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UNDER THE
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VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME
CORPORATE BOND FUND

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Agreement and Declaration of Trust)

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The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with section 8(a) of the securities act of 1933 or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said section 8(a), may determine.

Title of securities being registered: common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share. The Registrant has registered an indefinite number of its common shares of beneficial interest based on Section 24(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and is in a continuous offering of such shares under an effective registration statement (File Nos. 002-62115 and 811-02851). No filing fee is due herewith because of reliance on Section 24(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement is organized as follows:

- Questions and Answers to Shareholders of Van Kampen High Yield Fund
- Notice of Special Meeting of Shareholders of Van Kampen High Yield Fund
- Prospectus/Proxy Statement regarding the proposed Reorganization of Van Kampen High Yield Fund into Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund
- Prospectus of Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund
- Statement of Additional Information regarding the proposed Reorganization of Van Kampen High Yield Fund into Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund
- Part C Information
- Exhibits

-- SEPTEMBER 2004 --

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND
SHAREHOLDERS

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

We recommend that you read the complete Prospectus/Proxy Statement. For your convenience, we have provided a brief overview of the issue to be voted on.

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WHY IS A SHAREHOLDER MEETING BEING HELD?

A You are being asked to approve a reorganization (the "Reorganization") of Van Kampen High Yield Fund (the "Target Fund") into Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund (the "Acquiring Fund"), a fund that pursues similar investment objectives and investment strategies. If the proposed Reorganization is approved and completed, an account will be set up in your name and you will become a shareholder of the Acquiring Fund, and the Target Fund will be dissolved. Please refer to the Prospectus/Proxy Statement for a detailed explanation of the proposed Reorganization and for a more complete description of the Acquiring Fund.

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HOW DOES THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUGGEST THAT I VOTE?

A After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees of the Target Fund (the "Board") has determined that the proposed Reorganization will benefit the Target Fund's shareholders and recommends that you cast your vote "FOR" the proposed Reorganization. The Board anticipates that shareholders of the Target Fund will benefit from (i) certain economies of scale from the Acquiring Fund's larger net asset size and the potentially lower operating expenses associated therewith and (ii) the elimination of the duplication of services and expenses that currently exists as a result of the separate operations of the funds.

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HOW WILL THE REORGANIZATION AFFECT ME?

A Assuming shareholders of the Target Fund approve the proposed Reorganization, the assets and liabilities of the Target Fund will be combined with those of the Acquiring Fund, an account will be set up in your name and you will receive shares of the Acquiring Fund. The value of the shares you receive in the Reorganization will equal the value of the shares you own immediately prior to the Reorganization, less the expenses of the Reorganization.

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WILL I HAVE TO PAY ANY SALES LOAD, COMMISSION OR OTHER SIMILAR FEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE REORGANIZATION?

A You will pay no sales loads or commissions in connection with the Reorganization. As more fully discussed in the combined Prospectus/Proxy Statement, the holding period with respect to any contingent deferred sales charge applicable to shares of the Acquiring Fund acquired in the Reorganization will be measured from the earlier of the time (i) the holder purchased such shares from the Target Fund or (ii) the holder purchased shares of any other Van Kampen fund and subsequently exchanged them for shares of the Target Fund.

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HOW DO OPERATING EXPENSES PAID BY THE ACQUIRING FUND COMPARE TO THOSE PAYABLE BY THE TARGET FUND?

A Management of the funds anticipates that, as a result of the Reorganization, shareholders of the Target

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Fund would be subject to lower total operating expenses as a percentage of net assets.

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WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN THE ACQUIRING FUND? WHAT HAPPENS TO MY ACCOUNT IF THE REORGANIZATION IS APPROVED?

A If the Reorganization is approved, an account will be set up in your name and your interest in shares of the Target Fund automatically will be converted into shares of the Acquiring Fund, and we will send you written confirmation that this change has taken place. You will receive the same class of shares of the Acquiring Fund equal in value to your class of shares of the Target Fund less the expenses of the Reorganization. Holders of Class A Shares of the Target Fund will receive Class A Shares of the Acquiring Fund; holders of Class B Shares of the Target Fund will receive Class B Shares of the Acquiring Fund; and holders of Class C Shares of the Target Fund will receive Class C Shares of the Acquiring Fund. No certificates for Acquiring Fund shares will be issued in connection with the Reorganization, although such certificates will be available upon request. If you currently hold certificates representing your shares of the Target Fund, it is not necessary to return such certificates; however, shareholders may want to present such certificates to receive certificates of the Acquiring Fund (to simplify substantiation of and to preserve the tax basis of separate lots of shares).

