) the right of the issuer to borrow an amount limited to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (iii) discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the U.S. Government agency or instrumentality or (iv) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. The Fund also may invest in any other security or agreement collateralized or otherwise secured by U.S. Government securities. Agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government include but are not limited to: Federal Land Banks, Federal Financing Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, FHLMC, FNMA, GNMA, Student Loan Marketing Association, United States Postal Service, Small Business Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority and any other enterprise established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. Because the U.S. Government generally is not obligated to provide support to its instrumentalities, the Fund will invest in obligations issued by these instrumentalities only if Symphony determines that the credit risk with respect to such obligations is minimal.

The principal of and/or interest on certain U.S. Government securities which may be purchased by the Fund could be (i) payable in non-U.S. currencies rather than U.S. dollars or (b) increased or diminished as a result of changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of non-U.S. currencies. The value of such portfolio securities may be affected by changes in the exchange rate between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

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

Warrants and Equity Securities. The Fund may acquire equity securities and warrants issued by a Borrower or its affiliates as part of a package of investments in the Borrower or its affiliates issued in

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connection with a Senior Loan of the Borrower. The Fund also may convert a warrant so acquired into the underlying security. Investments in warrants and equity securities entail certain risks in addition to those associated with investments in Senior Loans. The value of these securities may be affected more rapidly, and to a greater extent, by company-specific developments and general market conditions. These risks may increase fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value. The Fund may possess material non-public information about a Borrower as a result of its ownership of a Senior Loan of such Borrower. Because of prohibitions on trading in securities of issuers while in possession of such information the Fund might be unable to enter into a transaction in a security of such a Borrower when it would otherwise be advantageous to do so.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements (the purchase of a security coupled with an agreement to resell that security at a higher price) with respect to its permitted investments. The Fund's repurchase agreements will provide that the value of the collateral underlying the repurchase agreement will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the agreement, and will be marked to market daily.

Other Securities. The Fund may invest in convertible securities,

mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, and sovereign debt securities, each of which are discussed in more detail in the Statement of Additional Information.

Securities Issued by Non-U.S. Issuers. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities. The Fund's Managed Assets to be invested in Senior Loans and other debt instruments of non-U.S. issuers may include debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest in securities of emerging market issuers. The Fund may invest in any region of the world and invest in companies operating in developed countries such as Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and most Western European countries. As used in this Prospectus, an "emerging market" country is any country determined to have an emerging markets economy, considering, among other things, factors such as whether the country has a low-to-middle-income economy according to the World Bank or its related organizations, the country's credit rating, its political and economic stability and the development of its financial and capital markets. These countries generally include countries located in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Eastern and Central Europe.

Zero Coupon Bonds. The Fund's investments in debt securities may be in the form of a zero coupon bond. A zero coupon bond is a bond that does not pay interest for the entire life of the obligation. Zero coupon bonds allow an issuer to avoid or delay the need to generate cash to meet current interest payments and, as a result, may involve greater credit risk than bonds that pay interest currently. The Fund would be required to distribute the income on any of these instruments as it accrues, even though the Fund will not receive any of the income on a current basis. Thus, the Fund may have to sell other investments, including when it may not be advisable to do so, to make income distributions to its Common Shareholders.

When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions. The Fund may buy and sell securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, making payment or taking delivery at a later date, normally within 15 to 45 days of the trade date. This type of transaction may involve an element of risk because no interest accrues on the securities prior to settlement and, because securities are subject to market fluctuations, the value of the securities at time of delivery may be less (or more) than their cost. A separate account of the Fund will be established with its custodian consisting of cash equivalents or liquid securities having a market value at all times at least equal to the amount of any delayed payment commitment.

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No Inverse Floating Rate Securities. The Fund will not invest in inverse floating rate securities, which are securities that pay interest at rates that vary inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates and which represent a leveraged investment in an underlying security.

