

**DIREXION FUNDS**

**HCM Freedom Fund**

**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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The Direxion Funds (the “Trust”) is a management investment company, or mutual fund that offers shares of a variety of investment portfolios to the public. *This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) relates to the Service Class of the HCM Freedom Fund (the “Fund”).*

This SAI dated December 29, 2009 is not a prospectus. It should be read in conjunction with the Fund’s Prospectus dated December 29, 2009. This SAI is incorporated herein by reference into the Fund’s Prospectus. In other words, it is legally part of the Fund’s Prospectus.

To receive a copy of the Prospectus, without charge, write or call the Trust at the address or telephone number above.

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## **THE DIREXION FUNDS**

The Trust is a Massachusetts business trust organized on June 6, 1997 and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”). The Trust currently consists of numerous separate series, one of which is currently offered in this SAI. This SAI relates only to the HCM Freedom Fund (the “Fund”). Effective April 28, 2006, the trust changed its name to the Direxion Funds. Prior to that date, the Trust was known as the Potomac Funds.

The Fund currently offers a single class of shares, the Service Class. Service Class shares are made available through investment advisers, banks, trust companies or other authorized representatives without a sales charge but are subject to a distribution and service fee.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF THE FUND**

The Fund is a “non-diversified” series of the Trust pursuant to the 1940 Act. The Fund is considered “non-diversified” because a relatively high percentage of their assets may be invested in the securities of a limited number of issuers. To the extent that the Fund assumes large positions in the securities of a small number of issuers, the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) may fluctuate to a greater extent than that of a diversified company as a result of changes in the financial condition or in the market’s assessment of the issuers, and the Fund may be more susceptible to any single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified company.

The Fund’s classification as a “non-diversified” investment company means that the proportion of its assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer is not limited by the 1940 Act. The Fund, however, intends to meet certain diversification standards at the end of each quarter of their taxable year.

### **INVESTMENT POLICIES AND TECHNIQUES**

The Fund may engage in the investment strategies discussed below. There is no assurance that any of these strategies or any other strategies and methods of investment available to the Fund will result in the achievement of its objectives.

This section provides a detailed description of the securities in which the Fund may invest to achieve its investment objective, the strategies it may employ and the corresponding risks of such securities and strategies. The greatest risk of investing in a mutual fund is that its returns will fluctuate and you could lose money. Recent events in the financial sector have resulted, and may continue to result, in an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets. Both domestic and foreign equity markets could experience increased volatility and turmoil, with issuers that have exposure to the real estate, mortgage and credit markets particularly affected, and it is uncertain whether or for how long these conditions could continue. The U.S. Government has already taken a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases a lack of liquidity.

Reduced liquidity in equity, credit and fixed-income markets may adversely affect many issuers worldwide. This reduced liquidity may result in less money being available to purchase raw materials, goods and services from emerging markets, which may, in turn, bring down the prices of these economic staples. It may also result in emerging market issuers having more difficulty obtaining financing, which

may, in turn, cause a decline in their stock prices. These events and possible continued market turbulence may have an adverse effect on the Fund.

### **American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”)**

The Fund may invest in ADRs and sell ADRs short. ADRs are U.S. dollar-denominated receipts representing interests in the securities of a foreign issuer, which securities may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted. ADRs are receipts typically issued by U.S. banks and trust companies that evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. ADRs include ordinary shares and New York shares (shares issued by non-U.S. companies that are listed on a U.S. securities exchange). ADRs may be purchased through “sponsored” or “unsponsored” facilities. A sponsored facility is established jointly by the issuer of the underlying security and a depository, whereas a depository may establish an unsponsored facility without participation by the issuer of the depository security. Holders of unsponsored depository receipts generally bear all the costs of such facilities and the depository of an unsponsored facility frequently is under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications received from the issuer of the deposited security or to pass through voting rights to the holders of such receipts of the deposited securities. ADRs are not necessarily denominated in the same currency as the underlying securities to which they may be connected. Generally, ADRs in registered form are designed for use in the U.S. securities market and ADRs in bearer form are designed for use outside the United States. For investment purposes, ADRs are not considered to be foreign securities by the Fund.

### **Asset-Backed Securities**

The Fund may invest in of asset-backed securities of any rating or maturity to a limited extent. Asset-backed securities are securities issued by trusts and special purpose entities that are backed by pools of assets, such as automobile and credit-card receivables and home equity loans, which pass through the payments on the underlying obligations to the security holders (less servicing fees paid to the originator or fees for any credit enhancement). Typically, the originator of the loan or accounts receivable paper transfers it to a specially created trust, which repackages it as securities with a minimum denomination and a specific term. The securities are then privately placed or publicly offered. Examples include certificates for automobile receivables and so-called plastic bonds, backed by credit card receivables.

The value of an asset-backed security is affected by, among other things, changes in the market's perception of the asset backing the security, the creditworthiness of the servicing agent for the loan pool, the originator of the loans and the financial institution providing any credit enhancement. Payments of principal and interest passed through to holders of asset-backed securities are frequently supported by some form of credit enhancement, such as a letter of credit, surety bond, limited guarantee by another entity or by having a priority to certain of the borrower's other assets. The degree of credit enhancement varies, and generally applies to only a portion of the asset-backed security's par value. Value is also affected if any credit enhancement has been exhausted.

### **Bank Obligations**

**Money Market Instruments.** The Fund may invest in bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, demand and time deposits, savings shares and commercial paper of domestic banks and savings and loans that have assets of at least \$1 billion and capital, surplus, and undivided profits of over \$100 million as of the close of their most recent fiscal year, or instruments that are insured by the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Institution Insurance Fund of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”). The Fund also may invest in high quality, short-term, corporate debt obligations, including variable rate demand notes, having a maturity of one year or less. Because there is no secondary trading market in demand notes, the inability of

the issuer to make required payments could impact adversely the Fund's ability to resell when it deems advisable to do so.

Bankers' Acceptances. Bankers' acceptances generally are negotiable instruments (time drafts) drawn to finance the export, import, domestic shipment or storage of goods. They are termed "accepted" when a bank writes on the draft its agreement to pay it at maturity, using the word "accepted." The bank is, in effect, unconditionally guaranteeing to pay the face value of the instrument on its maturity date. The acceptance may then be held by the accepting bank as an asset, or it may be sold in the secondary market at the going rate of interest for a specified maturity.

Certificates of Deposit ("CDs"). The FDIC is an agency of the U.S. government that insures the deposits of certain banks and savings and loan associations up to \$100,000 per deposit. The interest on such deposits may not be insured to the extent this limit is exceeded. Current federal regulations also permit such institutions to issue insured negotiable CDs in amounts of \$100,000 or more without regard to the interest rate ceilings on other deposits. To remain fully insured, these investments must be limited to \$100,000 per insured bank or savings and loan association.

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper includes notes, drafts or similar instruments payable on demand or having a maturity at the time of issuance not exceeding nine months, exclusive of days of grace or any renewal thereof. The Fund may invest in commercial paper rated A-1 or A-2 by Standard & Poor's<sup>®</sup> ("S&P<sup>®</sup>") or Prime-1 or Prime-2 by Moody's Investors Services<sup>®</sup>, Inc. ("Moody's"), and in other lower quality commercial paper.

### **Corporate Debt Securities**

The Fund may invest in investment grade corporate debt securities. Investment grade corporate bonds are those rated BBB or better by S&P<sup>®</sup> or Baa or better by Moody's. Securities rated BBB by S&P<sup>®</sup> are considered investment grade, but Moody's considers securities rated Baa to have speculative characteristics. See Appendix A for a description of corporate bond ratings. The Fund may also invest in unrated debt securities.

Corporate debt securities are fixed-income securities issued by businesses to finance their operations, although corporate debt instruments may also include bank loans to companies. Notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper are the most common types of corporate debt securities, with the primary difference being their maturities and secured or un-secured status. Commercial paper has the shortest term and is usually unsecured.

The broad category of corporate debt securities includes debt issued by domestic or foreign companies of all kinds, including those with small-, mid-and large-capitalizations. Corporate debt may be rated investment-grade or below investment-grade and may carry variable or floating rates of interest.

Because of the wide range of types, and maturities, of corporate debt securities, as well as the range of creditworthiness of its issuers, corporate debt securities have widely varying potentials for return and risk profiles. For example, commercial paper issued by a large established domestic corporation that is rated investment-grade may have a modest return on principal, but carries relatively limited risk. On the other hand, a long-term corporate note issued by a small foreign corporation from an emerging market country that has not been rated may have the potential for relatively large returns on principal, but carries a relatively high degree of risk.

Corporate debt securities carry both credit risk and interest rate risk. Credit risk is the risk that an investor could lose money if the issuer of a corporate debt security is unable to pay interest or repay principal

when it is due. Some corporate debt securities that are rated below investment-grade are generally considered speculative because they present a greater risk of loss, including default, than higher quality debt securities. The credit risk of a particular issuer's debt security may vary based on its priority for repayment. For example, higher ranking (senior) debt securities have a higher priority than lower ranking (subordinated) securities. This means that the issuer might not make payments on subordinated securities while continuing to make payments on senior securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy, holders of higher-ranking senior securities may receive amounts otherwise payable to the holders of more junior securities. Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of certain corporate debt securities will tend to fall when interest rates rise. In general, corporate debt securities with longer terms tend to fall more in value when interest rates rise than corporate debt securities with shorter terms.

### **Equity Securities**

**Common Stocks.** The Fund may invest in common stocks. Common stocks represent the residual ownership interest in the issuer and are entitled to the income and increase in the value of the assets and business of the entity after all of its obligations and preferred stock are satisfied. Common stocks generally have voting rights. Common stocks fluctuate in price in response to many factors including historical and prospective earnings of the issuer, the value of its assets, general economic conditions, interest rates, investor perceptions and market liquidity.

**Convertible Securities.** The Fund may invest in convertible securities. Convertible securities include corporate bonds, notes and preferred stock that can be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock of the same or a different issue within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt or dividends paid on preferred stock until the convertible stock matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. While no securities investment is without some risk, investments in convertible securities generally entail less risk than the issuer's common stock, although the extent to which such risk is reduced depends in large measure upon the degree to which the convertible security sells above its value as a fixed income security. The market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. While convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than nonconvertible debt securities of similar quality, they do enable the investor to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. When investing in convertible securities, the Fund may invest in the lowest credit rating category.

**Preferred Stock.** The Fund may invest in preferred stock. A preferred stock blends the characteristics of a bond and common stock. It can offer the higher yield of a bond and has priority over common stock in equity ownership, but does not have the seniority of a bond and its participation in the issuer's growth may be limited. Preferred stock has preference over common stock in the receipt of dividends and in any residual assets after payment to creditors if the issuer is dissolved. Although the dividend is set at a fixed annual rate, in some circumstances it can be changed or omitted by the issuer. When investing in preferred stocks, the Fund may invest in the lowest credit rating category.

**Warrants and Rights.** The Fund may purchase warrants and rights, which are instruments that permit a Fund to acquire, by subscription, the capital stock of a corporation at a set price, regardless of the market price for such stock. Warrants may be either perpetual or of limited duration but they usually do not have voting rights or pay dividends. The market price of warrants is usually significantly less than the current price of the underlying stock. Thus, there is a greater risk that warrants might drop in value at a faster rate than the underlying stock.

## **Foreign Securities**

The Fund may have both direct and indirect exposure to foreign securities through investments in stock index futures contracts, options on stock index futures contracts and options on securities and on stock indices. In most cases, the best available market for foreign securities will be on exchanges or in over-the-counter (“OTC”) markets located outside the United States.

Investing in foreign securities carries political and economic risks distinct from those associated with investing in the United States. Investments in foreign securities also involve the risk of possible adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitation on or delays in the removal of funds or other assets of an investor, political or financial instability or diplomatic and other developments that could affect such investments. Foreign investments may be affected by actions of foreign governments adverse to the interests of U.S. investors, including the possibility of expropriation or nationalization of assets, confiscatory taxation, restrictions on U.S. investment or on the ability to repatriate assets or to convert currency into U.S. dollars. There may be a greater possibility of default by foreign governments or foreign-government sponsored enterprises. Investments in foreign countries also involve a risk of local political, economic or social instability, military action or unrest or adverse diplomatic developments.

## **Illiquid Investments and Restricted Securities**

The Fund may purchase and hold illiquid investments. The Fund will not purchase or otherwise acquire any security if, as a result, more than 15% of its net assets (taken at current value) would be invested in investments that are illiquid by virtue of the absence of a readily available market or legal or contractual restrictions on resale. This policy does not include restricted securities eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (“1933 Act”), which the Trust’s Board of Trustees (“Board” or “Trustees”) or Rafferty Asset Management, LLC, the Fund’s investment adviser (“Rafferty” or “Adviser”) has determined under Board-approved guidelines are liquid. The Fund does not currently anticipate investing in such restricted securities.

The term “illiquid investments” for this purpose means investments that cannot be disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the amount at which the Fund has valued the investments. Investments currently considered to be illiquid include: (1) repurchase agreements not terminable within seven days; (2) securities for which market quotations are not readily available; (3) OTC options and their underlying collateral; (4) bank deposits, unless they are payable at principal amount plus accrued interest on demand or within seven days after demand; (5) restricted securities not determined to be liquid pursuant to guidelines established by the Board; and (6) in certain circumstances, securities involved in swap, cap, floor or collar transactions. The assets used as cover for OTC options written by the Fund will be considered illiquid unless the OTC options are sold to qualified dealers who agree that the Fund may repurchase any OTC option it writes at a maximum price to be calculated by a formula set forth in the option agreement. The cover for an OTC option written subject to this procedure would be considered illiquid only to the extent that the maximum repurchase price under the formula exceeds the intrinsic value of the option.

The Fund may not be able to sell illiquid investments when Rafferty or Horizon Capital Management (“HCM” or “Subadviser”) considers it desirable to do so or may have to sell such investments at a price that is lower than the price that could be obtained if the investments were liquid. (Collectively, Rafferty and HCM are referred to herein as “Advisers” in certain circumstances.) In addition, the sale of illiquid investments may require more time and result in higher dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of investments that are not illiquid. Illiquid investments also may be more difficult to value

due to the unavailability of reliable market quotations for such investments, and investment in illiquid investments may have an adverse impact on NAV.

Rule 144A establishes a “safe harbor” from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act for resales of certain securities to qualified institutional buyers. Institutional markets for restricted securities that have developed as a result of Rule 144A provide both readily ascertainable values for certain restricted securities and the ability to liquidate an investment to satisfy share redemption orders. An insufficient number of qualified institutional buyers interested in purchasing Rule 144A-eligible securities held by the Fund, however, could affect adversely the marketability of such portfolio securities and the Fund may be unable to dispose of such securities promptly or at reasonable prices.

### **Indexed Securities**

The Fund may purchase indexed securities, which are securities, the value of which varies positively or negatively in relation to the value of other securities, securities indices or other financial indicators, consistent with its investment objective. Indexed securities may be debt securities or deposits whose value at maturity or coupon rate is determined by reference to a specific instrument or statistic. Recent issuers of indexed securities have included banks, corporations and certain U.S. government agencies.

The performance of indexed securities depends to a great extent on the performance of the security or other instrument to which they are indexed and also may be influenced by interest rate changes in the United States and abroad. At the same time, indexed securities are subject to the credit risks associated with the issuer of the security, and their values may decline substantially if the issuer’s creditworthiness deteriorates. Indexed securities may be more volatile than the underlying instruments. Certain indexed securities that are not traded on an established market may be deemed illiquid. See “Illiquid Investments and Restricted Securities” above.