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WILL I HAVE TO PAY ANY FEDERAL TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE REORGANIZATION?

A The Reorganization is intended to qualify as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If the Reorganization so qualifies, in general, a shareholder of the Target Fund will recognize no gain or loss upon the receipt solely of the shares of the Acquiring Fund in connection with the Reorganization. Additionally, the Target Fund would not recognize any gain or loss as a result of the transfer of all of its assets and liabilities solely in exchange for the shares of the Acquiring Fund or as a result of its liquidation.

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WHAT IF I REDEEM OR EXCHANGE MY SHARES OF THE TARGET FUND BEFORE THE REORGANIZATION TAKES PLACE?

A If you choose to redeem or exchange your shares of the Target Fund before the Reorganization takes place, the redemption or exchange

will be treated as a normal redemption or exchange of shares and generally will be a taxable transaction, and any applicable contingent deferred sales charges will be applied.

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HOW DO I VOTE MY PROXY?

A You may cast your vote by mail, phone or internet. To vote by mail, please mark your vote on the enclosed proxy card and sign, date and return the card in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you choose to vote via phone or internet, please follow the instructions found on the proxy card.

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WHOM DO I CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

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A You can contact your financial adviser for further information. You may also call Van Kampen's Client Relations Department at 1-800-231-2808 (Telecommunication Device for the Deaf users may call 1-800-421-2833) or visit our website at www.vankampen.com where you can send us an e-mail message by selecting "Contact Us."

ABOUT THE PROXY CARD

Please vote on the proposed Reorganization using blue or black ink to mark an X in one of the boxes provided on the proxy card.

APPROVAL OF REORGANIZATION- mark "For," "Against" or "Abstain"

Sign, date and return the proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. All registered owners of an account, as shown in the address, must sign the card. When signing as attorney, trustee, executor, administrator, custodian, guardian or corporate officer, please indicate your full title.

PROXY

VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND

SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

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FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

1. The proposal to approve the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization. [] [] []

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VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND

1221 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2004

A special meeting of shareholders of Van Kampen High Yield Fund, a series of Van Kampen Trust, will be held at the offices of Van Kampen Investments Inc., 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555, on November 17, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. (the "Special Meeting"), for the following purposes:

1. To approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization pursuant to which Van Kampen High Yield Fund would (i) transfer all of its assets and liabilities to Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund in exchange solely for Class A, B and C Shares of Van Kampen High Income Corporate

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Bond Fund, (ii) distribute such shares to its shareholders and (iii) be dissolved.

2. To transact such other business as may properly be presented at the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Shareholders of record as of the close of business on August 25, 2004 are entitled to vote at the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND REQUESTS THAT YOU VOTE YOUR SHARES BY INDICATING YOUR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD, DATING AND SIGNING SUCH PROXY CARD AND RETURNING IT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, WHICH IS ADDRESSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND NEEDS NO POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND RECOMMENDS THAT YOU CAST YOUR VOTE:

FOR THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT.

IN ORDER TO AVOID THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF FURTHER SOLICITATION, WE ASK THAT YOU MAIL YOUR PROXY PROMPTLY.

For the Board of Trustees,

Stefanie Chang Yu

Vice President and Secretary

September 1, 2004

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.
PLEASE VOTE PROMPTLY BY SIGNING AND RETURNING THE
ENCLOSED PROXY CARD NO MATTER HOW MANY SHARES YOU OWN.

PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT
RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF

VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND

BY AND IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARES OF
VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND
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This Prospectus/Proxy Statement is furnished to you as a shareholder of Van Kampen High Yield Fund (the "Target Fund"), a series of Van Kampen Trust. A special meeting of shareholders of the Target Fund (the "Special Meeting") will be held at the offices of Van Kampen Investments Inc., 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555 on November 17, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. to consider the items that are listed below and discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this Prospectus/Proxy Statement. If shareholders are unable to attend the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Trustees of

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the Target Fund requests that they vote their shares by completing and returning the enclosed proxy card.

The purposes of the Special Meeting are:

1. To approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Reorganization Agreement") pursuant to which the Target Fund would (i) transfer all of its assets and liabilities to Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund, the sole series of a trust of the same name, (the "Acquiring Fund") in exchange solely for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund, (ii) distribute such shares to its shareholders and (iii) be dissolved; and
2. To transact such other business as may properly be presented at the Special Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Trustees of the Target Fund has approved a reorganization (the "Reorganization") by which the Target Fund, an open-end investment company, would be reorganized into the Acquiring Fund, an open-end investment company with investment objectives and investment policies and practices similar to those of the Target Fund and with the same portfolio management personnel as the Target Fund. The Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund are sometimes referred to herein each as a "Fund" and collectively as the "Funds."