Hedging Transactions. The Fund may use derivatives or other transactions for the purpose of hedging the portfolio's exposure to high yield credit risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk and the risk of increases in interest rates. The specific derivative instruments to be used, or other transactions to be entered into, each for hedging purposes may include the purchase or sale of futures contracts on securities, credit-linked notes, securities indices, other indices or other financial instruments; options on futures contracts; exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices; index-linked securities; swaps; and currency exchange transactions. Some, but

not all, of the derivative instruments may be traded and listed on an exchange. The positions in derivatives will be marked-to- market daily at the closing price established on the exchange or at a fair value. See "Risks--Hedging Risk," "Hedging Transactions," "Risks--Counterparty Risk" and "Other Investment Policies and Techniques" in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information for further information on hedging transactions.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest up to 50% of its Managed Assets in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable). For this purpose, illiquid securities may include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities the disposition of which is restricted under the federal securities laws), securities that may only be resold pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), that are deemed to be illiquid, and certain repurchase agreements. The Board of Trustees or its delegate has the ultimate authority to determine which securities are liquid or illiquid for purposes of this 50% limitation. The Board of Trustees has delegated to the Advisers the day-to-day determination of the illiquidity of any security held by the Fund, although it has retained oversight and ultimate responsibility for such determinations. No definitive liquidity criteria are used. The Board of Trustees has directed the Advisers when making liquidity determinations to look for such factors as (i) the nature of the market for a security (including the institutional private resale market; the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security; the amount of time normally needed to dispose of the security; and the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of transfer), (ii) the terms of certain securities or other instruments allowing for the disposition to a third party or the issuer thereof (e.g., certain repurchase obligations and demand instruments), and (iii) other relevant factors.

Restricted securities may be sold only in privately negotiated transactions or in a public offering with respect to which a registration statement is in effect under the Securities Act. Where registration is required, the Fund may be obligated to pay all or part of the registration expenses and a considerable period may elapse between the time of the decision to sell and the time the Fund may be permitted to sell a security under an effective registration statement. If, during such a period, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than that which prevailed when it decided to sell. Illiquid securities will be priced at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees or its delegate. If, through the appreciation of illiquid securities or the depreciation of liquid securities, the Fund should be in a position where more than 50% of the value of its Managed Assets is invested in illiquid securities, including restricted securities that are not readily marketable, the Fund will take such steps as are deemed advisable, if any, to protect liquidity.

Short-Term/Long-Term Debt Securities; Defensive Position; Invest-Up Period. During temporary defensive periods or in order to keep the Fund's cash fully invested, including the period during which the net proceeds of the offering of Common Shares or FundPreferred shares are being invested, the Fund may deviate from its investment objective and invest all or any portion of its assets in investment grade debt securities, including obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities. In such a case, the Fund may not pursue or achieve its investment

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objective. In addition, upon Symphony's recommendation that a change would be in the best interests of the Fund and upon concurrence by NIAC, and subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Fund, Symphony may deviate from its

investment guidelines discussed herein.

Other Investment Companies. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the Fund may invest a portion of its Managed Assets in pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies) that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. The Fund generally expects that it may invest in other investment companies and/or pooled investment vehicles either during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash, such as the period shortly after the Fund receives the proceeds of the offering of its Common Shares or FundPreferred shares and/or Borrowings, or during periods when there is a shortage of attractive securities of the types in which the Fund may invest in directly available in the market. As an investor in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's advisory and administrative fees with respect to assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. Symphony will take expenses into account when evaluating the investment merits of an investment in the investment company relative to available securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the securities of other investment companies also may be leveraged and therefore will be subject to the same leverage risks described herein. As described in the section entitled "Risks--Leverage Risk," the net asset value and market value of leveraged shares will be more volatile and the yield to shareholders will tend to fluctuate more than the yield generated by unleveraged shares.