The Fund may invest in Standard & Poor’s Depository Receipts<sup>®</sup> (“SPDRs<sup>®</sup>”). SPDRs<sup>®</sup> represent ownership in the SPDR Trust Series 1, a unit investment trust that holds a portfolio of common stocks designed to track the price performance and dividend yield of the Standard & Poor’s 500 Composite Stock Price Index<sup>™</sup> (“S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index”) and whose shares trade on the American Stock Exchange (“AMEX”). The value of SPDRs<sup>®</sup> fluctuates in relation to changes in the value of the underlying portfolio of common stocks. The market price of SPDRs<sup>®</sup>, however, may not be equivalent to the pro rata value of the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index. SPDRs<sup>®</sup> are subject to the risks of an investment in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks.

The Fund may invest in DIAMONDS<sup>®</sup>. DIAMONDS represent an investment in a unit investment trust (“DIAMONDS Trust”) that owns shares in proportion to the weightings of the stocks comprising the Dow Jones Industrial Average<sup>®</sup> (“DJIA<sup>®</sup>”). The DIAMONDS Trust is structured so that its shares trade at approximately 1/100 (one one-hundredth) of the value of the DJIA<sup>®</sup>. The DIAMONDS Trust’s shares trade on the AMEX. An investment in DIAMONDS<sup>®</sup> is subject to risks similar to those of other diversified stock portfolios, including market volatility and that the general level of stock prices may decline. Although DIAMONDS<sup>®</sup> are designed to provide investment results that generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the DJIA<sup>®</sup>, the DIAMONDS Trust may not be able to exactly replicate the performance of the DJIA<sup>®</sup> because of trust expenses and other factors.

The Fund may invest in NASDAQ-100 Index<sup>®</sup> Tracking Stock, often referred to as QQQQs<sup>®</sup>. QQQQs<sup>®</sup> represent ownership in the NASDAQ-100<sup>®</sup> Trust, a unit investment trust that holds a portfolio of common stocks designed to track the price performance and dividend yield of the NASDAQ-100 Index<sup>®</sup> (NASDAQ-100<sup>®</sup>) and whose shares trade on the AMEX. The value of the QQQQs<sup>®</sup> fluctuates in relation to changes in the value of the underlying portfolio of common stocks. The market price of

QQQQs<sup>®</sup>, however, may not be equivalent to the pro rata value of the NASDAQ-100<sup>®</sup>. QQQQs<sup>®</sup> are subject to the risks of an investment in a broadly based portfolio of common stocks.

Investments in SPDRs<sup>®</sup>, DIAMONDS<sup>®</sup> and QQQQs<sup>®</sup> are considered investments in other investment companies discussed below.

The Fund may invest, instead of or in addition to these indexed securities, in shares of alternate ETFs tracking the same market indices or other market indices within the same general market.

### **Junk Bonds**

The Fund may invest in lower-rated debt securities of any maturity, often called “junk bonds.”

“Junk Bonds,” generally offer a higher current yield than that available for higher-grade issues. However, lower-rated securities involve higher risks, in that they are especially subject to adverse changes in general economic conditions and in the industries in which the issuers are engaged, to changes in the financial condition of the issuers and to price fluctuations in response to changes in interest rates. During periods of economic downturn or rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers may experience financial stress that could adversely affect their ability to make payments of interest and principal and increase the possibility of default. In addition, the market for lower-rated debt securities has expanded rapidly in recent years, and its growth paralleled a long economic expansion. At times in recent years, the prices of many lower-rated debt securities declined substantially, reflecting an expectation that many issuers of such securities might experience financial difficulties. As a result, the yields on lower-rated debt securities rose dramatically, but such higher yields did not reflect the value of the income stream that holders of such securities expected, but rather, the risk that holders of such securities could lose a substantial portion of their value as a result of the issuers’ financial restructuring or default. There can be no assurance that such declines will not recur.

The market for lower-rated debt issues generally is thinner and less active than that for higher quality securities, which may limit the Fund’s ability to sell such securities at fair value in response to changes in the economy or financial markets. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may also decrease the values and liquidity of lower-rated securities, especially in a thinly traded market.

### **Mortgage-Backed Securities**

The Fund may invest to a limited extent in mortgage-backed securities. A mortgage-backed security is a type of pass-through security, which is a security representing pooled debt obligations repackaged as interests that pass income through an intermediary to investors. In the case of mortgage-backed securities, the ownership interest is in a pool of mortgage loans.

Mortgage-backed securities are most commonly issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae<sup>®</sup>” or “GNMA”), Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup>” or “FNMA”) or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup>” or “FHLMC”), but may also be issued or guaranteed by other private issuers. GNMA is a government-owned corporation that is an agency of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It guarantees, with the full faith and credit of the United States, full and timely payment of all monthly principal and interest on its mortgage-backed securities. FNMA is a publicly owned, government-sponsored corporation that mostly packages mortgaged backed by the Federal Housing Administration, but also sells some non-governmentally backed mortgages. Pass-through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest only by FNMA. The FHLMC is a publicly chartered agency that buys

qualifying residential mortgages from lenders, re-packages them and provide certain guarantees. The corporation's stock is owned by savings institutions across the United States and is held in trust by the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Pass-through securities issued by the FHLMC are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest only by the FHLMC.

Mortgage-backed securities issued by private issuers, whether or not such obligations are subject to guarantees by the private issuer, may entail greater risk than obligations directly or indirectly guaranteed by the U.S. government. The average life of a mortgage-backed security is likely to be substantially less than the original maturity of the mortgage pools underlying the securities. Prepayments of principal by mortgagors and mortgage foreclosures will usually result in the return of the greater part of principal invested far in advance of the maturity of the mortgages in the pool.

Collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs") are debt obligations collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities (collateral collectively hereinafter referred to as "Mortgage Assets"). Multi-class pass-through securities are interests in a trust composed of Mortgage Assets and all references in this section to CMOs include multi-class pass-through securities. Principal prepayments on the Mortgage Assets may cause the CMOs to be retired substantially earlier than their stated maturities or final distribution dates, resulting in a loss of all or part of the premium if any has been paid. Interest is paid or accrues on all classes of the CMOs on a monthly, quarterly or semiannual basis. The principal and interest payments on the Mortgage Assets may be allocated among the various classes of CMOs in several ways. Typically, payments of principal, including any prepayments, on the underlying mortgages are applied to the classes in the order of their respective stated maturities or final distribution dates, so that no payment of principal is made on CMOs of a class until all CMOs of other classes having earlier stated maturities or final distribution dates have been paid in full.

Stripped mortgage-backed securities ("SMBS") are derivative multi-class mortgage securities. The Fund will only invest in SMBS that are obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. SMBS are usually structured with two classes that receive different proportions of the interest and principal distributions from a pool of mortgage assets. The Fund will only invest in SMBS whose mortgage assets are U.S. government obligations. A common type of SMBS will be structured so that one class receives some of the interest and most of the principal from the mortgage assets, while the other class receives most of the interest and the remainder of the principal. If the underlying mortgage assets experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to fully recoup its initial investment in these securities. The market value of any class which consists primarily or entirely of principal payments generally is unusually volatile in response to changes in interest rates.

Investment in mortgage-backed securities poses several risks, including among others, prepayment, market and credit risk. Prepayment risk reflects the risk that borrowers may prepay their mortgages faster than expected, thereby affecting the investment's average life and perhaps its yield. Whether or not a mortgage loan is prepaid is almost entirely controlled by the borrower. Borrowers are most likely to exercise prepayment options at the time when it is least advantageous to investors, generally prepaying mortgages as interest rates fall, and slowing payments as interest rates rise. Besides the effect of prevailing interest rates, the rate of prepayment and refinancing of mortgages may also be affected by home value appreciation, ease of the refinancing process and local economic conditions. Market risk reflects the risk that the price of a security may fluctuate over time. The price of mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to prevailing interest rates, the length of time the security is expected to be outstanding, and the liquidity of the issue. In a period of unstable interest rates, there may be decreased demand for certain types of mortgage-backed securities, and the Fund invested in such securities wishing to sell them may find it difficult to find a buyer, which may in turn decrease the price at which they may be sold. Credit risk reflects the risk that an investor may not receive all or part of its principal because the issuer or credit enhancer has defaulted on its obligations. Obligations issued by

U.S. government-related entities are guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest, but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The performance of private label mortgage-backed securities, issued by private institutions, is based on the financial health of those institutions. With respect to GNMA certificates, although GNMA guarantees timely payment even if homeowners delay or default, tracking the “pass-through” payments may, at times, be difficult.

### **Options, Futures and Other Derivative Strategies**

*General.* The Fund may use certain options (traded on an exchange and OTC, or otherwise), futures contracts (sometimes referred to as “futures”) and options on futures contracts (collectively, “Financial Instruments”) as a substitute for a comparable market position in the underlying security, to attempt to hedge or limit the exposure of a position, to create a synthetic money market position, for certain tax-related purposes and to effect closing transactions.

The use of Financial Instruments is subject to applicable regulations of the SEC, the several exchanges upon which they are traded and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”). In addition, the Fund’s ability to use Financial Instruments will be limited by tax considerations. See “Dividends, Other Distributions and Taxes.” Pursuant to a claim for exemption filed with the National Futures Association on behalf of the Fund, the Fund is not deemed to be a commodity pool operator or a commodity pool under the Commodity Exchange Act and is not subject to the registration or regulation as such under the Commodity Exchange Act.

In addition to the instruments, strategies and risks described below and in the Prospectus, the Advisers may discover additional opportunities in connection with Financial Instruments and other similar or related techniques. These new opportunities may become available as the Advisers develop new techniques, as regulatory authorities broaden the range of permitted transactions and as new Financial Instruments or other techniques are developed. The Advisers may utilize these opportunities to the extent that they are consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and permitted by the Fund’s investment limitations and applicable regulatory authorities. The Fund’s Prospectus or this SAI will be supplemented to the extent that new products or techniques involve materially different risks than those described below or in the Prospectus.

*Special Risks.* The use of Financial Instruments involves special considerations and risks, certain of which are described below. Risks pertaining to particular Financial Instruments are described in the sections that follow.

(1) Successful use of most Financial Instruments depends upon the Advisers’ ability to predict movements of the overall securities markets, which requires different skills than predicting changes in the prices of individual securities. The ordinary spreads between prices in the cash and futures markets, due to the differences in the natures of those markets, are subject to distortion. Due to the possibility of distortion, a correct forecast of stock market trends by the Advisers may still not result in a successful transaction. The Advisers may be incorrect in their expectations as to the extent of market movements or the time span within which the movements take place that, thus, may result in a strategy being unsuccessful.

(2) Options and futures prices can diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments. Options and futures prices are affected by such factors as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instrument and the time remaining until expiration of the contract, which may not affect security prices the same way. Imperfect or no correlation also may result from differing levels of demand in the options and futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences

in how options and futures and securities are traded, and from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits or trading halts.

(3) As described below, the Fund might be required to maintain assets as “cover,” maintain segregated accounts or make margin payments when it takes positions in Financial Instruments involving obligations to third parties (*e.g.*, Financial Instruments other than purchased options). If the Fund were unable to close out its positions in such Financial Instruments, it might be required to continue to maintain such assets or accounts or make such payments until the position expired or matured. These requirements might impair the Fund’s ability to sell a portfolio security or make an investment at a time when it would otherwise be favorable to do so, or require that the Fund sell a portfolio security at a disadvantageous time. The Fund’s ability to close out a position in a Financial Instrument prior to expiration or maturity depends on the existence of a liquid secondary market or, in the absence of such a market, the ability and willingness of the other party to the transaction (the “counterparty”) to enter into a transaction closing out the position. Therefore, there is no assurance that any position can be closed out at a time and price that is favorable to the Fund.

(4) Losses may arise due to unanticipated market price movements, lack of a liquid secondary market for any particular instrument at a particular time or due to losses from premiums paid by the Fund on options transactions.

Cover. Transactions using Financial Instruments, other than purchased options, expose the Fund to an obligation to another party. The Fund will not enter into any such transactions unless it owns either (1) an offsetting (“covered”) position in securities or other options or futures contracts or (2) cash and liquid assets with a value, marked-to-market daily, sufficient to cover its potential obligations to the extent not covered as provided in (1) above. The Fund will comply with SEC guidelines regarding cover for these instruments and will, if the guidelines so require, set aside cash or liquid assets in an account with its custodian, U.S. Bank, N.A. (“Custodian”), in the prescribed amount as determined daily.

Assets used as cover or held in an account cannot be sold while the position in the corresponding Financial Instrument is open, unless they are replaced with other appropriate assets. As a result, the commitment of a large portion of the Fund’s assets to cover or accounts could impede portfolio management or the Fund’s ability to meet redemption requests or other current obligations.

Options. The value of an option position will reflect, among other things, the current market value of the underlying investment, the time remaining until expiration, the relationship of the exercise price to the market price of the underlying investment and general market conditions. Options that expire unexercised have no value. Options currently are traded on the Chicago Board Options Exchange<sup>®</sup> (“CBOE<sup>®</sup>”), the AMEX and other exchanges, as well as the OTC markets.

By buying a call option on a security, the Fund has the right, in return for the premium paid, to buy the security underlying the option at the exercise price. By writing (selling) a call option and receiving a premium, the Fund becomes obligated during the term of the option to deliver securities underlying the option at the exercise price if the option is exercised. By buying a put option, the Fund has the right, in return for the premium, to sell the security underlying the option at the exercise price. By writing a put option, the Fund becomes obligated during the term of the option to purchase the securities underlying the option at the exercise price.

Because options premiums paid or received by the Fund are small in relation to the market value of the investments underlying the options, buying and selling put and call options can be more speculative than investing directly in securities.

The Fund may effectively terminate its right or obligation under an option by entering into a closing transaction. For example, the Fund may terminate its obligation under a call or put option that it had written by purchasing an identical call or put option; this is known as a closing purchase transaction. Conversely, the Fund may terminate a position in a put or call option it had purchased by writing an identical put or call option; this is known as a closing sale transaction. Closing transactions permit the Fund to realize profits or limit losses on an option position prior to its exercise or expiration.

*Risks of Options on Securities.* Exchange-traded options in the United States are issued by a clearing organization affiliated with the exchange on which the option is listed that, in effect, guarantees completion of every exchange-traded option transaction. In contrast, OTC options are contracts between the Fund and its counterparty (usually a securities dealer or a bank) with no clearing organization guarantee. Thus, when the Fund purchases an OTC option, it relies on the counterparty from whom it purchased the option to make or take delivery of the underlying investment upon exercise of the option. Failure by the counterparty to do so would result in the loss of any premium paid by the Fund as well as the loss of any expected benefit of the transaction.

The Fund's ability to establish and close out positions in exchange-traded options depends on the existence of a liquid market. However, there can be no assurance that such a market will exist at any particular time. Closing transactions can be made for OTC options only by negotiating directly with the counterparty, or by a transaction in the secondary market if any such market exists. There can be no assurance that the Fund will in fact be able to close out an OTC option position at a favorable price prior to expiration. In the event of insolvency of the counterparty, the Fund might be unable to close out an OTC option position at any time prior to its expiration.

If the Fund were unable to effect a closing transaction for an option it had purchased, it would have to exercise the option to realize any profit. The inability to enter into a closing purchase transaction for a covered call option written by the Fund could cause material losses because the Fund would be unable to sell the investment used as cover for the written option until the option expires or is exercised.