If Target Fund shareholders approve the Reorganization, the Target Fund will transfer all of its assets and liabilities to the Acquiring Fund. The Acquiring Fund will simultaneously issue Class A, B and C Shares to the Target Fund in an amount equal to the value of the outstanding Class A, B and C Shares of the Target Fund, less the expenses of the Reorganization. Immediately thereafter, the Target Fund

will distribute these Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund to its shareholders. After distributing these shares, the Target Fund will be dissolved. When the Reorganization is complete, Target Fund shareholders will hold Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund. The value of the Acquiring Fund shares received in the Reorganization will equal the value of the Target Fund shares held immediately prior to the Reorganization, less the expenses of the Reorganization. After the Reorganization, the Acquiring Fund will continue to operate as a registered open-end investment company with the investment objectives and investment policies and practices described in this Prospectus/Proxy Statement. It is anticipated that, concurrent with the completion of the Reorganization, the Acquiring Fund will be renamed the "Van Kampen High Yield Fund."

This Prospectus/Proxy Statement sets forth concisely the information shareholders of the Target Fund should know before voting on the Reorganization and constitutes an offering of Class A, B and C Shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Acquiring Fund only. Please read it carefully and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information dated September 1, 2004 relating to this Prospectus/Proxy Statement (the "Reorganization SAI") has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is incorporated herein by reference. The Funds are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and in accordance therewith file reports and other information with the SEC. A Prospectus (the "Acquiring Fund Prospectus") and Statement of Additional Information containing additional information about the Acquiring Fund, each dated December 30, 2003 (and as currently supplemented), have been filed with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Acquiring Fund Prospectus accompanies this Prospectus/Proxy Statement. A Prospectus (the

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"Target Fund Prospectus") and Statement of Additional Information containing additional information about the Target Fund, each dated July 31, 2004 have been filed with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference. Copies of the foregoing may be obtained without charge by calling or writing the Target Fund or the Acquiring Fund at the telephone number or address shown above. If you wish to request the Reorganization SAI, please ask for the "Reorganization SAI." In addition, each Fund will furnish, without charge, a copy of its most recent annual report and semi-annual report to a shareholder upon request. Copies of each Fund's most recent prospectus, statement of additional information, annual report and semiannual report can also be obtained on a website maintained by Van Kampen Investments Inc. at www.vankampen.com. Requests for documents can also be directed to the Van Kampen Client Relations Department by calling 1-800-231-2808 (TDD users may call 1-800-421-2833) or by writing to the respective Fund at 1 Parkview Plaza, P.O. Box 5555, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555. Reports, other information and proxy statements filed

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by the Funds with the SEC can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 or downloaded from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment at the prescribed rates of a duplicating fee, by electronic request to the SEC's e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference Branch, Office of Consumer Affairs, SEC, Washington, DC, 20549-0102.

The Board of Trustees of the Target Fund knows of no business other than that discussed above that will be presented for consideration at the Special Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote in accordance with their best judgment.

No person has been authorized to give any information or make any representation not contained in this Prospectus/Proxy Statement and, if so given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Prospectus/Proxy Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to whom, it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE REGULATOR HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SHARES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT. A REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus/Proxy Statement is September 1, 2004.

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SUMMARY

The following is a summary of certain information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus/Proxy Statement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more complete information contained herein. Shareholders should read the entire Prospectus/Proxy Statement carefully.

THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

The Board of Trustees of the Target Fund (the "Target Fund Board"), including the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Target Fund (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")), has unanimously approved the Reorganization Agreement. Subject to shareholder approval, the Reorganization Agreement provides for:

- the transfer of all the assets and liabilities of the Target Fund to the Acquiring Fund in exchange for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund;
- the distribution of such shares to Target Fund shareholders; and
- the dissolution of the Target Fund.

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If the proposed Reorganization is completed, Target Fund shareholders would hold shares of the Acquiring Fund with an aggregate value equal to the aggregate value of Target Fund shares owned immediately prior to the Reorganization, less expenses of the Reorganization borne by the Target Fund.

BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

The Reorganization seeks to combine two substantially similar funds to achieve certain economies of scale and other operational efficiencies. Van Kampen Asset Management (the "Adviser"), the investment adviser to each Fund, proposed the Reorganization and the Target Fund Board approved the proposed Reorganization, based in part upon the similarities of the investment objectives, investment policies and practices and the portfolio management personnel of the Funds. The proposed Reorganization would combine the assets of these similar funds by reorganizing the Target Fund into the Acquiring Fund. The Target Fund Board, based upon its evaluation of all relevant information, anticipates that the Reorganization would benefit Target Fund shareholders by (i) achieving certain economies of scale from the Acquiring Fund's larger net asset size and the potentially lower operating expenses associated therewith, (ii) eliminating the duplication of services and expenses that currently exists as a result of the separate operations of the Funds and (iii) obtaining potentially lower portfolio transaction costs. The Target Fund Board has determined that the Reorganization is in the best interests of shareholders of each class of the Target Fund and that the interests of such shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. Similarly, the Board of Trustees of the

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Acquiring Fund has determined that the Reorganization is in the best interests of shareholders of each class of the Acquiring Fund and that the interests of such shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. As a result of the Reorganization, however, a shareholder of either Fund will hold a reduced percentage of ownership in the larger combined fund than he or she did in either of the separate Funds.

The primary investment objective of the Target Fund is to seek to provide a high level of current income. As a secondary investment objective, the Target Fund seeks capital appreciation. The primary investment objective of the Acquiring Fund is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective of the Acquiring Fund which is sought only when consistent with the Acquiring Fund's primary investment objective. The Funds' investment objectives are similar, although not identical.

The Funds seek to achieve their investment objectives by pursuing similar investment strategies. Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Target Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of lower-grade domestic corporate debt securities. The Target Fund buys and sells securities with a view to seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term. Under normal market conditions, the Acquiring Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Acquiring Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, such as convertible securities and preferred stock. The Acquiring Fund buys and sells medium- and lower-grade securities with a view towards seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term. Both the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund may invest up to 35% of each of their total assets in securities issued by foreign governments or foreign corporations and both invest in a broad range of income securities represented by various companies and industries and traded on various markets. The Funds' other investment policies, practices and restrictions are substantially similar, and the Funds are managed by the same portfolio management personnel. The Target Fund is a series of Van

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Kampen Trust, a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Acquiring Fund is the only series of a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

In determining whether to recommend approval of the proposed Reorganization to shareholders of the Target Fund, the Target Fund Board considered a number of factors, including, but not limited to: (i) Van Kampen Asset Management and the same portfolio management team currently manage the assets of each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (ii) the expenses and advisory fees applicable to the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund before the Reorganization and the estimated expense ratios of the combined fund after the Reorganization; (iii) the comparative investment performance of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (iv) the

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effective duration, average yield to maturity and average credit quality of the portfolios of each the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (v) the future growth and performance prospects of the Target Fund; (vi) the terms and conditions of the Reorganization Agreement and whether the proposed Reorganization would result in dilution of Target Fund shareholder interests; (vii) the advantages of eliminating duplication of effort in marketing Funds having similar investment objectives, investment policies and practices, and portfolio management personnel in addition to the economies of scale potentially realized through the combination of the two Funds; (viii) the compatibility of the Funds' investment objectives, policies, risks and restrictions; (ix) the compatibility of the Funds' service features available to shareholders, including the retention of applicable holding periods and exchange privileges; (x) the costs estimated to be incurred by the Target Fund as a result of the Reorganization; and (xi) the anticipated tax consequences of the Reorganization.

The Target Fund Board requests that shareholders of the Target Fund approve the proposed Reorganization at the Special Meeting to be held on November 17, 2004. If shareholders of the Target Fund approve the Reorganization, it is expected that the closing date of the transaction (the "Closing Date") will be after the close of business on or about December 3, 2004, but it may be at a different time as described herein.

The Target Fund Board recommends that you vote "FOR" the proposed Reorganization.

COMPARISON OF THE TARGET FUND AND THE ACQUIRING FUND

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES. The Target Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to provide a high level of current income. As a secondary objective the Target Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Acquiring Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective of the Acquiring Fund which is sought only when consistent with the Acquiring Fund's primary investment objective. The Target Fund's investment objectives are fundamental policies that may not be changed without shareholder approval of a majority of such Fund's outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act. The Acquiring Fund's investment objectives may be changed by its Board without shareholder approval, but no change is anticipated. If the Acquiring Fund's investment objectives change, the Acquiring Fund will notify shareholders and shareholders should consider whether the Acquiring Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of their then current financial position and needs. There are risks inherent in all investments in securities; accordingly, there can be no assurance that either Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES. Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of lower- grade domestic corporate debt securities. The Target Fund also may invest up to 35% of its total assets in debt securities of similar quality issued by foreign governments and foreign corporations. Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund invests primarily in securities rated at the time of purchase BB or lower by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or rated Ba or lower by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or comparably rated short-term securities and unrated securities determined by its investment adviser to be of comparable quality at the time of purchase. Under normal market conditions, the Target Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities regarded as below investment grade at the time of investment. The Target Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence may be changed by its Board of Trustees, but no change is anticipated; if the Target Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence changes, the Target Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days prior to implementation of the change and shareholders should consider whether the Target Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of the changes. The Fund may invest in preferred stocks, convertible securities, zero coupon securities and payment-in-kind securities.