Lending of Portfolio Securities. The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers and banks. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral in cash or cash equivalents maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by the Fund. The Fund would continue to receive the equivalent of the interest or dividends paid by the issuer on the securities loaned through payments from the borrower, although such amounts received from the borrower would not be eligible to be treated as tax-advantaged dividends. The Fund would also receive an additional return that may be in the form of a fixed fee or a percentage of the collateral. The Fund may pay reasonable fees to persons unaffiliated with the Fund for services in arranging these loans. The Fund would have the right to call the loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time on notice of not more than five business days. The Fund would not have the right to vote the securities during the existence of the loan but would call the loan to permit voting of the securities, if, in an Adviser's judgment, a material event requiring a shareholder vote would otherwise occur before the loan was repaid. In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the borrower, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the loan collateral or recovering the loaned securities and losses, including (a) possible decline in the value of the collateral or in the value of the securities loaned during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto, (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period, and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund may engage in portfolio trading when considered appropriate, but short-term trading will not be used as the primary means of achieving the Fund's investment objective. Although the Fund cannot accurately predict its annual portfolio turnover rate, it is not expected to exceed 50% under normal circumstances. However, there are no limits on the rate of portfolio turnover, and investments may be sold without regard to length of time held when, in the opinion of Symphony, investment considerations warrant such action. A higher portfolio turnover rate results in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by the Fund. High portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net

short-term capital gains by the Fund which, when distributed to shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income. See "Tax Matters."

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USE OF LEVERAGE

Following the completion of this offering, the Fund intends to seek to increase Common Share net income by issuing FundPreferred shares and/or Borrowings and investing the proceeds in the manner described herein. The Fund's Board of Trustees has authorized an offering of FundPreferred shares representing approximately 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets that the Fund expects will likely be issued within approximately one and one-half to two months after completion of the offering of Common Shares. The amount of outstanding FundPreferred shares may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions will be determined by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Unless and until the Fund uses leverage, this section will not apply.

Because both Senior Loans and the Fund's FundPreferred shares and Borrowings generally pay interest or dividends based on short-term market interest rates, the Fund's investments in Senior Loans may potentially offset the leverage risks borne by the Fund relating to the fluctuations on Common Share income due to variations in the FundPreferred share dividend rate and/or the interest rate on Borrowings.

The Fund intends to apply for ratings from a NRSRO (most likely S&P, Moody's and/or Fitch) for any FundPreferred shares and commercial paper or notes it may issue. The Fund anticipates that any FundPreferred shares that it intends to issue initially would be given ratings of at least AA/Aa by such NRSROs as S&P ("AA"), Moody's ("Aa") or Fitch ("AA").

FundPreferred shares and Borrowings will each have seniority over the Common Shares. The issuance of FundPreferred shares and/or use of Borrowings will leverage the Common Shares. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

Changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio investments, including investments purchased with the proceeds from the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders. If there is a net decrease (or increase) in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, the leverage will decrease (or increase) the net asset value per Common Share to a greater extent than if the Fund were not leveraged. During periods in which the Fund uses leverage, the fees paid to NIAC (and to Symphony) for advisory services will be higher than if the Fund did not use leverage because the fees paid will be calculated on the basis of the Fund's Managed Assets, which includes the proceeds from the issuance of FundPreferred shares and Borrowings.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue its own preferred shares unless immediately after the issuance the value of the Fund's asset coverage is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding preferred shares (i.e., such liquidation value may not exceed 50% of the Fund's asset coverage less liabilities other than borrowings). In addition, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's asset coverage less liabilities other than borrowings is at least 200% of such liquidation value. If FundPreferred shares are issued, the Fund intends, to the extent possible, to purchase or redeem FundPreferred shares from time to time to the extent necessary in order to maintain coverage of any FundPreferred

shares of at least 200%. If FundPreferred shares are outstanding, two of the Fund's trustees will be elected by the holders of FundPreferred shares, voting separately as a class. The remaining trustees of the Fund will be elected by holders of Common Shares and FundPreferred shares voting together as a single class. In the event the Fund failed to pay dividends on FundPreferred shares for two years, FundPreferred shares would be entitled to elect a majority of the trustees of the Fund. The failure to pay dividends or make distributions could result in the Fund ceasing to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), which could have a material adverse effect on the value of the Common Shares.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund generally is not permitted to issue commercial paper or notes or borrow unless immediately after the borrowing or commercial paper or note issuance the value of the

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Fund's total assets less liabilities other than the principal amount represented by commercial paper, notes or borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount. In addition, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's total assets, less liabilities other than the principal amount represented by commercial paper, notes or borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount. If the Fund borrows, the Fund intends, to the extent possible, to maintain the required asset coverage. Failure to maintain certain asset coverage requirements could result in an event of default and entitle the debt holders to elect a majority of the Board of Trustees.