*Options on Indices.* An index fluctuates with changes in the market values of the securities included in the index. Options on indices give the holder the right to receive an amount of cash upon exercise of the option. Receipt of this cash amount will depend upon the closing level of the index upon which the option is based being greater than (in the case of a call) or less than (in the case of put) the exercise price of the option. Some stock index options are based on a broad market index such as the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index, the NYSE Composite Index or the AMEX Major Market Index, or on a narrower index such as the Philadelphia Stock Exchange Over-the-Counter Index.

The exchanges have established limitations governing the maximum number of call or put options on the same index that may be bought or written by a single investor, whether acting alone or in concert with others (regardless of whether such options are written on the same or different exchanges or are held or written on one or more accounts or through one or more brokers). Under these limitations, option positions of all investment companies advised by Rafferty are combined for purposes of these limits. Pursuant to these limitations, an exchange may order the liquidation of positions and may impose other sanctions or restrictions. These positions limits may restrict the number of listed options that the Fund may buy or sell.

Puts and calls on indices are similar to puts and calls on securities or futures contracts except that all settlements are in cash and gain or loss depends on changes in the index in question rather than on price movements in individual securities or futures contracts. When the Fund writes a call on an index, it receives a premium and agrees that, prior to the expiration date, the purchaser of the call, upon exercise of the call, will receive from the Fund an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the call

is based is greater than the exercise price of the call. The amount of cash is equal to the difference between the closing price of the index and the exercise price of the call times a specified multiple (“multiplier”), which determines the total value for each point of such difference. When the Fund buys a call on an index, it pays a premium and has the same rights to such call as are indicated above. When the Fund buys a put on an index, it pays a premium and has the right, prior to the expiration date, to require the seller of the put, upon the Fund’s exercise of the put, to deliver to the Fund an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the put is based is less than the exercise price of the put, which amount of cash is determined by the multiplier, as described above for calls. When the Fund writes a put on an index, it receives a premium and the purchaser of the put has the right, prior to the expiration date, to require the Fund to deliver to it an amount of cash equal to the difference between the closing level of the index and the exercise price times the multiplier if the closing level is less than the exercise price.

*Risks of Options on Indices.* If the Fund has purchased an index option and exercises it before the closing index value for that day is available, it runs the risk that the level of the underlying index may subsequently change. If such a change causes the exercised option to fall out-of-the-money, the Fund will be required to pay the difference between the closing index value and the exercise price of the option (times the applicable multiplier) to the assigned writer.

*OTC Options.* Unlike exchange-traded options, which are standardized with respect to the underlying instrument, expiration date, contract size and strike price, the terms of OTC options (options not traded on exchanges) generally are established through negotiation with the other party to the option contract. While this type of arrangement allows the Fund great flexibility to tailor the option to its needs, OTC options generally involve greater risk than exchange-traded options, which are guaranteed by the clearing organization of the exchanges where they are traded.

*Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts.* A futures contract obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take delivery of) the specified security on the expiration date of the contract. An index futures contract obligates the seller to deliver (and the purchaser to take) an amount of cash equal to a specific dollar amount times the difference between the value of a specific index at the close of the last trading day of the contract and the price at which the agreement is made. No physical delivery of the underlying securities in the index is made.

When the Fund writes an option on a futures contract, it becomes obligated, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in the futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option. If the Fund writes a call, it assumes a short futures position. If it writes a put, it assumes a long futures position. When the Fund purchases an option on a futures contract, it acquires the right in return for the premium it pays to assume a position in a futures contract (a long position if the option is a call and a short position if the option is a put).

Whether the Fund realizes a gain or loss from futures activities depends upon movements in the underlying security or index. The extent of the Fund’s loss from an unhedged short position in futures contracts or from writing unhedged call options on futures contracts is potentially unlimited. The Fund only purchases and sells futures contracts and options on futures contracts that are traded on a U.S. exchange or board of trade.

No price is paid upon entering into a futures contract. Instead, at the inception of a futures contract the Fund is required to deposit “initial margin” in an amount generally equal to 10% or less of the contract value. Margin also must be deposited when writing a call or put option on a futures contract, in accordance with applicable exchange rules. Unlike margin in securities transactions, initial margin does not represent a borrowing, but rather is in the nature of a performance bond or good-faith deposit that is returned to the Fund at the termination of the transaction if all contractual obligations have been satisfied.

Under certain circumstances, such as periods of high volatility, the Fund may be required by an exchange to increase the level of its initial margin payment, and initial margin requirements might be increased generally in the future by regulatory action.

Subsequent “variation margin” payments are made to and from the futures commission merchant daily as the value of the futures position varies, a process known as “marking-to-market.” Variation margin does not involve borrowing, but rather represents a daily settlement of the Fund’s obligations to or from a futures commission merchant. When the Fund purchases an option on a futures contract, the premium paid plus transaction costs is all that is at risk. In contrast, when the Fund purchases or sells a futures contract or writes a call or put option thereon, it is subject to daily variation margin calls that could be substantial in the event of adverse price movements. If the Fund has insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it might need to sell securities at a time when such sales are disadvantageous.

Purchasers and sellers of futures contracts and options on futures can enter into offsetting closing transactions, similar to closing transactions in options, by selling or purchasing, respectively, an instrument identical to the instrument purchased or sold. Positions in futures and options on futures contracts may be closed only on an exchange or board of trade that provides a secondary market. However, there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for a particular contract at a particular time. In such event, it may not be possible to close a futures contract or options position.

Under certain circumstances, futures exchanges may establish daily limits on the amount that the price of a futures contract or an option on a futures contract can vary from the previous day’s settlement price; once that limit is reached, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond the limit. Daily price limits do not limit potential losses because prices could move to the daily limit for several consecutive days with little or no trading, thereby preventing liquidation of unfavorable positions.

If the Fund were unable to liquidate a futures contract or an option on a futures position due to the absence of a liquid secondary market or the imposition of price limits, it could incur substantial losses. A Fund would continue to be subject to market risk with respect to the position. In addition, except in the case of purchased options, a Fund would continue to be required to make daily variation margin payments and might be required to maintain cash or liquid assets in an account.

*Risks of Futures Contracts and Options Thereon.* The ordinary spreads between prices in the cash and futures markets (including the options on futures markets), due to differences in the natures of those markets, are subject to the following factors, which may create distortions. First, all participants in the futures market are subject to margin deposit and maintenance requirements. Rather than meeting additional margin deposit requirements, investors may close futures contracts through offsetting transactions, which could distort the normal relationships between the cash and futures markets. Second, the liquidity of the futures market depends on participants entering into offsetting transactions rather than making or taking delivery. To the extent participants decide to make or take delivery, liquidity in the futures market could be reduced, thus producing distortion. Third, from the point of view of speculators, the deposit requirements in the futures market are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities market. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the futures market may cause temporary price distortions.

*Combined Positions.* The Fund may purchase and write options in combination with each other. For example, the Fund may purchase a put option and write a call option on the same underlying instrument, in order to construct a combined position whose risk and return characteristics are similar to selling a futures contract. Another possible combined position would involve writing a call option at one strike price and buying a call option at a lower price, in order to reduce the risk of the written call option in the

event of a substantial price increase. Because combined options positions involve multiple trades, they result in higher transaction costs and may be more difficult to open and close out.

### **Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest in securities of other investment companies. Investments in the securities of other investment companies may involve duplication of advisory fees and certain other expenses. By investing in another investment company, the Fund becomes a shareholder of that investment company. As a result, Fund shareholders indirectly will bear the Fund's proportionate share of the fees and expenses paid by shareholders of the other investment company, in addition to the fees and expenses Fund shareholders directly bear in connection with the Fund's own operations.

The Fund currently intends to limit its investments in securities issued by other investment companies in accordance with the 1940 Act. Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act precludes the Fund from acquiring (i) more than 3% of the total outstanding shares of another investment company; (ii) shares of another investment company having an aggregate value in excess of 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund; or (iii) shares of another registered investment company and all other investment companies having an aggregate value in excess of 10% of the value of the total assets of the Fund. However, Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act provides that the provisions of paragraph 12(d) shall not apply to securities purchased or otherwise acquired by the Fund if (i) immediately after such purchase or acquisition not more than 3% of the total outstanding shares of such investment company is owned by the Fund and all affiliated persons of the Fund; and (ii) the Fund has not offered or sold, and is not proposing to offer or sell its shares through a principal underwriter or otherwise at a public or offering price that includes a sales load of more than 1 1/2%.

If the Fund invests in investment companies pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F), it must comply with the following voting restrictions: when the Fund exercises voting rights, by proxy or otherwise, with respect to investment companies owned by the Fund, the Fund will either seek instruction from the Fund's shareholders with regard to the voting of all proxies and vote in accordance with such instructions, or vote the shares held by the Fund in the same proportion as the vote of all other holders of such security. In addition, an investment company purchased by the Fund pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F) shall not be required to redeem its shares in an amount exceeding 1% of such investment company's total outstanding shares in any period of less than thirty days.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System or securities dealers that are members of a national securities exchange or are primary dealers in U.S. government securities. Repurchase agreements generally are for a short period of time, usually less than a week. Under a repurchase agreement, the Fund purchases a U.S. government security and simultaneously agrees to sell the security back to the seller at a mutually agreed-upon future price and date, normally one day or a few days later. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed-upon market interest rate during the Fund's holding period. While the maturities of the underlying securities in repurchase agreement transactions may be more than one year, the term of each repurchase agreement always will be less than one year. Repurchase agreements with a maturity of more than seven days are considered to be illiquid investments. The Fund may not enter into such a repurchase agreement if, as a result, more than 15% of the value of its net assets would then be invested in such repurchase agreements and other illiquid investments. See "Illiquid Investments and Restricted Securities" above.

The Fund will always receive, as collateral, securities whose market value, including accrued interest, at all times will be at least equal to 100% of the dollar amount invested by the Fund in each repurchase agreement. In the event of default or bankruptcy by the seller, the Fund will liquidate those securities (whose market value, including accrued interest, must be at least 100% of the amount invested by the Fund) held under the applicable repurchase agreement, which securities constitute collateral for the seller's obligation to repurchase the security. If the seller defaults, the Fund might incur a loss if the value of the collateral securing the repurchase agreement declines and might incur disposition costs in connection with liquidating the collateral. In addition, if bankruptcy or similar proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization upon the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited.

### **Short Sales**

The Fund may engage in short sale transactions under which it sells a security it does not own. To complete such a transaction, the Fund must borrow the security to make delivery to the buyer. The Fund is then obligated to replace the security borrowed by purchasing the security at the market price at the time of replacement. The price at such time may be more or less than the price at which the security was sold by the Fund. Until the security is replaced, the Fund is required to pay to the lender amounts equal to any dividends that accrue during the period of the loan. The proceeds of the short sale will be retained by the broker, to the extent necessary to meet the margin requirements, until the short position is closed out.

Until the Fund closes its short position or replaces the borrowed stock, the Fund will: (1) maintain an account containing cash or liquid assets at such a level that (a) the amount deposited in the account plus the amount deposited with the broker as collateral will equal the current value of the stock sold short and (b) the amount deposited in the account plus the amount deposited with the broker as collateral will not be less than the market value of the stock at the time the stock was sold short; or (2) otherwise cover the Fund's short position.

### **Swap Agreements**

The Fund may enter into swap agreements. Swap agreements are two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods ranging from a day to more than one year. In a standard "swap" transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments. The gross returns to be exchanged or "swapped" between the parties are calculated with respect to a "notional amount," *i.e.*, the return on or increase in value of a particular dollar amount invested in a "basket" of securities representing a particular index.

Most swap agreements entered into by the Fund calculate the obligations of the parties to the agreement on a "net basis." Consequently, the Fund's current obligations (or rights) under a swap agreement will generally be equal only to the net amount to be paid or received under the agreement based on the relative values of the positions held by each party to the agreement (the "net amount"). Payments may be made at the conclusion of a swap agreement or periodically during its term.

Swap agreements do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets. Accordingly, if a swap is entered into on a net basis, if the other party to a swap agreement defaults, the Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that such Fund is contractually entitled to receive, if any.

The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Fund's obligations over its entitlements with respect to a swap agreement entered into on a net basis will be accrued daily and an amount of cash or liquid asset having an aggregate NAV at least equal to the accrued excess will be maintained in an account with the

Custodian that satisfies the 1940 Act. The Fund will also establish and maintain such accounts with respect to its total obligations under any swaps that are not entered into on a net basis. Obligations under swap agreements so covered will not be construed to be “senior securities” for purposes of the Fund’s investment restriction concerning senior securities.

Because they are two-party contracts and may have terms of greater than seven days, swap agreements may be considered to be illiquid for the Fund illiquid investment limitations. The Fund will not enter into any swap agreement unless Rafferty or the Subadviser believes that the other party to the transaction is creditworthy. The Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty.

The Fund may enter into a swap agreement in circumstances where Rafferty or the Subadviser believes that it may be more cost effective or practical than buying the underlying securities or a futures contract or an option on such securities. The counterparty to any swap agreement will typically be a bank, investment banking firm or broker/dealer. The counterparty will generally agree to pay the Fund the amount, if any, by which the notional amount of the swap agreement would have increased in value had it been invested in the particular stocks represented in the index, plus the dividends that would have been received on those stocks. The Fund will agree to pay to the counterparty a floating rate of interest on the notional amount of the swap agreement plus the amount, if any, by which the notional amount would have decreased in value had it been invested in such stocks. Therefore, the return to the Fund on any swap agreement should be the gain or loss on the notional amount plus dividends on the stocks less the interest paid by the Fund on the notional amount.

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become relatively liquid in comparison with the markets for other similar instruments that are traded in the OTC market. Rafferty, under the supervision of the Board, is responsible for determining and monitoring the liquidity of Fund transactions in swap agreements.

The use of equity swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions.

### **U.S. Government Securities**

The Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities (“U.S. government securities”) in pursuit of their investment objectives, in order to deposit such securities as initial or variation margin, as “cover” for the investment techniques they employ, as part of a cash reserve and for liquidity purposes.

U.S. government securities are high-quality instruments issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. Treasury or by an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. government. Not all U.S. government securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Some are backed by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; others are backed by discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase the agencies’ obligations; while others are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. In the case of securities not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, the investor must look principally to the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation for ultimate repayment.

U.S. government securities include Treasury Bills (which mature within one year of the date they are issued), Treasury Notes (which have maturities of one to ten years) and Treasury Bonds (which generally

have maturities of more than 10 years). All such Treasury securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

Certain U.S. government debt securities, such as securities of the Federal Home Loan Banks, are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. Others, such as securities issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup>”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup>”), are supported only by the credit of the corporation. In the case of securities not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, a fund must look principally to the agency issuing or guaranteeing the obligation in the event the agency or instrumentality does not meet its commitments. The U.S. government may choose not to provide financial support to GSEs or instrumentalities if it is not legally obligated to do so. A fund will invest in securities of such instrumentalities only when the Adviser is satisfied that the credit risk with respect to any such instrumentality is comparatively minimal.

On September 7, 2008, Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac were placed under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”) to provide stability in the financial markets, mortgage availability and taxpayer protection by preserving Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac’s<sup>®</sup> assets and property and putting Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup> in a sound and solvent condition. Under the conservatorship, the management of Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac was replaced. Additionally, the U.S. Treasury reported that Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup> are expected to gradually reduce their mortgage-backed security portfolios at the rate of 10 percent per year until stabilizing at a lower, less risky size.