The Fund also may invest up to 5% of its assets in warrants and common stocks. Further, the Target Fund may purchase and sell derivative instruments such as options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, and interest rate swaps or other interest-rate related transactions. The Target Fund invests in a broad range of debt securities represented by various companies and industries and traded on various markets. The Target Fund buys and sells securities with a view to seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term.

Under normal market conditions, the Acquiring Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Acquiring Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, including convertible securities and preferred stock. The Acquiring Fund may invest up to 35% of its total assets in securities issued by foreign governments and foreign corporations. Under normal market conditions, the Acquiring Fund invests primarily in medium- and lower-grade income securities, which includes securities rated at the time of purchase BBB or lower by S&P or rated Baa or lower by Moody's and unrated securities determined by the Fund's investment adviser to be of comparable quality at the time of purchase. Under normal market conditions, the Acquiring Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in high yield, high risk corporate bonds at the time of investment. The Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees, but no change is anticipated; if the Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence changes, the Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days prior to implementation of the change and shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an

appropriate investment in light of the changes. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in corporate bonds and other income securities with maturities greater than one year and, while the Fund has no policy limiting the maturities of the debt securities in which it may invest, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to moderate risk by normally maintaining a portfolio duration of two to six years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt security that was developed as a more precise alternative to the

concept of "term to maturity." Duration incorporates a debt security's yield, coupon interest payments, final maturity and call features into one measurement. A duration calculation looks at the present value of a security's entire payment stream, whereas term to maturity is based solely on the date of a security's final principal repayment. The Acquiring Fund may invest in securities rated below B by both Moody's and S&P, common stocks or other equity securities and income securities on which interest or dividends are not being paid when such investments are consistent with the Acquiring Fund's investment objectives or are acquired as part of a unit consisting of a combination of income or equity securities. Equity securities as referred to herein do not include preferred stocks (which the Acquiring Fund considers income securities). The Acquiring Fund will not purchase any such securities which will cause more than 20% of its total assets to be so invested or which would cause more than 10% of its total assets to be invested in common stocks, warrants and options on equity securities at the time of investment. The Fund may purchase and sell certain derivative instruments, such as options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts. The Acquiring Fund buys and sells medium- and lower-grade securities with a view towards seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term. The Acquiring Fund invests in a broad range of income securities represented by various companies and industries and traded on various markets.

OTHER INVESTMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES AND RESTRICTIONS. Each Fund may engage in repurchase agreements and each Fund may invest up to 15% of each of their net assets in illiquid securities and certain restricted securities. The Target Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount up to 25% of its net assets, and the Acquiring Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount up to 10% of its total assets, to broker-dealers, banks or other institutional borrowers of securities.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

Because of the Funds' substantial similarity, the Funds are subject to similar principal investment risks (which are described in more detail below). As the Target Fund invests primarily in lower-grade securities and the Acquiring Fund invests primarily in medium- and lower-grade securities, each is subject to special risk considerations applicable thereto. Securities that are in the medium- or lower-grade categories generally offer higher yields than are offered by higher-grade securities of similar maturities, but they also generally involve greater risks, such as

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greater credit risk, greater market risk and volatility, greater liquidity concerns and potentially greater manager risk. In addition, the Funds are each subject to foreign securities risks, risks of using derivative instruments and manager risk.

RISKS OF INVESTING IN MEDIUM- AND LOWER-GRADE SECURITIES. Medium- and lower-grade securities are considered more susceptible to nonpayment of interest and principal or default than higher-grade securities. Increases in interest rates or changes in the economy may significantly affect the ability of issuers of medium- or lower-grade income securities to pay interest and to repay principal, to meet projected financial goals or to obtain additional financing. In the event that an issuer of securities held by the Funds experiences difficulties in the timely payment of principal and interest and such issuer seeks to restructure the terms of its borrowings, the Funds may incur additional expenses and may determine to invest additional assets with respect to such issuer or the project or projects to which the Funds' securities relate. Further, the Funds may incur additional expenses to the extent that they are required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of interest or the repayment of principal on each of their portfolio holdings, and the Funds may be

unable to obtain full recovery on such amounts.