The Fund may be subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more NRSROs that may issue ratings for FundPreferred shares, commercial paper or notes, or, if the Fund borrows from a lender, by the lender. These guidelines may impose asset coverage or portfolio composition requirements that are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act. It is not anticipated that these covenants or guidelines will impede the Advisers from managing the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies. In addition to other considerations, to the extent that the Fund believes that the covenants and guidelines required by the NRSROs or lenders would impede its ability to meet its investment objective, or if the Fund is unable to obtain the rating on FundPreferred shares (expected to be at least AA/Aa), the Fund will not issue FundPreferred shares.

Assuming the utilization of leverage by issuing FundPreferred shares in an amount currently anticipated to represent approximately 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets, at a dividend or payment rate of 2.00% payable on such leverage, the income generated by the Fund's portfolio (net of non-leverage expenses) must exceed .76% in order to cover such dividend payments or payment rates and other expenses specifically related to FundPreferred shares. Of course, these numbers are merely estimates, used for illustration. Actual dividend or payment rates may vary frequently and may be significantly higher or lower than the rate estimated above.

The following table is furnished in response to requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission. It is designed to illustrate the effect of leverage on Common Share total return, assuming investment portfolio total returns (comprised of income and changes in the value of investments held in the Fund's portfolio net of expenses) of -10%, -5%, 0%, 5% and 10%. These assumed investment portfolio returns are hypothetical figures and are not necessarily indicative of the investment portfolio returns expected to be experienced by the Fund. The table further reflects the issuance of

FundPreferred shares representing 38% of the Fund's Managed Assets, and the Fund's currently projected annual dividend rate or payment rate set by an interest rate transaction of 2.00%. See "Risks--Leverage Risk."

Common Share total return is comprised of two elements — the Common Share dividends paid by the Fund (the amount of which is largely determined by the net investment income of the Fund after paying dividends on FundPreferred shares) and gains or losses on the value of the securities the Fund owns. As required by the Securities and Exchange Commission rules, the table assumes that the Fund is more likely to suffer capital losses than to enjoy capital appreciation.

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HEDGING TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may use derivatives or other transactions solely for the purpose of hedging a portion of its portfolio holdings or in connection with the Fund's anticipated use of leverage through its sale of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings.

Portfolio Hedging Transactions. The Fund may use derivatives or other transactions solely for purposes of hedging the portfolio's exposure to high yield credit risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk and the risk of increases in interest rates. The specific derivative instruments to be used, or other transactions to be entered into, each for hedging purposes, may include the purchase or sale of futures contracts on securities, credit-linked notes, securities indices, other indices or other financial instruments; options on futures contracts; exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices; index-linked securities; swaps; and currency exchange transactions. Some, but not all, of the derivative instruments may be traded and listed on an exchange. The positions in derivatives will be marked-to-market daily at the closing price established on the relevant exchange or at a fair value. For a complete discussion of these derivative securities, see the Statement of Additional Information.

There may be an imperfect correlation between changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and hedging positions entered into by the Fund, which may prevent the Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose the Fund to risk of loss. In addition, the Fund's success in using hedging instruments is subject to Symphony's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Fund's portfolio holdings or other factors, and there can be no assurance that Symphony's judgment in this respect will be correct. Consequently, the use of hedging transactions might result in a poorer overall performance for the Fund, whether or not adjusted for risk, than if the Fund had not hedged its portfolio holdings. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Fund will enter into hedging or other transactions at times or under circumstances in which it which it would be advisable to do so. See "Risks--Hedging Risk."