The U.S. Treasury, FHFA and the Federal Reserve acted in collaboration to take the following steps to support the conservatorship. First, the U.S. Treasury and FHFA established the Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements pursuant to which the U.S. Treasury received senior preferred equity shares and warrants to ensure that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup> maintained a positive net worth. Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac’s<sup>®</sup> common and preferred shareholders will bear any losses ahead of the new government senior preferred shares. Second, the U.S. Treasury established a new secured lending credit facility made available to Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup> to assist the entities in funding their regular business activities in the capital markets, until December 31, 2009. Also, the U.S. Treasury initiated a program to purchase Fannie Mae<sup>®</sup> and Freddie Mac<sup>®</sup> mortgage-backed securities through December 31, 2009, to aid mortgage affordability. No assurance can be given that the initiatives disclosed above will be successful or will continue.

Yields on short-, intermediate- and long-term U.S. government securities are dependent on a variety of factors, including the general conditions of the money and bond markets, the size of a particular offering and the maturity of the obligation. Debt securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher capital appreciation and depreciation than obligations with shorter maturities and lower yields. The market value of U.S. government securities generally varies inversely with changes in the market interest rates. An increase in interest rates, therefore, generally would reduce the market value of the Fund’s portfolio investments in U.S. government securities, while a decline in interest rates generally would increase the market value of the Fund’s portfolio investments in these securities.

### **Zero-Coupon Securities**

The Fund may invest in zero-coupon bonds of any rating or maturity.

Zero-coupon securities make no periodic interest payments, but are sold at a deep discount from their face value. The buyer recognizes a rate of return determined by the gradual appreciation of the security, which is redeemed at face value on a specified maturity date. The discount varies depending on the time remaining until maturity, as well as market interest rates, liquidity of the security, and the issuer’s

perceived credit quality. If the issuer defaults, the Fund may not receive any return on its investment. Because zero-coupon securities bear no interest and compound semiannually at the rate fixed at the time of issuance, their value generally is more volatile than the value of other fixed-income securities. Since zero-coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, when interest rates rise, zero-coupon securities fall more dramatically in value than bonds paying interest on a current basis. When interest rates fall, zero-coupon securities rise more rapidly in value because the bonds reflect a fixed rate of return. An investment in zero-coupon and delayed interest securities may cause Fund to recognize income and make distributions to shareholders before it receives any cash payments on its investment.

### **Other Investment Risks and Practices**

**Borrowing.** The Fund may borrow money for investment purposes, which is a form of leveraging. Leveraging investments, by purchasing securities with borrowed money, is a speculative technique that increases investment risk while increasing investment opportunity. Leverage will magnify changes in the Fund's NAV and on its investments. Although the principal of such borrowings will be fixed, the Fund's assets may change in value during the time the borrowing is outstanding. Leverage also creates interest expenses for the Fund. To the extent the income derived from securities purchased with borrowed funds exceeds the interest the Fund will have to pay, the Fund's net income will be greater than it would be if leverage were not used. Conversely, if the income from the assets obtained with borrowed funds is not sufficient to cover the cost of leveraging, the net income of the Fund will be less than it would be if leverage were not used, and therefore the amount available for distribution to shareholders as dividends will be reduced. The use of derivatives in connection with leverage creates the potential for significant loss.

The Fund may borrow money to facilitate management of the Fund's portfolio by enabling the Fund to meet redemption requests when the liquidation of portfolio instruments would be inconvenient or disadvantageous. Such borrowing is not for investment purposes and will be repaid by the borrowing Fund promptly.

As required by the 1940 Act, the Fund must maintain continuous asset coverage (total assets, including assets acquired with borrowed funds, less liabilities exclusive of borrowings) of 300% of all amounts borrowed. If at any time the value of the required asset coverage declines as a result of market fluctuations or other reasons, the Fund may be required to sell some of its portfolio investments within three days to reduce the amount of its borrowings and restore the 300% asset coverage, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to sell portfolio instruments at that time.

In addition to the foregoing, the Fund may borrow money from a bank as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes in amounts not in excess of 5% of the value of its total assets. This borrowing is not subject to the foregoing 300% asset coverage requirement. The Fund may pledge portfolio securities as Rafferty deems appropriate in connection with any borrowings.

**Lending Portfolio Securities.** The Fund may lend portfolio securities with a value not exceeding 33 1/3% of its total assets to brokers, dealers, and financial institutions. Borrowers are required continuously to secure their obligations to return securities on loan from the Fund by depositing any combination of short-term government securities and cash as collateral with the Fund. The collateral must be equal to at least 100% of the market value of the loaned securities, which will be marked to market daily. While the Fund's portfolio securities are on loan, the Fund continues to receive interest on the securities loaned and simultaneously earns either interest on the investment of the collateral or fee income if the loan is otherwise collateralized. The Fund may invest the interest received and the collateral, thereby earning additional income. Loans would be subject to termination by the lending Fund on four business days' notice or by the borrower on one-day notice. Borrowed securities must be returned when the loan is

terminated. Any gain or loss in the market price of the borrowed securities that occurs during the term of the loan inures to the lending Fund and the Fund's shareholders. A lending Fund may pay reasonable finders, borrowers, administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan. The Fund currently has no intention of lending its portfolio securities.

Portfolio Turnover. The Trust anticipates that the Fund will have very high portfolio turnover due to the active management of its portfolio. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate is calculated by the lesser of the value of the securities purchased or securities sold, excluding all securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less, divided by the average monthly value of such securities owned during the year. Based on this calculation, instruments with remaining maturities of less than one year are excluded from the portfolio turnover rate. Such instruments generally would include futures contracts and options, since such contracts generally have a remaining maturity of less than one year. In any given period, all of the Fund's investments may have a remaining maturity of less than one year; in which case, the portfolio turnover rate for that period would be equal to zero. However, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate calculated with all securities whose maturities were one year or less is anticipated to be unusually high.

High portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater expenses to the Fund, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestments in other securities. Such sales also may result in adverse tax consequences to the Fund's shareholders from the Fund's distributions of the increase capital gains recognized as a result of that trading. The trading costs and tax effects associated with portfolio turnover may adversely affect the Fund's after-tax performance.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

In addition to the investment policies and limitations described above and described in the Prospectus, the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, has adopted the following investment limitations, which are fundamental policies and may not be changed without the vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. Under the 1940 Act, a "vote of the majority of the outstanding voting securities" of the Fund means the affirmative vote of the lesser of: (1) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund or (2) 67% or more of the shares of the Fund present at a shareholders meeting if more than 50% of the outstanding shares are represented at the meeting in person or by proxy.

For purposes of the following limitations, all percentage limitations apply immediately after a purchase or initial investment. Except with respect to borrowing money, if a percentage limitation is adhered to at the time of the investment, a later increase or decrease in the percentage resulting from any change in value or net assets will not result in a violation of such restrictions. If at any time the Fund's borrowings exceed its limitations due to a decline in net assets, such borrowings will be reduced promptly to the extent necessary to comply with the limitation.

The Fund shall not:

1. Lend any security or make any other loan if, as a result, more than 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets would be lent to other parties, except (1) through the purchase of a portion of an issue of debt securities in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and limitations; or (2) by engaging in repurchase agreements with respect to portfolio securities.
2. Underwrite securities of any other issuer.
3. Purchase, hold, or deal in real estate or oil and gas interests.

4. Issue any senior security (as such term is defined in Section 18(f) of the 1940 Act) (including the amount of senior securities issued by excluding liabilities and indebtedness not constituting senior securities), except (1) that the Fund may issue senior securities in connection with transactions in options, futures, options on futures and forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other similar investments; (2) as otherwise permitted herein and in Investment Limitations Nos. 5 and 7; and (3) the Fund may make short sales of securities.
5. Pledge, mortgage, or hypothecate the Fund's assets, except (1) to the extent necessary to secure permitted borrowings; (2) in connection with the purchase of securities on a forward-commitment or delayed-delivery basis or the sale of securities on a delayed-delivery basis; and (3) in connection with options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other financial instruments.
6. Invest in physical commodities, except that the Fund may purchase and sell foreign currency, options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars, securities on a forward-commitment or delayed-delivery basis, and other financial instruments.
7. Borrow money, except (1) to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act (which currently limits borrowing to no more than 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund's total assets); (2) as a temporary measure and then only in amounts not to exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets; (3) to enter into reverse repurchase agreements; and (4) to lend portfolio securities. For purposes of this investment limitation, the purchase or sale of options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other financial instruments shall not constitute borrowing.
8. Concentrate its investments in any single industry, provided that there shall be no limitation on the purchase of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities. The SEC staff has taken the position that a mutual fund concentrates its investments in a particular industry if 25% or more of its net assets are invested in issuers within the same industry.

The Fund had adopted the following fundamental investment policy that enables it to invest in another investment company or series thereof:

Notwithstanding any other limitation, the Fund may invest all of its investable assets in an open end management investment company with the same limitations as the Fund. For this purpose, "all of the Fund's investable assets" means that the only investment securities that will be held by the Fund will be the Fund's interest in the investment company.

#### **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE**

Subject to the general supervision by the Board, Rafferty and/or the Subadviser, as applicable, are responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund, the selection of broker-dealers to effect the transactions, and the negotiation of brokerage commissions, if any. Rafferty expects that the Fund may execute brokerage or other agency transactions through registered broker-dealers, for a commission, in conformity with the 1940 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder. There is generally no stated commission in the case of fixed income securities, which are commonly traded in the OTC market, but the price paid by the Fund usually includes an undisclosed dealer commission or mark-up.

When selecting a broker or dealer to execute portfolio transactions, Rafferty considers many factors, including the rate of commission or the size of the broker-dealer's "spread," the size and difficulty of the

order, the nature of the market for the security, operational capabilities of the broker-dealer and the research, statistical and economic data furnished by the broker-dealer to Rafferty and/or the Subadviser.

In effecting portfolio transactions for the Fund, Rafferty seeks to receive the closing prices of securities that are in line with those of the securities included in the applicable index and seeks to execute trades of such securities at the lowest commission rate reasonably available. With respect to agency transactions, Rafferty may execute trades at a higher rate of commission if reasonable in relation to brokerage and research services provided to the Fund or Rafferty. Such services may include the following: information as to the availability of securities for purchase or sale; statistical or factual information or opinions pertaining to investment; wire services; and appraisals or evaluations of portfolio securities. The Fund believes that the requirement always to seek the lowest possible commission cost could impede effective portfolio management and preclude the Fund, Rafferty and/or the Subadviser, as applicable, from obtaining a high quality of brokerage and research services. In seeking to determine the reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid in any transaction, Rafferty relies upon its experience and knowledge regarding commissions generally charged by various brokers and on its judgment in evaluating the brokerage and research services received from the broker effecting the transaction.

Rafferty and/or the Subadviser may use research and services provided to it by brokers in servicing the Fund; however, not all such services may be used by Rafferty and/or the Subadviser in connection with the Fund. While the receipt of such information and services is useful in varying degrees and generally would reduce the amount of research or services otherwise performed by Rafferty and/or the Subadviser, this information and these services are of indeterminable value and would not reduce Rafferty's investment advisory fee to be paid by the Fund or the subadvisory fees to be paid by Rafferty.

Purchases and sales of U.S. government securities normally are transacted through issuers, underwriters or major dealers in U.S. government securities acting as principals. Such transactions are made on a net basis and do not involve payment of brokerage commissions. The cost of securities purchased from an underwriter usually includes a commission paid by the issuer to the underwriters; transactions with dealers normally reflect the spread between bid and asked prices.

Aggregate brokerage commissions paid by the Fund for the following fiscal years are shown in the table below.

<b>HCM Freedom Fund</b>	<b>Brokerage Fees Paid</b>
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	\$60,981
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	\$157,162
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007	\$128,394

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION**

The Trust maintains portfolio holdings disclosure policies that govern the timing and circumstances of disclosure to shareholders and third parties of information regarding the Fund's portfolio investments to ensure that such disclosure is in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders. In adopting the policies, the Board considered actual and potential material conflicts that could arise between the interest of Fund shareholders, the Adviser, distributor, or any other affiliated person of the Fund. Disclosure of the Fund's complete holdings is required to be made quarterly within 60 days of the end of each fiscal quarter in the Annual Report and Semi-Annual Report to Fund shareholders and in the quarterly holdings report on Form N-Q. These reports are available, free of charge, on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

From time to time, rating and ranking organizations such as Standard & Poor's<sup>®</sup> and Morningstar<sup>®</sup>, Inc. may request complete portfolio holdings information in connection with rating a Fund. Similarly, pension plan sponsors, consultants and/or other financial institutions may request a complete list of portfolio holdings in order to assess the risks of the Fund's portfolio along with related performance attribution statistics. The Trust believes that these third parties have legitimate objectives in requesting such portfolio holdings information. To prevent such parties from potentially misusing the complete portfolio holdings information, the Fund will generally only disclose such information as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter, with a lag of approximately 60 days. In addition, the Fund's President or Chief Compliance Officer may grant exceptions to permit additional disclosure of the complete portfolio holdings information at differing times and with differing lag times to rating agencies and to the parties noted above, provided that (1) the recipient is subject to a confidentiality agreement; (2) the recipient will utilize the information to reach certain conclusions about the investment management characteristics of the Fund and will not use the information to facilitate or assist in any investment program; and (3) the recipient will not provide access to third parties to this information. The Chief Compliance Officer shall report any disclosures made pursuant to this exception to the Board.

In addition, the Fund's service providers, such as custodian, administrator, transfer agent, distributor, legal counsel and independent registered public accounting firm may receive portfolio holdings information in connection with their services to the Fund. In no event shall the Advisers, their affiliates or employees, or the Fund receive any direct or indirect compensation in connection with the disclosure of information about the Fund's portfolio holdings.

In the event a portfolio holdings disclosure made pursuant to the policies presents a conflict of interest between the Fund's shareholders and Rafferty, the Subadviser, the distributor and their affiliates or employees and any affiliated person of the Fund, the disclosure will not be made unless a majority of the Independent Trustees approves such disclosure.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE TRUST**

### **Trustees and Officers**

The business affairs of the Fund are managed by or under the direction of the Board. The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the Fund's business affairs and for exercising all the powers of the Fund except those reserved to the shareholders. A Trustee may be removed by the other Trustees or by a two-thirds vote of the outstanding Trust shares.

The following table is a list of the Trustees and officers of the Trust, their age, business address and principal occupation during the past five years including any affiliation with Rafferty, the length of service to the Trust, and the position, if any, that they hold on the board of directors of companies other than the Trust. Each of the non-interested Trustees of the Trust also serve on the Boards of the Direxion Insurance Trust and Direxion Shares ETF Trust, the other registered investment companies in the Direxion mutual fund complex. In addition, Mr. Rafferty serves on the Board of the Direxion Insurance Trust. Unless otherwise noted, an individual's business address is 33 Whitehall Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10004.

### Interested Trustees

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Trusteeships/ Directorships Held by Trustee
Lawrence C. Rafferty <sup>(1)</sup> Age: 67	Chairman of the Board of Trustees	Lifetime of Trust until removal or resignation; Since 1997	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Rafferty, 1997-present; Chief Executive Officer of Rafferty Companies, LLC, 1996-present; Chief Executive Officer of Rafferty Capital Markets, Inc., 1995-present.	93	Board of Trustees, Fairfield University; Board of Directors, St. Vincent's Services; Executive Committee, Metropolitan Golf Association

### Non-Interested Trustees

Name, Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Trusteeships/ Directorships Held by Trustee
Daniel J. Byrne Age: 65	Trustee	Lifetime of Trust until removal or resignation; Since 1997	President and Chief Executive Officer of Byrne Securities Inc., 1992-present; Trustee, The Opening Word Program, Wyandanch, New York.	93	None
Gerald E. Shanley III Age: 66	Trustee	Lifetime of Trust until removal or resignation; Since 1997	Business Consultant, 1985-present; Trustee of Trust Under Will of Charles S. Payson, 1987-present; C.P.A., 1979-present.	93	None
John Weisser Age: 68	Trustee	Lifetime of Trust until removal or resignation; Since 2007	Retired, Since 1995; Salomon Brothers, Inc, 1971-1995, most recently as Managing Director.	93	Director, MainStay VP Fund Series; Director ICAP Funds, Inc; Director, The MainStay Funds; Director, Eclipse Funds, Inc.