Market risk relates to changes in market value of a security that occur as a result of variation in the level of prevailing interest rates and yield relationships in the income securities market and as a result of real or perceived changes in credit risk. The value of the Funds' investments can be expected to fluctuate over time. When interest rates decline, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed income securities generally can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed income securities generally can be expected to decline. Income securities with longer maturities, which may have higher yields, may increase or decrease in value more than income securities with shorter maturities. While neither Fund has limitations on the maturities of the debt securities in which it may invest, the Acquiring Fund does seek to moderate risk by normally maintaining a portfolio duration of two to six years. However, the secondary market prices of medium- or lower-grade securities generally are less sensitive to changes in interest rates and are more sensitive to general adverse economic changes or specific developments with respect to the particular issuers than are the secondary market prices of higher-grade securities. A significant increase in interest rates or a general economic downturn could severely disrupt the market for medium- or lower-grade securities and adversely affect the market value of such securities. Such events also could lead to a higher incidence of default by issuers of medium- or lower-grade securities as compared with higher-grade securities. In addition, changes in credit risks, interest rates, the credit markets or periods of general economic uncertainty can be expected to result in increased volatility in the market price of the medium- or lower-grade securities in the Funds and thus in the net asset value of each of the Funds. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on rational

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analysis, may affect the value, volatility and liquidity of medium- or lower-grade securities.

The markets for medium- or lower-grade securities may be less liquid than the markets for higher-grade securities. Liquidity relates to the ability of a fund to sell a security in a timely manner at a price which reflects the value of that security. To the extent that there is no established retail market for some of the medium- and/or lower-grade securities, in which the Funds may invest, trading in such securities may be relatively inactive. Prices of medium- or lower-grade securities may decline rapidly in the event a significant number of holders decide to sell. Changes in expectations regarding an individual issuer of medium- or lower-grade securities generally could reduce market liquidity for such securities and make their sale by the Funds more difficult, at least in the absence of price concessions. The effects of adverse publicity and investor perceptions may be more pronounced for securities for which no established retail market exists as compared with the effects on securities for which such a market does exist. An economic downturn or an increase in interest rates could severely disrupt the market for such securities and adversely affect the value of outstanding securities or the ability of the issuers to repay principal and interest. Further, the Funds may have more difficulty selling such securities in a timely manner and at their stated value than would be the case for securities for which an established retail market does exist.

In addition, during periods of reduced market liquidity or in the absence of readily available market quotations for medium- or lower-grade securities held in the Funds' portfolios, the ability of the Funds to value their securities becomes more difficult and the judgment of the Funds may play a greater role in the valuation of their securities due to the reduced availability of reliable objective data.

The Funds may invest in securities not producing immediate cash income, including securities in default, zero coupon securities or pay-in-kind securities. Prices on non-cash-paying instruments may be more sensitive to changes in the issuer's financial condition, fluctuation in interest rates and market demand/supply imbalances than cash-paying securities with similar credit ratings, and thus may be more speculative. Special tax considerations are associated with investing in certain lower-grade securities, such as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities. The Funds' investment adviser will weigh these concerns against the expected total returns from such instruments.

The Funds' investments may include securities with the lowest-grade assigned by recognized rating organizations and unrated securities of comparable quality. Securities assigned the lowest grade ratings include those of companies that are in default or are in bankruptcy or reorganization. Securities of such companies are regarded by the rating agencies as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing and are usually available at deep discounts from the face values of the instruments. A security purchased at a deep discount may

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currently pay a very high effective yield. In addition, if the financial condition of the issuer improves, the underlying value of the security may increase, resulting in capital appreciation. If the company defaults on its obligations or remains in default, or if the plan of reorganization does not provide sufficient payments for debtholders, the deep discount securities may stop generating income and lose value or become worthless. The Funds' investment adviser will balance the benefits of deep discount securities with their risks. While a diversified portfolio may reduce the overall impact of a deep discount security that is in default or loses its value, the risk cannot be eliminated.

Many medium- and lower-grade income securities are not listed for trading on any national securities exchange, and issuers of medium- and lower-grade income securities may choose not to have a rating assigned to their obligations by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization. As a result, the Funds' portfolios may consist of a higher portion of unlisted or unrated securities as compared with an investment company that invests primarily in higher-grade securities. Unrated securities are usually not as attractive to as many buyers as are rated securities, a factor which may make unrated securities less marketable. These factors may have the effect of limiting the availability of the securities for purchase by the Funds and may also limit the ability of the Funds to sell such securities at their fair value either to meet redemption requests or in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets. Further, to the extent the Funds own or may acquire illiquid or restricted medium- or lower-grade securities, these securities may involve special registration responsibilities, liabilities and costs, and liquidity and valuation difficulties.