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. The Fund's use of derivative instruments may include (i) U.S. Treasury security or U.S. Government Agency security futures contracts and (ii) options on U.S. Treasury

security or U.S. Government Agency security futures contracts. All such instruments must be traded and listed on an exchange. U.S. Treasury and U.S. Government Agency futures contracts are standardized contracts for the future delivery of a U.S. Treasury Bond or U.S. Treasury Note or a U.S. Government Agency security or their equivalent at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract. An option on a U.S. Treasury or U.S. Government Agency futures contract, as contrasted with the direct investment in such a contract, gives the purchaser of the option the right, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in a U.S. Treasury or U.S. Government Agency futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time on or before the expiration date of the option. Upon exercise of an option, the delivery of the futures position by the writer of the option to the holder of the option will be accompanied by delivery of the accumulated balance in the writer's future margin account, which represents the amount by which the market price of the futures contract exceeds the exercise price of the option on the futures contract.

The Fund may purchase and sell various other kinds of financial futures contracts and options thereon. Futures contracts may be based on various debt securities and securities indices (such as the Municipal Bond Index traded on the Chicago Board of Trade). Such transactions involve a risk of loss or depreciation due to unanticipated adverse changes in securities prices, which may exceed the Fund's initial investment in these contracts. The Fund will only purchase or sell futures contracts or related options in compliance with the rules of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. These transactions involve transaction costs. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of futures will be advantageous to the Fund. Guidelines established by one or more NRSROs that rate any FundPreferred shares issued by the Fund may limit use of these transactions.

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Credit-Linked Notes. The Fund may invest in credit-linked notes ("CLN") for risk management purposes, including diversification. A CLN is a derivative instrument that is a synthetic obligation between two or more parties where the payment of principal and/or interest is based on the performance of some obligation (a reference obligation). In addition to credit risk of the reference obligation and interest rate risk, the buyer/seller of the CLN is subject to counterparty risk. See "Risks--Counterparty Risk."

Swaps. Swap contracts may be purchased or sold to hedge against fluctuations in securities prices, interest rates or market conditions, to change the duration of the overall portfolio, or to mitigate default risk. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties, which returns are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," i.e., the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested at a particular interest rate or in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index.

Credit Default Swaps. The Fund may enter into credit default swap contracts for risk management purposes, including diversification. When the Fund is the buyer of a credit default swap contract, the Fund is entitled to receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the contract in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or non-U.S. corporate issuer, on the debt obligation. In return, the Fund would pay the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Fund would have spent the stream of payments and received no benefit from the contract. When the Fund is the seller of a credit default swap contract, it receives the stream of payments, but is obligated to pay upon

default of the referenced debt obligation. As the seller, the Fund would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total net assets, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. The Fund will segregate assets in the form of cash and cash equivalents in an amount equal to the aggregate market value of the credit default swaps of which it is the seller, marked to market on a daily basis. These transactions involve certain risks, including the risk that the seller may be unable to fulfill the transaction.

Interest Rate Swaps. The Fund will enter into interest rate and total return swaps only on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments). The Fund will only enter into interest rate swaps on a net basis. If the other party to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive. The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Fund's obligations over its entitlements will be maintained in a segregated account by the Fund's custodian. The Fund will not enter into any interest rate swap unless the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is considered to be investment grade by the Advisers. If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, the Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. These instruments are traded in the over-the-counter market.

The Fund may use interest rate swaps for risk management purposes only and not as a speculative investment and would typically use interest rate swaps to shorten the average interest rate reset time of the Fund's holdings. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (e.g., an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments). The use of interest rate swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. If Symphony is incorrect in its forecasts of market values, interest rates and other applicable factors, the investment performance of the Fund would be unfavorably affected.

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Total Return Swaps. As stated above, the Fund will enter into total return swaps only on a net basis. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return $\frac{1}{2}$