**Officers**

<b>Name, Address and Age</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</b>	<b># of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Other Trusteeships/ Directorships Held by Trustee</b>
Daniel D. O'Neill Age: 41	President;  Chief Operating Officer and Chief Investment Officer	One Year; Since 1999  One Year; Since 2006	Managing Director of Rafferty, 1999-present.	N/A	N/A
William Franca Age: 53	Executive Vice President - Head of Distribution	One Year; Since 2006	Senior Vice President - National Sales, Massachusetts Financial Services/SunLife Financial Distributors, 2002-2004; Executive Vice President, Distribution, SunLife, 2001-2002.	N/A	N/A
Christopher Lewis Age: 39	Chief Compliance Officer	One Year; Since 2009	Director, Alaric Compliance Services, LLC, 2009- present; Partner, Thacher Proffitt & Wood LLP, 2004-2008; Partner, Simmons & Simmons, 2002-2004.	N/A	N/A
Guy F. Talarico Age: 54	Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer	One Year; Since 2008	CEO, Alaric Compliance Services, LLC, 2006-present; Co-CEO EOS Compliance Services, LLC, 2004-2006; Senior Director, Investors Bank and Trust Co, 2001-2004; Division Executive, JP Morgan-Chase Bank, 1986-2001; Group Product Manager, Lever Brothers Company, 1977-1986.	N/A	N/A

<b>Name, Address and Age</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with Fund</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</b>	<b># of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Other Trusteeships/ Directorships Held by Trustee</b>
Eric W. Falkeis 615 East Michigan Street Milwaukee, WI 53202 Age: 37	Secretary	One Year; Since 2004	Senior Vice President USBFS since September 2007; Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, since April 2006; Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services LLC, 1997-present; formerly, Chief Financial Officer, Quasar Distributors, LLC (2000-2003).	N/A	N/A

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Rafferty is affiliated with Rafferty. Mr. Rafferty is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Rafferty and owns a beneficial interest in Rafferty.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Direxion Complex consists of the Direxion Funds which currently offers for sale to the public 34 portfolios, the Direxion Insurance Trust which currently offers for sale 1 portfolio and the Direxion Shares ETF Trust which currently offers for sale to the public 26 of the 58 funds currently registered with the SEC.

The Trust has an Audit Committee, consisting of Messrs. Weisser, Byrne and Shanley. The members of the Audit Committee are not “interested” persons of the Trust (as defined in the 1940 Act). The primary responsibilities of the Trust’s Audit Committee are, as set forth in its charter, to make recommendations to the Board Members as to: the engagement or discharge of the Trust’s independent registered public accounting firm (including the audit fees charged by auditors); the supervision of investigations into matters relating to audit matters; the review with the independent-registered public accounting firm of the results of audits; and addressing any other matters regarding audits. The Audit Committee met four times during the Fund’s most recent fiscal year.

The Trust also has a Nominating Committee, consisting of Messrs. Weisser, Byrne and Shanley, each of whom is a disinterested member of the Board. The primary responsibilities of the Nominating Committee are to make recommendations to the Board on issues related to the composition and operation of the Board, and communicate with management on those issues. The Nominating Committee also evaluates and nominates Board member candidates. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by shareholders. Such recommendations should be in writing and addressed to the Fund with attention to the Nominating Committee Chair. The recommendations must include the following preliminary information regarding the nominee: (1) name; (2) date of birth; (3) education; (4) business professional or other relevant experience and areas of expertise; (5) current business and home addresses and contact information; (6) other board positions or prior experience; and (7) any knowledge and experience relating to investment companies and investment company governance. The Nominating Committee did not meet during the Trust’s most recent fiscal year.

The Trust has a Qualified Legal Compliance Committee, consisting of Messrs. Weisser, Byrne and Shanley. The members of the Qualified Legal Compliance Committee are not “interested” persons of the Trust (as defined in the 1940 Act). The primary responsibility of the Trust’s Qualified Legal Compliance Committee is to receive, review and take appropriate action with respect to any report (“Report”) made or referred to the Committee by an attorney of evidence of a material violation of applicable U.S. federal or state securities law, material breach of a fiduciary duty under U.S. federal or state law or a similar

material violation by the Trust or by any officer, director, employee, or agent of the Trust. The Qualified Legal Compliance Committee did not meet during the most recent fiscal year.

The following table shows the amount of equity securities in the Fund and the Direxion Family of Investment Companies owned by the Trustees as of the calendar year ended December 31, 2008:

Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned:	Interested Trustees:	Disinterested Trustees:		
		Daniel J. Byrne	Gerald E. Shanley III	John Weisser
	Lawrence C. Rafferty			
HCM Freedom Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Direxion Complex <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	\$10,001 - \$50,000	\$0	\$0

<sup>(1)</sup> The Direxion Family of Investment Companies consists of the Direxion Funds which currently offers for sale to the public 34 portfolios, the Direxion Insurance Trust which currently offers for sale 1 and the Direxion Shares ETF Trust which currently offers for sale to the public 26 of the 58 funds currently registered with the SEC.

The Trust's Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees will not be liable for errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law. However, they are not protected against any liability to which they would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of their office.

No officer, director or employee of Rafferty receives any compensation from the Fund for acting as a Trustee or officer of the Trust. The following table shows the compensation earned by each Trustee for the Trust's fiscal year ended August 31, 2009.

Name of Person, Position	Aggregate Compensation From the Fund	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued As Part of the Trust's Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Aggregate Compensation From the Direxion Complex Paid to the Trustees <sup>(1)</sup>
<b><u>Interested Trustees</u></b>				
Lawrence C. Rafferty	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Disinterested Trustees</u></b>				
Daniel J. Byrne	\$634	\$0	\$0	\$48,000
Gerald E. Shanley III	\$736	\$0	\$0	\$54,500
John Weisser	\$634	\$0	\$0	\$48,000

<sup>(1)</sup> For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009, trustees' fees and expenses in the amount of \$81,000 were incurred by the Trust.

## **Principal Shareholders, Control Persons and Management Ownership**

A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of any class of a fund's outstanding shares. A control person is a shareholder that owns beneficially or through controlled companies more than 25% of the voting securities of a company or acknowledges the existence of control. Shareholders owning voting securities in excess of 25% may determine the outcome of any matter affecting and voted on by shareholders of a fund. As of November 30, 2009, the following shareholders were considered to be either a control person or principal shareholder of the Fund:

### ***HCM Freedom Fund – Service Class***

<b>Name and Address</b>	<b>Parent Company</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>% Ownership</b>
Dexter P. Lyons & Deidre B. Lyons JTWROS 106 Valerie Drive Lafayette, LA 70508-6008	N/A	N/A	12.04%

In addition, as of November 30, 2009, the Trustees and officers as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

### **Investment Adviser and Subadviser**

Rafferty Asset Management, LLC, 33 Whitehall Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York, 10004, provides investment advice to the Fund. Rafferty was organized as a New York limited liability corporation in June 1997. Lawrence C. Rafferty controls Rafferty and Rafferty Capital Markets, LLC. through his ownership in Rafferty Holdings, LLC.

Under an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and Rafferty (“Advisory Agreement”), Rafferty provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's assets in accordance with its investment objectives, policies and limitations, and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund, subject to the supervision of the Trustees. Rafferty bears all costs associated with providing these advisory services. The Trust bears all other expenses that are not assumed by Rafferty. The Trust also is liable for nonrecurring expenses as may arise, including litigation to which the Fund may be a party. The Trust also may have an obligation to indemnify its Trustees and officers with respect to any such litigation.

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays Rafferty at an annual rate of 1.00% based on its average daily net assets. Prior to July 1, 2009, the Fund was responsible for its own operating expenses and Rafferty voluntarily agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse operating expenses (excluding, as applicable, among other expenses, front-end or contingent deferred sales loads, taxes, leverage interest, dividends or interest on short positions, other interest expenses, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, and extraordinary expenses such as litigation) to the extent that the Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses exceeded 2.45% of average daily net assets for the period ended July 1, 2009. If overall expenses fell below this percentage limitation, then the Fund may reimburse Rafferty within the following three years.

Effective July 1, 2009, Rafferty is contractually obligated to pay all Fund expenses (excluding, management fees, distribution and/or service fees, shareholder service fees, Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, taxes, leverage interest, dividends or interest on short positions, other interest expenses,

brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization and extraordinary expenses such as litigation or other expenses outside the typical day-to-day operations of the Funds). This agreement may be terminated at any time by the Board of Trustees.

The table below shows the amount of advisory fees incurred by the Fund and the amount of fees waived and/or reimbursed by Rafferty for the following fiscal years.

<b>HCM Freedom Fund</b>	<b>Advisory Fees Incurred</b>	<b>Waived fees and/or expenses reimbursed by Advisor</b>	<b>Net Fees Paid to Advisor</b>
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	\$246,309	\$0	\$246,309 <sup>(1)</sup>
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	\$285,224	\$14,325	\$270,899
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007	\$401,675	\$0	\$401,675

<sup>(1)</sup> For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009, the Advisor recouped \$13,020 in expenses that were previously waived and/or reimbursed.

The Advisory Agreement was initially approved by the Trustees (including all Independent Trustees) and Rafferty, as sole shareholder of the Fund, in compliance with the 1940 Act. The Advisory Agreement continues in force for an initial period of two years after the date of its approval. The Advisory Agreement is renewable thereafter from year to year with respect to the Fund, so long as its continuance is approved at least annually (1) by the vote, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose, of a majority of those Trustees who are not “interested persons” of Rafferty or the Trust; and (2) by the majority vote of either the full Board or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund. The Advisory Agreement automatically terminates on assignment and is terminable on 60-day written notice either by the Trust or Rafferty.

Under an Investment Subadvisory Agreement (“Subadvisory Agreement”) between Rafferty and HCM, 106 Valerie Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508, HCM, subject to direction by Rafferty and the Board, will provide investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund for a fee payable by Rafferty. A portfolio manager from HCM will manage the Fund’s assets, under the supervision of Rafferty. Under the Subadvisory Agreement, a portfolio manager from HCM is responsible for the day-to-day decision making on behalf of the Fund and will direct, through Rafferty, the allocation of Fund assets among various baskets of securities, created by HCM. Then, Rafferty will implement HCM’s investment decisions for the Fund by placing all brokerage orders for the purchase and sale of those securities. For the investment subadvisory services provided to the Fund, out of its advisory fee, Rafferty will pay HCM 0.60% of the Fund’s average daily net assets computed and paid monthly.

The Subadvisory Agreement was initially approved by the Board (including all of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” of Rafferty or HCM, as defined under the 1940 Act) and the shareholders of the Fund, in compliance with the 1940 Act. The Subadvisory Agreement provides that it will be in force for an initial two-year period and it must be approved each year thereafter by (1) a vote, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose, of a majority of those Trustees who are not “interested persons” of Rafferty, HCM or the Trust; and by (2) the majority vote of either the full Board or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund. The Subadvisory Agreement automatically terminates on assignment and is terminable on not less than a 60-day written notice by Rafferty or the Trust, or a 90-day written notice by HCM. Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, Rafferty automatically becomes responsible for the obligations of HCM upon termination of the Subadvisory Agreement.

Rafferty shall not be liable to the Trust or any shareholder for anything done or omitted by them, except acts or omissions involving willful misfeasance, bad faith, negligence or reckless disregard of the duties imposed

upon them by their agreements with the Trust or for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security.

HCM shall not be liable to the Trust or any shareholder for anything done or omitted by it, except acts or omissions involving willful misfeasance, bad faith, negligence or reckless disregard of the duties imposed upon it by its agreement with Rafferty or for any losses that may be sustained in the purchase, holding or sale of any security.

Pursuant to Section 17(j) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17j-1 thereunder, the Trust, Rafferty, HCM and the distributor have adopted Codes of Ethics (“Codes”). These Codes permit portfolio managers and other access persons of the Fund to invest in securities that may be owned by the Fund, subject to certain restrictions.

### **Portfolio Manager**

Dexter P. Lyons is co-owner of Horizon Capital Management, Inc. and serves as portfolio manager for the Fund. As of August 31, 2009, Mr. Lyons’ does not manage any accounts other than the HCM Freedom Fund.

Because Mr. Lyons does not manage any accounts other than the Fund, HCM has not identified any material conflicts associated with the management of the Fund.

As of August 31, 2009, the Mr. Lyons’ compensation was paid by HCM and not the Fund. For his compensation as portfolio manager of the Fund, Mr. Lyons receives a fixed-salary that is based on industry standards, in addition to receiving a portion of any firm profit as a co-owner of HCM. Along with all employees of HCM, Mr. Lyons participates in HCM’s SEP-IRA plan in which HCM makes equal contributions for all employees, subject to the limits allowed by law.

Mr. Lyon’s beneficially owned over \$5 million of securities in the Fund as of August 31, 2009.

### **Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures**

The Board has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures (“Proxy Policies”) wherein the Trust has delegated to Rafferty the responsibility for voting proxies relating to portfolio securities held by the Fund as part of its investment advisory services, subject to the supervision and oversight of the Board. The Proxy Voting Policies of Rafferty are attached as Appendix B. Notwithstanding this delegation of responsibilities, however, the Fund retains the right to vote proxies relating to its portfolio securities. The fundamental purpose of the Proxy Policies is to ensure that each vote will be in a manner that reflects the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders, taking into account the value of the Fund’s investments.

*More Information.* The actual voting records relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request by calling toll-free, 1-800-851-0511 or by accessing the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **Fund Administrator, Fund Accountant, Transfer Agent and Custodian**

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (“Administrator”), 615 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, provides administrative, fund accounting and transfer agent services to the Fund. U.S. Bank, N.A., Custody Operations, 1555 N. River Center Drive, Suite 302, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, an affiliate of the Administrator, provides custodian services to the Fund.

Pursuant to an Administration Servicing Agreement (“Service Agreement”) between the Trust and the Administrator, the Administrator provides the Trust with administrative and management services (other than investment advisory services). As compensation for these services, the Trust pays the Administrator a fee based on the Trust’s total average daily net assets of 0.045% on net assets or a minimum annual fee of \$175,000 for the Fund Complex. The Administrator also is entitled to certain out-of-pocket expenses.

The table below shows the amount of administrative and management service fees incurred by the Fund to the Administrator for the fiscal years shown.

<b>HCM Freedom Fund</b>	<b>Fees paid to the Administrator</b>
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2009	\$8,073
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2008	\$13,117
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2007	\$16,429

Pursuant to a Fund Accounting Servicing Agreement between the Trust and U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC (“Fund Accountant”), the Fund Accountant provides the Trust with accounting services, including portfolio accounting services, tax accounting services and furnishing financial reports. For these services, the Trust pays the Fund Accountant a fee based on the Trust’s total average daily net assets of 0.03% and a minimum annual fee of \$525,000 for the Fund Complex. The Fund Accountant also is entitled to certain out-of-pocket expenses, including pricing expenses.

Pursuant to a Custodian Agreement, U.S. Bank, N.A. serves as the custodian of the Fund’s assets. Under the terms of the Custodian Agreement, the Custodian holds and administers the assets in the Fund’s portfolios. The Custodian receives an annual fee based on the Trust’s total average daily net assets of 0.0225% and a \$1,000 minimum fee per fund. The Custodian also is entitled to certain out-of-pocket expenses. U.S. Bank N.A. and/or its affiliates receive revenue from certain broker-dealers that may receive Rule 12b-1 fees or other payments from mutual funds in which the Fund may invest. In recognition of this revenue, the Fund has received credits and may receive credits in future years from U.S. Bank N.A. and/or its affiliates for fees otherwise payable by the Fund.