The Funds will rely on the investment adviser's judgment, analysis and experience in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer. The amount of available information about the financial condition of certain medium- or lower-grade issuers may be less extensive than other issuers. In its analysis, the Funds' investment adviser may consider the credit ratings of recognized rating organizations in evaluating securities although the investment adviser does not rely primarily on these ratings. Credit ratings of securities rating organizations evaluate only the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market risk. In addition, ratings are general and not absolute standards of quality, and credit ratings are subject to the risk that the creditworthiness of an issuer may change and the rating agencies may fail to change such ratings in a timely fashion. A rating downgrade does not require the Funds to dispose of a security. The Funds' investment adviser continuously monitors the issuers of securities held in the Funds. Additionally, since most foreign income securities

are not rated, the Funds will invest in such securities based on the analysis of the Funds' investment adviser without any guidance from published ratings. Because of the number of investment considerations involved in investing in medium- or lower-grade securities and foreign income securities, achievement of the Funds' investment objectives maybe more dependent upon the

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credit analysis of the Funds' investment adviser than is the case with investing in higher-grade securities.

New or proposed laws may have an impact on the market for medium- or lower-grade securities. The Funds' investment adviser is unable at this time to predict what effect, if any, legislation may have on the market for medium- or lower-grade securities.

Special tax considerations are associated with investing in certain medium- or lower-grade securities, such as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities. The Funds accrue income on these securities prior to the receipt of cash payments. The Funds must distribute substantially all of its income to its shareholders to qualify for pass-through treatment under federal income tax law and therefore, may have to dispose of their portfolio securities to satisfy the distribution requirements.

FOREIGN SECURITIES RISKS. Each of the Funds may invest up to 35% of its total assets in securities of foreign governments and other foreign issuers. Thus, they may be subject to risks not usually associated with owning securities of U.S. issuers. These risks can include fluctuations in currency exchange rates, political, economic or legal developments (including war or other instability, expropriation of assets, nationalization and confiscatory taxation), the imposition of foreign exchange limitations (including currency blockage), withholding taxes on income or capital transactions or other restrictions, higher transaction costs (including higher brokerage, custodial and settlement costs and currency conversion costs) and possible difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations or taking judicial action. Securities of foreign issuers may not be as liquid and may be more volatile than comparable securities of domestic issuers.

In addition, there often is less publicly available information about many foreign issuers, and issuers of foreign securities are subject to different, often less comprehensive, auditing, accounting and financial reporting disclosure requirements than domestic issuers. There is generally less government regulation of exchanges, brokers and listed companies abroad than in the United States and, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is a possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, or diplomatic developments which could affect investment in those countries. Because there is usually less supervision and governmental regulation of foreign exchanges, brokers and dealers than there is in the United States, the Funds may experience settlement difficulties or delays not usually encountered in the United States. Delays in making trades in foreign securities relating to volume constraints, limitations or restrictions, clearance or settlement procedures, or otherwise could impact yields and result in temporary periods when assets of the Funds are not fully invested or attractive investment opportunities are foregone.

The Funds may invest in securities of issuers determined by the investment adviser to be in developing or emerging market countries. Investments in securities

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of issuers in developing or emerging market countries are subject to greater risks than investments in securities of developed countries since emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature and political systems that are less stable than developed countries.

RISKS OF USING DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS. Each of the Funds may invest in various derivative instruments and are subject to the risks of such investments. In general terms, a derivative instrument is one whose value depends on (or is derived from) the value of an underlying asset, interest rate or index. Options, futures contracts and forward contracts are examples of derivative instruments. Derivative instruments involve risks different from direct investments in underlying securities. These risks include imperfect correlation between the value of the instruments and the underlying assets, risks of default by the other party to certain transactions, risk that the transactions may result in losses that partially or completely offset gains in portfolio positions and risks that the transactions may not be liquid.

MANAGER RISK. As with any managed fund, the Funds' investment adviser may not be successful in selecting the best-performing securities or investment techniques, and the Funds' performance may lag behind that of other similar funds.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

THE BOARDS. The Board of Trustees of each Fund is each responsible for the overall supervision of the operations of each of the Funds and performs the various duties imposed on the trustees of investment companies by the 1940 Act and under applicable state law.