### **Distributor**

Rafferty Capital Markets, LLC, 59 Hilton Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530, serves as the distributor (“Distributor”) in connection with the continuous offering of the Fund’s shares. The Distributor and participating dealers with whom it has entered into dealer agreements offer shares of the Fund as agents on a best efforts basis and are not obligated to sell any specific amount of shares. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009, the Distributor received \$90,000 as compensation from Rafferty for distribution services for the Trust with respect to other series of the Trust. Mr. Rafferty is an affiliated person of the distributor.

### **Distribution Plan**

Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act provides that an investment company may bear expenses of distributing its shares only pursuant to a plan adopted in accordance with the Rule. The Trustees have adopted a Rule 12b-1 Plan of Distribution (“Plan”) for the Service Class Shares of the Fund pursuant to which the Fund may pay certain expenses incurred in the distribution of the Service Class Shares and the servicing and maintenance of existing shareholder accounts. Pursuant to the Plan, the Fund may pay Rule 12b-1 fees up to 1.00% of its average daily net assets. The Direxion Board of Trustees has authorized the Fund to pay Rule 12b-1 fees equal to 0.80% of the average daily net assets of the Service Class. Under an agreement with the Fund, your Financial Advisor may receive those fees from the Fund. In exchange, your Financial Advisor may provide a number of services as described in the Prospectus.

The Plan was approved by the Trustees, including the Independent Trustees of the Fund. In approving the Plan, the Trustees determined that there is a reasonable likelihood that the Plan will benefit the Fund and its shareholders. The Trustees will review quarterly and annually a written report of the amounts expended under the Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were made. The Distributor, as the Fund’s principal underwriter, Rafferty and the Subadviser may have a direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan or any related agreement.

The 12b-1 fee incurred by the Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 was \$197,047. The table below shows the allocation of such 12b-1 fees paid by the Fund for the last fiscal year.

	<b>Advertising and Marketing</b>	<b>Printing and Postage</b>	<b>Payment to Distributor</b>	<b>Payment to Dealers</b>	<b>Compensation to Sales Personnel</b>	<b>Other Marketing Expenses</b>
<b>HCM Freedom Fund</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$197,047	\$0	\$0

### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Ernst & Young LLP (“E&Y”), 5 Times Square New York, New York, 10036, is the independent registered public accounting firm for the Trust. The Financial Statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009 have been audited by E&Y and are incorporated by reference herein, which is given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

### **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The NAV per share of the Fund is determined separately daily, Monday through Friday, as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) (normally at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time), each day the NYSE is open for business (“Business Day”). The NYSE is not open on New Year’s Day, Presidents’ Day, Martin Luther King’s Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

A security listed or traded on an exchange, domestic or foreign, is valued at its last sales price on the principal exchange on which it is traded prior to the time when assets are valued. If no sale is reported at that time, the mean of the last bid and asked prices is used. Securities primarily traded on the NASDAQ Global Market® (“NASDAQ®”) for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ® Official Closing Price (“NOCP”) provided by NASDAQ® each Business Day. The NOCP is the most recently reported price as of 4:00:02 p.m., Eastern time, unless that price is outside the range of the “inside” bid and asked prices; in that case, NASDAQ® will adjust the price to equal the inside bid or asked price, whichever is closer.

If, on a particular day, an exchange-traded security does not trade, then the mean between the closing bid and asked prices will be used. All equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange held by a Fund will be valued at the last sales price in the OTC market, or, if no sales price is reported, the mean of the last bid and asked price is used. Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available, or for which Rafferty has reason to question the validity of quotations received, are valued at fair value by procedures as adopted by the Board. For purposes of determining NAV per share of the Fund, exchange-traded options and options on futures are valued at the composite price using the National Best Bid and Offer quotes (“NBBO”). NBBO consists of the highest bid price and lowest asked price across any of the exchanges on which an option is quoted, thus providing a view across the entire U.S. options marketplace. Specifically, composite pricing looks at the last trades on exchanges where the options are traded. If there are no trades for the option on a given business day, the composite option pricing calculates the mean of the highest bid price and lowest ask price across the exchanges where the

option is traded. Non-exchange traded options are valued at the mean between the last bid and asked quotations.

The prices of futures contracts are valued either at the settlement prices established each day on the exchange on which they are traded if the settlement price reflects trading prior to the close of regular trading or at the last sales price prior to the close of regular trading if the settlement prices established by the exchange reflects trading after the close of regular trading.

Foreign securities, currencies and other assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate of such currencies against the U.S. dollar, as provided by an independent pricing service or reporting agency.

Short-term debt instruments having a maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. If the Board determines that the amortized cost method does not represent the fair value of the short-term debt instrument, the investment will be valued at fair value as determined by procedures as adopted by the Board. Other debt securities (including credit default swaps) are valued by using either the closing bid and ask prices provided by the Fund's pricing service or the mean between the closing bid and ask prices provided by brokers that make markets in such instruments, or if such prices are unavailable, by a pricing matrix method. U.S. government securities are valued at the mean between the closing bid and asked price provided by an independent third party pricing service ("Pricing Service").

Dividend income and other distributions are recorded on the ex-distribution date.

Illiquid securities, securities for which reliable quotations or pricing services are not readily available, and all other assets not valued in accordance with the foregoing principles will be valued at their respective fair value as determined in good faith by, or under procedures established by, the Trustees, which procedures may include the delegation of certain responsibilities regarding valuation to Rafferty or the officers of the Trust. The officers of the Trust report, as necessary, to the Trustees regarding portfolio valuation determinations. The Trustees, from time to time, will review these methods of valuation and will recommend changes that may be necessary to assure that the investments of the Fund are valued at fair value.

For purposes of calculating its daily NAV, the Fund typically reflects changes in its holdings of portfolio securities on the first business day following a portfolio trade (commonly known as "T+1 accounting"). However, the Fund is permitted to include same day trades when calculating its NAV (commonly referred to as "trade date accounting") on days when the Fund receives substantial redemptions. Such redemptions can result in an adverse impact on the Fund's NAV when there is a disparity between the trade price and the closing price of the security. Thus, the Fund's use of trade date accounting is likely to lessen the impact of substantial redemptions on the Fund's NAV.

## **REDEMPTIONS**

### **Redemption In-Kind**

The Trust has filed a notice of election under Rule 18f-1 of the 1940 Act which obligates the Fund to redeem shares for any shareholder for cash during any 90-day period up to \$250,000 or 1% of the Fund's NAV, whichever is less. Any redemption beyond this amount also will be in cash unless the Trustees determine that further cash payments will have a material adverse effect on remaining shareholders. In such a case, the Fund will pay all or a portion of the remainder of the redemption in portfolio instruments, valued in the same way as the Fund determines NAV. The portfolio instruments will be selected in a manner that the Trustees deem

fair and equitable. A redemption in-kind is not as liquid as a cash redemption. If a redemption is made in-kind, a shareholder receiving portfolio instruments could receive less than the redemption value thereof and could incur certain transaction costs. Shareholders who receive futures contracts or options on futures contracts in connection with a redemption in-kind may be responsible for making any margin payments due on those contracts.

### **Redemptions by Telephone**

Shareholders may redeem shares of the Fund by telephone. When acting on verbal instructions believed to be genuine, the Trust, Rafferty, transfer agent and their trustees, directors, officers and employees are not liable for any loss resulting from a fraudulent telephone transaction request and the investor will bear the risk of loss. In acting upon telephone instructions, these parties use procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that such instructions are genuine, such as (1) obtaining some or all of the following information: account number, name(s) and social security number(s) registered to the account, and personal identification; (2) recording all telephone transactions; and (3) sending written confirmation of each transaction to the registered owner. To the extent that the Trust, Rafferty, transfer agent and their trustees, directors, officers and employees do not employ such procedures, some or all of them may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent transactions.

### **Receiving Payment**

Payment of redemption proceeds will be made within seven days following the Fund's receipt of your request (if received in good order as described below) for redemption. For investments that have been made by check, payment on redemption requests may be delayed until the transfer agent is reasonably satisfied that the purchase payment has been collected by the Trust (which may require up to 10 calendar days). To avoid redemption delays, purchases may be made by direct wire transfers.

A redemption request will be considered to be received in "good order" if:

- The number or amount of shares and the class of shares to be redeemed and shareholder account number have been indicated;
- Any written request is signed by a shareholder and by all co-owners of the account with exactly the same name or names used in establishing the account; and
- The signatures on any written redemption request in excess of \$100,000 have been guaranteed by a national bank, a state bank that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a trust company or by any member firm of the New York, American, Boston, Chicago, Pacific or Philadelphia Stock Exchanges. Signature guarantees also will be accepted from savings banks and certain other financial institutions that are deemed acceptable by U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, as Transfer Agent, under its current signature guarantee program.

The right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed for any period during which (1) the NYSE is closed (other than customary weekend or holiday closings); (2) trading on the NYSE is restricted; (3) situations where an emergency exists as a result of which it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund fairly to determine the value of its net assets or disposal of the Fund's securities is not reasonably practicable; or (4) the SEC has issued an order for the protection of Fund shareholders.

### **Anti-Money Laundering**

The Fund is required to comply with various federal anti-money laundering laws and regulations. Consequently, the Fund may be required to "freeze" the account of a shareholder if the shareholder appears to be involved in suspicious activity or if certain account information matches information on

government lists of known terrorists or other suspicious persons, or the Fund may be required to transfer the account or proceeds of the account to a government agency. In addition, pursuant to the Fund's Customer Identification Program, the Fund's transfer agent will complete a thorough review of all new opening account applications and will not transact business with any person or entity whose identity cannot be adequately verified.

## **SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION**

### **Shareholder Information**

Each share of the Fund gives the shareholder one vote in matters submitted to shareholders for a vote. Each class of the Fund has equal voting rights, except that, in matters affecting only a particular class or series, only shares of that class or series are entitled to vote. Share voting rights are not cumulative, and shares have no preemptive or conversion rights. Shares are not transferable. As a Massachusetts business trust, the Trust is not required to hold annual shareholder meetings. Shareholder approval will be sought only for certain changes in a Trust's or the Fund's operation and for the election of Trustees under certain circumstances. Trustees may be removed by the Trustees or by shareholders at a special meeting. A special meeting of shareholders shall be called by the Trustees upon the written request of shareholders owning at least 10% of a Trust's outstanding shares.

## **DIVIDENDS, OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES**

### **Dividends and Other Distributions**

Dividends from net investment income and realized net capital gains are distributed as described in the Prospectus under "Distributions and Taxes." All distributions from the Fund normally are automatically reinvested without charge in additional shares of the Fund.

### **Taxes**

*Regulated Investment Company Status.* The Fund is treated as a separate corporation for federal income tax purposes and intends to continue to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of Chapter 1 of Subtitle A of the Code ("RIC"). If the Fund so qualifies and satisfies the Distribution Requirement (defined below) for a taxable year, the Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on the part of its investment company taxable income (generally consisting of net investment income and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss ("net short-term capital gain"), all determined without regard to any deduction for dividends paid) and net capital gain (*i.e.*, the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) it distributes to its shareholders for that year.

To qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Fund must distribute to its shareholders for each taxable year at least 90% of its investment company taxable income ("Distribution Requirement") and must meet several additional requirements. For the Fund, these requirements include the following: (1) the Fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of securities, or other income (including gains from options or futures) derived with respect to its business of investing in securities ("Income Requirement"); and (2) at the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the value of its total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities, with those other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount that does not exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and that does not represent more than 10% of the issuer's outstanding voting securities, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets may be invested in securities (other than

U.S. government securities or the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer (collectively, “Diversification Requirements”).

Although the Fund intends continue to satisfy all the foregoing requirements, there is no assurance that the Fund will be able to do so. The investment by the Fund primarily in options and futures positions entails some risk that the Fund might fail to satisfy the Diversification Requirements. There is some uncertainty regarding the valuation of such positions for purposes of those requirements; accordingly, it is possible that the method of valuation used by such other funds, pursuant to which each of them would be treated as satisfying the Diversification Requirements, would not be accepted in an audit by the Internal Revenue Service, which might apply a different method resulting in disqualification the Fund.

If the Fund failed to qualify for treatment as a RIC any taxable year, (1) it would be taxed on the full amount of its taxable income, including net capital gain, for that year at corporate income tax rates (up to 35%) without being able to deduct the distributions it makes to its shareholders; and (2) the shareholders would treat all those distributions, including distributions of net capital gain, as dividends (that is, ordinary income, except for the part of those dividends that is “qualified dividend income” (described in the Prospectus) (“QDI”) which is subject to a maximum federal income tax rate of 15% for individuals) to the extent of the Fund’s earnings and profits. In addition, the Fund would be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before requalifying for RIC treatment.

*General.* If Fund shares are sold at a loss after being held for six months or less, the loss will be treated as long-term, instead of short-term, capital loss to the extent of any capital gain distributions received on those shares. Investors also should be aware that if shares are purchased shortly before the record date for any dividend or capital gain distribution, the shareholder will pay full price for the shares and receive some portion of the purchase price back as a taxable distribution.

The Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax (“Excise Tax”) to the extent it fails to distribute by the end of any calendar year substantially all of its ordinary income for that year and capital gain net income for the one-year period ending on October 31 of that year, plus certain other amounts.

Dividends the Fund distributes (including distributions of net short-term capital gain), if any, are taxable to its shareholders as ordinary income (at rates up to 35% for individuals), except to the extent they constitute QDI regardless of whether the dividends are reinvested in Fund shares or received in cash. Distributions of the Fund’s net capital gain, if any, are taxable to its shareholders as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long they have held their Fund shares and whether the distributions are reinvested in Fund shares or received in cash. A shareholder’s sale (redemption) of Fund shares may result in a taxable gain, depending on whether the redemption proceeds are more or less than the adjusted basis for the shares. An exchange of Fund shares for shares of another Fund generally will have similar consequences.

*Derivatives Strategies.* The use of derivatives strategies, such as writing (selling) and purchasing options and futures contracts, involves complex rules that will determine for income tax purposes the amount, character and timing of recognition of the gains and losses the Fund realizes in connection therewith. Gains from options and futures the Fund derives with respect to its business of investing in securities will be qualifying income under the Income Requirement.

“Nonequity options” (*i.e.*, certain listed options, such as those on “broad-based” stock indices) and futures in which the Fund may invest may be “section 1256 contracts.” Section 1256 contracts that the Fund holds at the end of each taxable year, other than section 1256 contracts that are part of a “mixed straddle” with respect to which the Fund has made an election not to have the following rules apply, must be “marked-to-market”

(that is, treated as sold for their fair market value) for Federal income tax purposes, with the result that unrealized gains or losses will be treated as though they were realized. Sixty percent of any net gain or loss recognized on these deemed sales, and 60% of any net realized gain or loss from any actual sales of section 1256 contracts, will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss, and the balance will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. Section 1256 contracts also may be marked-to-market for purposes of the Excise Tax.

Code section 1092 (dealing with straddles) also may affect the taxation of options and futures contracts in which the Fund may invest. That section defines a “straddle” as offsetting positions with respect to actively traded personal property; for these purposes, options and futures contracts are positions in personal property. Under that section, any loss from the disposition of a position in a straddle may be deducted only to the extent the loss exceeds the unrealized gain on the offsetting position(s) of the straddle. In addition, these rules may postpone the recognition of loss that otherwise would be recognized under the mark-to-market rules discussed above. The regulations under section 1092 also provide certain “wash sale” rules, which apply to transactions where a position is sold at a loss and a new offsetting position is acquired within a prescribed period, and “short sale” rules applicable to straddles. If the Fund makes certain elections, the amount, character, and timing of recognition of gains and losses from the affected straddle positions would be determined under rules that vary according to the elections made. Because only a few of the regulations implementing the straddle rules have been promulgated, the tax consequences to the Fund of straddle transactions are not entirely clear.

If a call option written by the Fund lapses (*i.e.*, terminates without being exercised), the amount of the premium it received for the option will be short-term capital gain. If the Fund enters into a closing purchase transaction with respect to a written call option, it will have a short-term capital gain or loss based on the difference between the premium it received for the option it wrote and the premium it pays for the option it buys. If such an option is exercised and the Fund thus sells the securities or futures contract subject to the option, the premium the Fund received will be added to the exercise price to determine the gain or loss on the sale. If a call option purchased by the Fund lapses, it will realize short-term or long-term capital loss, depending on its holding period for the security or futures contract subject thereto. If the Fund exercises a purchased call option, the premium it paid for the option will be added to the basis in the subject securities or futures contract.

If the Fund has an “appreciated financial position” -- generally, an interest (including an interest through an option, futures contract or short sale) with respect to any stock, debt instrument (other than “straight debt”) or partnership interest the fair market value of which exceeds its adjusted basis -- and enters into a “constructive sale” of the position, the Fund will be treated as having made an actual sale thereof, with the result that it will recognize gain at that time. A constructive sale generally consists of a short sale, an offsetting notional principal contract, or a futures contract entered into by the Fund or a related person with respect to the same or substantially identical property. In addition, if the appreciated financial position is itself a short sale or such a contract, acquisition of the underlying property or substantially identical property will be deemed a constructive sale. The foregoing will not apply, however, to any transaction during any taxable year that otherwise would be treated as a constructive sale if the transaction is closed within 30 days after the end of that year and the Fund holds the appreciated financial position unhedged for 60 days after that closing (*i.e.*, at no time during that 60-day period is the Fund’s risk of loss regarding that position reduced by reason of certain specified transactions with respect to substantially identical or related property, such as having an option to sell, being contractually obligated to sell, making a short sale, or granting an option to buy substantially identical stock or securities).

The foregoing is only a general summary of some of the important Federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Fund. No attempt is made to present a complete explanation of the Federal tax treatment of the Fund’s and their shareholder activities, and this discussion is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Accordingly, potential investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers for more

detailed information and for information regarding any state, local or foreign taxes applicable to the Fund and to distributions therefrom.

Capital Loss Carryovers. As of August 31, 2009, the accumulated capital loss carryovers were as follows:

<b>Capital Loss Expiring</b>	<b>8/31/2014</b>	<b>8/31/2015</b>	<b>8/31/2016</b>	<b>8/31/2017</b>	<b>Total</b>
HCM Freedom Fund	\$8,842,217	\$5,679,579	\$1,637,612	\$5,404,099	\$21,563,507

To the extent the Fund realizes future net capital gains, those gains will be offset by any unused capital loss carryover.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements for the Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2009, are herein incorporated by reference to the Fund's Annual Report to Shareholders dated August 31, 2009. To receive a copy of the Prospectus or Annual or Semi-Annual Reports to shareholders, without charge, write to or call the Trust at the address or telephone number listed above.

## Appendix A

### Description of Corporate Bond Ratings

#### A. Long-Term Ratings

##### 1. Moody's Investors Service – Long-Term Corporate Obligation Ratings

Moody's long-term obligation ratings are opinions of the relative credit risk of fixed-income obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. They address the possibility that a financial obligation will not be honored as promised. Such ratings use Moody's Global Scale and reflect both the likelihood of default and any financial loss suffered in the event of default.

**Aaa** Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk.

**Aa** Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

**A** Obligations rated A are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

**Baa** Obligations rated Baa are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered mediumgrade and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

**Ba** Obligations rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.

**B** Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

**Caa** Obligations rated Caa are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

**Ca** Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

**C** Obligations rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

**Note** Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

##### 2. Standard and Poor's – Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings (including Preferred Stock)

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on the following considerations:

- Likelihood of payment—capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- Nature of and provisions of the obligation;
- Protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Issue ratings are an assessment of default risk, but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or

ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

- AAA** An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.
- AA** An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.
- A** An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.
- BBB** An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- Note** Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.
- BB** An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- B** An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- CCC** An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- CC** An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.
- C** A 'C' rating is assigned to obligations that are currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, obligations that have payment arrearages allowed by the terms of the documents, or obligations of an issuer that is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or similar action which have not experienced a payment default. Among others, the 'C' rating may be assigned to subordinated debt, preferred stock or other obligations on which cash payments have been suspended in accordance with the instrument's terms.
- D** An obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.
- Note** Plus (+) or minus (-). The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

**NR** This indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that Standard & Poor's does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

### 3. **Fitch – International Long-Term Credit Ratings**

International Long-Term Credit Ratings (LTCR) may also be referred to as Long-Term Ratings. When assigned to most issuers, it is used as a benchmark measure of probability of default and is formally described as an Issuer Default Rating (IDR). The major exception is within Public Finance, where IDRs will not be assigned as market convention has always focused on timeliness and does not draw analytical distinctions between issuers and their underlying obligations. When applied to issues or securities, the LTCR may be higher or lower than the issuer rating (IDR) to reflect relative differences in recovery expectations.

The following rating scale applies to foreign currency and local currency ratings:

#### **Investment Grade**

**AAA** Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

**AA** Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

**A** High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to changes in circumstances or in economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

**BBB** Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that there are currently expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse changes in circumstances and economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity. This is the lowest investment grade category.

#### **Speculative Grade**

**BB** Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate that there is a possibility of credit risk developing, particularly as the result of adverse economic change over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met. Securities rated in this category are not investment grade.

**B** Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that significant credit risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is contingent upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

**CCC** Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic conditions.

**CC** Default of some kind appears probable.

**C** Default is imminent.

**RD** Indicates an entity that has failed to make due payments (within the applicable grace period) on some but not all material financial obligations, but continues to honor other classes of obligations.

**D** Indicates an entity or sovereign that has defaulted on all of its financial obligations. Default generally is

defined as one of the following:

- Failure of an obligor to make timely payment of principal and/or interest under the contractual terms of any financial obligation;
- The bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other winding-up or cessation of business of an obligor;
- The distressed or other coercive exchange of an obligation, where creditors were offered securities with diminished structural or economic terms compared with the existing obligation.

Default ratings are not assigned prospectively; within this context, non-payment on an instrument that contains a deferral feature or grace period will not be considered a default until after the expiration of the deferral or grace period.

Issuers will be rated 'D' upon a default. Defaulted and distressed obligations typically are rated along the continuum of 'C' to 'B' ratings categories, depending upon their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. Additionally, in structured finance transactions, where analysis indicates that an instrument is irrevocably impaired such that it is not expected to meet pay interest and/or principal in full in accordance with the terms of the obligation's documentation during the life of the transaction, but where no payment default in accordance with the terms of the documentation is imminent, the obligation may be rated in the 'B' or 'CCC-C' categories.

Default is determined by reference to the terms of the obligations' documentation. Fitch will assign default ratings where it has reasonably determined that payment has not been made on a material obligation in accordance with the requirements of the obligation's documentation, or where it believes that default ratings consistent with Fitch's published definition of default are the most appropriate ratings to assign.

**Note** The modifiers "+" or "-" may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the 'AAA' Long-term rating category, to categories below 'CCC', or to Short-term ratings other than 'F1'. (The +/- modifiers are only used to denote issues within the CCC category, whereas issuers are only rated CCC without the use of modifiers.)

## **B. Preferred Stock Ratings**

### **1. Moody's Investors Service**

**aaa** An issue which is rated "aaa" is considered to be a top-quality preferred stock. This rating indicates good asset protection and the least risk of dividend impairment within the universe of preferred stocks.

**aa** An issue which is rated "aa" is considered a high-grade preferred stock. This rating indicates that there is a reasonable assurance the earnings and asset protection will remain relatively well-maintained in the foreseeable future.

## **C. Short Term Ratings**

### **1. Moody's Investors Service**

Moody's short-term ratings are opinions of the ability of issuers to honor short-term financial obligations. Ratings may be assigned to issuers, short-term programs or to individual short-term debt instruments. Such obligations generally have an original maturity not exceeding thirteen months, unless explicitly noted.

Moody's employs the following designations to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

- P-1** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-2** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
- P-3** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.
- NP** Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.
- Note** Canadian issuers rated P-1 or P-2 have their short-term ratings enhanced by the senior-most long-term rating of the issuer, its guarantor or support-provider.

## 2. **Standard and Poor's**

- A-1** A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.
- A-2** A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.
- A-3** A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- B** A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. Ratings of 'B-1', 'B-2', and 'B-3' may be assigned to indicate finer distinctions within the 'B' category. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- B-1** A short-term obligation rated 'B-1' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, but the obligor has a relatively stronger capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.
- B-2** A short-term obligation rated 'B-2' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has an average speculative-grade capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.
- B-3** A short-term obligation rated 'B-3' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has a relatively weaker capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.
- C** A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.
- D** A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also

will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

**Note** Dual Ratings. Standard & Poor's assigns "dual" ratings to all debt issues that have a put option or demand feature as part of their structure. The first rating addresses the likelihood of repayment of principal and interest as due, and the second rating addresses only the demand feature. The long-term rating symbols are used for bonds to denote the long-term maturity and the short-term rating symbols for the put option (for example, 'AAA/A-1+'). With U.S. municipal short-term demand debt, note rating symbols are used with the short-term issue credit rating symbols (for example, 'SP-1+/A-1+').

### **3. Fitch**

The following ratings scale applies to foreign currency and local currency ratings. A Short-term rating has a time horizon of less than 13 months for most obligations, or up to three years for US public finance, in line with industry standards, to reflect unique risk characteristics of bond, tax, and revenue anticipation notes that are commonly issued with terms up to three years. Short-term ratings thus place greater emphasis on the liquidity necessary to meet financial commitments in a timely manner.

**F1** Highest credit quality. Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

**F2** Good credit quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

**F3** Fair credit quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate; however, near term adverse changes could result in a reduction to non investment grade.

**B** Speculative. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

**C** High default risk. Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon a sustained, favorable business and economic environment.

**D** Indicates an entity or sovereign that has defaulted on all of its financial obligations.

**Note** The modifiers "+" or "-" may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the 'AAA' Long-term rating category, to categories below 'CCC', or to Short-term ratings other than 'F1'. (The +/- modifiers are only used to denote issues within the CCC category, whereas issuers are only rated CCC without the use of modifiers.)

## APPENDIX B

### **Rafferty Asset Management, LLC** **Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures**

Recognizing the increased scrutiny that both institutions and corporations are under, it is important to have corporate governance that appreciates the importance of consistently applied policy guidelines that are aligned with investors' views on key issues. With this in mind we currently use ISS's proxy voting service to execute ballots on behalf of the Direxion Funds and the Direxion Insurance Trust (collectively, the "Trust"). ISS prepares custom research and votes per their recommendation. If we agree with their recommendation, no action is required. However, we retain the right and ability to override the vote if you disagree with ISS's vote recommendation.

#### **I. Duty to Vote Proxies**

Rafferty Asset Management, LLC ("Rafferty") views seriously its responsibility to exercise voting authority over securities that are owned by the Trust.

To document that proxies are being voted, ISS (on behalf of the Trust) will maintain a record reflecting when and how each proxy is voted consistent with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 and other applicable regulations. Rafferty will make its proxy voting history and policies and procedures available to shareholders upon request.

#### **II. Guidelines for Voting Proxies**

Rafferty generally follows the recommendations of ISS's proxy voting guidelines as outlined below. Proxy proposals are considered on their own merits and a determination is made as to support or oppose management's recommendation. Rafferty will typically accept ISS's recommendations on social issues as it does not have the means to evaluate the economic impact of such proposals, or determine a consensus among shareholders' social or political viewpoints.

#### **III. Review and Compliance**

It is Rafferty's responsibility to oversee ISS's proxy voting to ensure compliance and timely reporting to US Bank. Reports are verified monthly through ISS's Votex website. ISS provides US Bank with the NP-X file covering the period from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. US Bank files the NP-X with the SEC on the Trust's behalf. These records are maintained for five years and the previous two years proxy voting records can be accessed by contacting US Bank.

**Below is a summary outlining ISS's US Proxy Voting Guidelines.**

#### **1. Auditors**

##### **Ratifying Auditors**

Vote FOR proposals to ratify auditors, unless:

- An auditor has a financial interest in or association with the company, and is therefore not independent;
- There is reason to believe that the independent auditor has rendered an opinion which is neither accurate nor indicative of the company's financial position; or
- Fees for non-audit services are excessive.

## **2. Board of Directors**

### **Voting on Director Nominees in Uncontested Elections**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on director nominees, examining, but not limited to, the following factors:

- Composition of the board and key board committees;
- Attendance at board and committee meetings;
- Corporate governance provisions and takeover activity;
- Disclosures under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- Long-term company performance relative to a market and peer index;
- Extent of the director's investment in the company;
- Existence of related party transactions;
- Whether the chairman is also serving as CEO;
- Whether a retired CEO sits on the board;
- Number of outside boards at which a director serves.

WITHHOLD from individual directors who:

- Attend less than 75 percent of the board and committee meetings without a valid excuse (such as illness, service to the nation, work on behalf of the company);
- Sit on more than six public company boards;
- Are CEOs of public companies who sit on the boards of more than two public companies besides their own (withhold only at their outside boards).

WITHHOLD from the entire board (except for new nominees, who should be considered on a CASE-BY-CASE basis) if:

- The company's poison pill has a dead-hand or modified dead-hand feature. Withhold every year until this feature is removed;
- The board adopts or renews a poison pill without shareholder approval since the beginning of 2005, does not commit to putting it to shareholder vote within 12 months of adoption or reneges on a commitment to put the pill to a vote and has not yet been withheld from for this issue;
- The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received approval by a majority of the shares outstanding the previous year;
- The board failed to act on a shareholder proposal that received approval of the majority of shares cast for the previous two consecutive years;
- The board failed to act on takeover offers where the majority of the shareholders tendered their shares;
- At the previous board election, any director received more than 50 percent withhold votes of the shares cast and the company has failed to address the issue(s) that caused the high withhold rate;
- A Russell 3000 company underperformed its industry group (GICS group). The test will consist of the bottom performers within each industry group.

WITHHOLD from inside directors and affiliated outside directors when:

- The inside or affiliated outside director serves on any of the three key committees: audit, compensation, or nominating;
- The company lacks an audit, compensation, or nominating committee so that the full board functions as that committee;
- The full board is less than majority independent.

WITHHOLD from the members of the Audit Committee if:

- The non-audit fees paid to the auditor are excessive;

- A material weakness identified in the Section 404 disclosures rises to a level of serious concern; there are chronic internal control issues and an absence of established effective control mechanisms.

WITHHOLD from the members of the Compensation Committee if:

- There is a negative correlation between chief executive pay and company performance;
- The company fails to submit one-time transfers of stock options to a shareholder vote;
- The company fails to fulfill the terms of a burn rate commitment they made to shareholders;
- The company has poor compensation practices.

WITHHOLD from directors, individually or the entire board, for egregious actions or failure to replace management as appropriate.

### **Classification/Declassification of the Board**

Vote AGAINST proposals to classify the board. Vote FOR proposals to repeal classified boards and to elect all directors annually.

### **Independent Chair (Separate Chair/CEO)**

Generally vote FOR shareholder proposals requiring the position of chair be filled by an independent director unless there are compelling reasons to recommend against the proposal, such as a counterbalancing governance structure. This should include all of the following:

- Designated lead director, elected by and from the independent board members with clearly delineated and comprehensive duties. (The role may alternatively reside with a presiding director, vice chairman, or rotating lead director; however the director must serve a minimum of one year in order to qualify as a lead director.);
- Two-thirds independent board;
- All-independent key committees;
- Established governance guidelines;
- The company does not under-perform its peers.

### **Majority Vote Shareholder Proposals**

Generally vote FOR reasonably crafted shareholders proposals calling for directors to be elected with an affirmative majority of votes cast and/or the elimination of the plurality standard for electing directors (including binding resolutions requesting that the board amend the company's bylaws), provided the proposal includes a carve-out for a plurality voting standard when there are more director nominees than board seats (e.g., contested elections). Consider voting AGAINST the shareholder proposal if the company has adopted a formal corporate governance policy that present a meaningful alternative to the majority voting standard and provide an adequate response to both new nominees as well as incumbent nominees who fail to receive a majority of votes cast.

At a minimum, a company's policy should articulate the following elements to adequately address each director nominee who fails to receive an affirmative of majority of votes cast in an election:

- Established guidelines disclosed annually in the proxy statement concerning the process to follow for nominees who receive majority withhold votes;
- The policy needs to outline a clear and reasonable timetable for all decision-making regarding the nominee's status;
- The policy needs to specify that the process of determining the nominee's status will be managed by independent directors and must exclude the nominee in question;
- An outline of a range of remedies (for example, acceptance of the resignation, maintaining the director but curing the underlying causes of the withheld votes, etc.);

- The final decision on the nominee’s status should be promptly disclosed via an SEC filing. The policy needs to include the timeframe for disclosure and require a full explanation of how the decision was reached.

In addition, the company should articulate to shareholders why its policy is the best structure for demonstrating accountability to shareholders.

### **3. Proxy Contests**

#### **Voting for Director Nominees in Contested Elections**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the election of directors in contested elections, considering the following factors:

- Long-term financial performance of the target company relative to its industry;
- Management’s track record;
- Background to the proxy contest;
- Qualifications of director nominees (both slates);
- Strategic plan of dissident slate and quality of critique against management;
- Likelihood that the proposed goals and objectives can be achieved (both slates);
- Stock ownership positions.

#### **Reimbursing Proxy Solicitation Expenses**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to reimburse proxy solicitation expenses. When voting in conjunction with support of a dissident slate, vote FOR the reimbursement of all appropriate proxy solicitation expenses associated with the election.

### **4. Takeover Defenses**

#### **Poison Pills**

Vote FOR shareholder proposals requesting that the company submit its poison pill to a shareholder vote or redeem it UNLESS the company has: (1) A shareholder approved poison pill in place; or (2) The company has adopted a policy concerning the adoption of a pill in the future specifying that the board will only adopt a shareholder rights plan if either:

- Shareholders have approved the adoption of the plan; or
- The board, in its exercise of its fiduciary responsibilities, determines that it is in the best interest of shareholders under the circumstances to adopt a pill without the delay in adoption that would result from seeking stockholder approval (i.e. the “fiduciary out” provision). A poison pill adopted under this fiduciary out will be put to a shareholder ratification vote within twelve months of adoption or expire. If the pill is not approved by a majority of the votes cast on this issue, the plan will immediately terminate.

Vote FOR shareholder proposals calling for poison pills to be put to a vote within a time period of less than one year after adoption. If the company has no non-shareholder approved poison pill in place and has adopted a policy with the provisions outlined above, vote AGAINST the proposal. If these conditions are not met, vote FOR the proposal, but with the caveat that a vote within twelve months would be considered sufficient.

Vote CASE-by-CASE on management proposals on poison pill ratification, focusing on the features of the shareholder rights plan. Rights plans should contain the following attributes:

- No lower than a 20 percent trigger, flip-in or flip-over;
- A term of no more than three years;
- No dead-hand, slow-hand, no-hand or similar feature that limits the ability of a future board to redeem the pill;

- Shareholder redemption feature (qualifying offer clause); if the board refuses to redeem the pill 90 days after a qualifying offer is announced, ten percent of the shares may call a special meeting or seek a written consent to vote on rescinding the pill.

### **Supermajority Vote Requirements**

Vote AGAINST proposals to require a supermajority shareholder vote. Vote FOR proposals to lower supermajority vote requirements.

## **5. Mergers and Corporate Restructurings**

For mergers and acquisitions, evaluate the proposed transaction based on these factors:

- Valuation - Is the value to be received by the target shareholders (or paid by the acquirer) reasonable?
- Market reaction - How has the market responded to the proposed deal?
- Strategic rationale - Does the deal make sense strategically? Cost and revenue synergies should not be overly aggressive or optimistic, but reasonably achievable.
- Negotiations and process - Were the terms of the transaction negotiated at arm's length? Was the process fair and equitable?
- Conflicts of interest - Are insiders benefiting from the transaction disproportionately and inappropriately as compared to non-insider shareholders? As the result of potential conflicts, the directors and officers of the company may be more likely to vote to approve a merger than if they did not hold these interests.
- Governance - Will the combined company have a better or worse governance profile than the parties to the transaction?

## **6. State of Incorporation**

### **Reincorporation Proposals**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to change a company's state of incorporation, taking into consideration both financial and corporate governance concerns, including the reasons for reincorporating, a comparison of the governance provisions, comparative economic benefits, and a comparison of the jurisdictional laws. Vote FOR reincorporation when the economic factors outweigh any neutral or negative governance changes.

## **7. Capital Structure**

### **Common Stock Authorization**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to increase the number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance using a model developed by ISS. Vote FOR proposals to approve increases beyond the allowable increase when a company's shares are in danger of being de-listed or if a company's ability to continue to operate as a going concern is uncertain. In addition, for capital requests less than or equal to 300 percent of the current authorized shares that marginally fail the calculated allowable cap (i.e., exceed the allowable cap by no more than 5 percent), on a CASE-BY-CASE basis, vote FOR the increase based on the company's performance and whether the company's ongoing use of shares has shown prudence.

### **Issue Stock for Use with Rights Plan**

Vote AGAINST proposals that increase authorized common stock for the explicit purpose of implementing a non-shareholder approved shareholder rights plan (poison pill).

### **Preferred Stock**

Vote AGAINST proposals authorizing the creation of new classes of preferred stock with unspecified voting, conversion, dividend distribution, and other rights ("blank check" preferred stock). Vote AGAINST proposals to increase the number of blank check preferred stock authorized for issuance when no shares have been issued or reserved for a specific purpose.

Vote FOR proposals to create "de-clawed" blank check preferred stock (stock that cannot be used as a takeover defense). Vote FOR proposals to authorize preferred stock in cases where the company specifies the voting, dividend, conversion, and other rights of such stock and the terms of the preferred stock appear reasonable. Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to increase the number of blank check preferred shares after analyzing the number of preferred shares available for issue given a company's industry and performance in terms of shareholder returns.

## **8. Executive and Director Compensation**

### **Equity Compensation Plans**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on equity-based compensation plans. Vote AGAINST the plan if:

- The total cost of the company's equity plans is unreasonable;
- The plan expressly permits the repricing of stock options without prior shareholder approval;
- There is a disconnect between CEO pay and the company's performance;
- The company's three year burn rate exceeds the greater of 2 percent and the mean plus 1 standard deviation of its industry group; or
- The plan is a vehicle for poor pay practices.

### **Director Compensation**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on compensation plans for non-employee directors, based on the cost of the plans against the company's allowable cap. Vote for the plan if ALL of the following qualitative factors in the board's compensation plan are met and disclosed in the proxy statement:

- Stock ownership guidelines with a minimum of three times the annual cash retainer.
- Vesting schedule or mandatory holding/deferral period:
  - A minimum vesting of three years for stock options or restricted stock; or
  - Deferred stock payable at the end of a three-year deferral period.
- A balanced mix between cash and equity. If the mix is heavier on equity, the vesting schedule or deferral period should be more stringent, with the lesser of five years or the term of directorship.
- No retirement/benefits and perquisites for non-employee directors; and
- A table with a detailed disclosure of the cash and equity compensation for each non-employee director for the most recent fiscal year.

### **Disclosure of CEO Compensation-Tally Sheet**

Companies should provide better and more transparent disclosure related to CEO pay. Consider withhold votes in the future from the compensation committee and voting against equity plans if compensation disclosure is not improved and a tally sheet is not provided.

### **Employee Stock Purchase Plans--Qualified Plans**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on qualified employee stock purchase plans. Vote FOR plans if:

- Purchase price is at least 85 percent of fair market value;
- Offering period is 27 months or less; and
- The number of shares allocated to the plan is ten percent or less of the outstanding shares.

### **Employee Stock Purchase Plans--Non-Qualified Plans**

Vote CASE-by-CASE on nonqualified employee stock purchase plans. Vote FOR plans with:

- Broad-based participation (i.e., all employees with the exclusion of individuals with 5 percent or more of beneficial ownership of the company);

- Limits on employee contribution (a fixed dollar amount or a percentage of base salary);
- Company matching contribution up to 25 percent of employee's contribution, which is effectively a discount of 20 percent from market value;
- No discount on the stock price on the date of purchase since there is a company matching contribution.

### **Option Exchange Programs/Re-pricing Options**

Vote CASE-by-CASE on management proposals seeking approval to exchange/reprice options, taking into consideration historic trading patterns, rationale for the re-pricing, value-for-value exchange treatment of surrendered options, option vesting, term of the option, exercise price and participation. Vote FOR shareholder proposals to put option re-pricing to a shareholder vote.

### **Severance Agreements for Executives/Golden Parachutes**

Vote FOR shareholder proposals to require golden parachutes or executive severance agreements to be submitted for shareholder ratification, unless the proposal requires shareholder approval prior to entering into employment contracts. Vote on a CASE-BY-CASE basis on proposals to ratify or cancel golden parachutes. An acceptable parachute should include:

- A trigger beyond the control of management;
- The amount should not exceed three times base amount (defined as the average annual taxable W-2 compensation during the five years prior to the year in which the change of control occurs);
- Change-in-control payments should be double-triggered, i.e., (1) after a change in the company's ownership structure has taken place, and (2) termination of the executive as a result of the change in control.

## **9. Corporate Responsibility**

### **Animal Rights**

Generally vote AGAINST proposals to phase out the use of animals in product testing unless:

- The company is conducting animal testing programs that are unnecessary or not required by regulation;
- The company is conducting animal testing when suitable alternatives are accepted and used at peer firms;
- The company has been the subject of recent, significant controversy related to its testing programs.

Generally vote FOR proposals seeking a report on the company's animal welfare standards.

### **Drug Pricing and Re-importation**

Generally vote AGAINST proposals requesting that companies implement specific price restraints on pharmaceutical products unless the company fails to adhere to legislative guidelines or industry norms in its product pricing. Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals requesting that the company evaluate their product pricing considering:

- The existing level of disclosure on pricing policies;
- Deviation from established industry pricing norms;
- The company's existing initiatives to provide its products to needy consumers;
- Whether the proposal focuses on specific products or geographic regions.

Generally vote FOR proposals requesting that companies report on the financial and legal impact of their policies regarding prescription drug re-importation unless such information is already publicly disclosed. Generally vote AGAINST proposals requesting that companies adopt specific policies to encourage or constrain prescription drug re-importation.

### **Genetically Modified Foods**

Vote AGAINST proposals asking companies to voluntarily label genetically engineered (GE) ingredients in their products or alternatively to provide interim labeling and eventually eliminate GE ingredients due to the costs and feasibility of labeling and/or phasing out the use of GE ingredients.

### **Tobacco**

Most tobacco-related proposals (such as on second-hand smoke, advertising to youth and spin-offs of tobacco-related business) should be evaluated on a CASE-BY-CASE basis.

### **Toxic Chemicals**

Generally vote FOR resolutions requesting that a company disclose its policies related to toxic chemicals. Vote CASE-BY-CASE on resolutions requesting that companies evaluate and disclose the potential financial and legal risks associated with utilizing certain chemicals.

Generally vote AGAINST resolutions requiring that a company reformulate its products within a certain timeframe unless such actions are required by law in specific markets.

### **Arctic National Wildlife Refuge**

Generally vote AGAINST request for reports outlining potential environmental damage from drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) unless:

- New legislation is adopted allowing development and drilling in the ANWR region;
- The company intends to pursue operations in the ANWR; and
- The company has not disclosed an environmental risk report for its ANWR operations.

### **Concentrated Area Feeding Operations (CAFOs)**

Vote FOR resolutions requesting that companies report to shareholders on the risks and liabilities associated with CAFOs unless:

- The company has publicly disclosed guidelines for its corporate and contract farming operations, including compliance monitoring; or
- The company does not directly source from CAFOs.

### **Global Warming and Kyoto Protocol Compliance**

Generally vote FOR proposals requesting a report on greenhouse gas emissions from company operations and/or products unless this information is already publicly disclosed or such factors are not integral to the company's line of business. Generally vote AGAINST proposals that call for reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by specified amounts or within a restrictive time frame unless the company lags industry standards and has been the subject of recent, significant fines or litigation resulting from greenhouse gas emissions.

Generally vote FOR resolutions requesting that companies outline their preparations to comply with standards established by Kyoto Protocol signatory markets unless:

- The company does not maintain operations in Kyoto signatory markets;
- The company already evaluates and substantially discloses such information; or,
- Greenhouse gas emissions do not significantly impact the company's core businesses.

### **Political Contributions**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to improve the disclosure of a company's political contributions considering: any recent significant controversy or litigation related to the company's political contributions or governmental affairs; and the public availability of a policy on political contributions. Vote AGAINST proposals barring the company from making political contributions.

### **Link Executive Compensation to Social Performance**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to review ways of linking executive compensation to social factors, such as corporate downsizings, customer or employee satisfaction, community involvement, human rights, environmental performance, predatory lending, and executive/employee pay disparities.

### **Outsourcing/Offshoring**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals calling for companies to report on the risks associated with outsourcing, considering: the risks associated with certain international markets; the utility of such a report; and the existence of a publicly available code of corporate conduct that applies to international operations.

### **Human Rights Reports**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on requests for reports detailing the company's operations in a particular country and on proposals to implement certain human rights standards at company facilities or those of its suppliers and to commit to outside, independent monitoring.

## **10. Mutual Fund Proxies**

### **Election of Directors**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on the election of directors and trustees, following the same guidelines for uncontested directors for public company shareholder meetings. However, mutual fund boards do not usually have compensation committees, so do not withhold for the lack of this committee.

### **Converting Closed-end Fund to Open-end Fund**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on conversion proposals, considering the following factors:

- Past performance as a closed-end fund;
- Market in which the fund invests;
- Measures taken by the board to address the discount; and
- Past shareholder activism, board activity, and votes on related proposals.

### **Establish Director Ownership Requirement**

Generally vote AGAINST shareholder proposals that mandate a specific minimum amount of stock that directors must own in order to qualify as a director or to remain on the board.

### **Reimburse Shareholder for Expenses Incurred**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on shareholder proposals to reimburse proxy solicitation expenses. When supporting the dissidents, vote FOR the reimbursement of the solicitation expenses.

### **Terminate the Investment Advisor**

Vote CASE-BY-CASE on proposals to terminate the investment advisor, considering the following factors:

- Performance of the fund's net asset value;
- The fund's history of shareholder relations;
- The performance of other funds under the advisor's management.