THE ADVISER. Van Kampen Asset Management is each Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"). The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"). Van Kampen Investments is a diversified asset management company that administers more than three million retail investor accounts, has extensive capabilities for managing institutional portfolios and had more than \$88 billion under management or supervision as of June 30, 2004. Van Kampen Investments has more than 40 open-end funds, more than 30 closed-end funds and more than 2,700 unit investment trusts that are distributed by authorized dealers nationwide. Van Kampen Funds Inc., the distributor of each Fund (the "Distributor") and the sponsor of the funds mentioned above, is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments. Van Kampen Investments is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, a preeminent global financial services firm that maintains leading market positions in each of its three primary businesses: securities, asset management and credit services. Morgan Stanley is a full service securities firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. The Adviser, the Distributor and Van Kampen Investments are each located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT. The Funds are managed by the Adviser's Taxable Fixed Income team. The team is made up of established investment professionals. Current members of the team include Gordon W. Loery, an Executive Director of the Adviser, and Joshua Givelber and Chad Liu, Vice Presidents of the Adviser. The composition of the team may change without notice from time to time.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. The Adviser, certain affiliates of the Adviser, and certain investment companies advised by the Adviser or its affiliates, including each of

the Funds, are named as defendants in a number of similar class action complaints which were recently consolidated. The consolidated action also names as defendants certain individual Trustees and Directors of certain investment companies advised by affiliates of the Adviser; the complaint does not, however, name the individual Trustees of any Van Kampen funds. The consolidated amended complaint generally alleges that defendants violated their statutory disclosure obligations and fiduciary duties by failing properly to disclose (i) that the Adviser and certain affiliates of the Adviser allegedly offered economic incentives to brokers and others to steer investors to the funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates rather than funds managed by other companies, and (ii) that the funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates, including the Fund, allegedly paid excessive commissions to brokers in return for their alleged efforts to steer investors to these funds. The complaint seeks, among other things, unspecified compensatory damages, rescissory damages, fees and costs.

The Adviser and certain affiliates of the Adviser are also named as defendants in a derivative suit which additionally names as defendants certain individual Trustees of certain Van Kampen funds; the named investment companies are listed as nominal defendants. The complaint alleges that defendants caused the Van Kampen funds to pay economic incentives to a proprietary sales force to promote the sale of proprietary mutual funds. The complaint also alleges that the Van Kampen funds paid excessive commissions to Morgan Stanley and its affiliates in connection with the sales of the funds. The complaint seeks, among other things, the removal of the current Trustees of the funds, rescission of the management contracts for the funds, disgorgement of profits by Morgan Stanley and its affiliates and monetary damages. This complaint has been coordinated with the consolidated complaint described in the preceding paragraph.

The defendants have moved to dismiss each of the above actions and otherwise intend to defend them vigorously. While the defendants believe that they have meritorious defenses, the ultimate outcome of these matters is not presently determinable at this early stage of litigation, and no provision has been made in the Funds' financial statements for the effect, if any, of these matters.

The Adviser and one of the investment companies advised by the Adviser are named as defendants in a recently filed class action complaint generally alleging that the defendants breached their duties of care to long-term shareholders of the

investment company by valuing portfolio securities at the closing prices of the foreign exchanges on which they trade without accounting for significant market information that became available after the close of the foreign exchanges but before calculation of net asset value. As a result, the complaint alleges, short-term traders were able to exploit stale pricing information to capture arbitrage profits that diluted the value of shares held by long-term investors. The complaint seeks unspecified compensatory damages, punitive damages, fees and costs. While the defendants believe that they have meritorious defenses, the ultimate outcome of this matter is not presently determinable at this early stage of litigation, and no provision has been made in the financial statements for the effect, if any, of this matter.

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ADVISORY AND OTHER FEES

Each of the Funds is obligated to pay the Adviser a monthly contractual advisory fee based on its average daily net assets. The Target Fund pays the Adviser an advisory fee based on the schedule set forth below:

AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS -----	% PER ANNUM -----
First \$500 million.....	0.75%
Over \$500 million.....	0.65%

Applying this fee schedule, the contractual advisory fees for Target Fund were 0.75% of the Target Fund's average daily net assets of the Target Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004, but the Target Fund paid the Adviser at an effective rate of 0.65% due to a voluntary fee waiver by the Adviser. Any fee waivers by the Adviser may be terminated at any time.

The Acquiring Fund pays the Adviser an advisory fee based on the schedule set forth below:

AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS -----	% PER ANNUM -----
First \$150 million.....	0.625%
Next \$150 million.....	0.550%
Over \$300 million.....	0.500%

Applying this fee schedule, the contractual advisory fees for Acquiring Fund were 0.54% of the Acquiring Fund's average daily net assets of the Acquiring Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004.

The Adviser retains the right from time to time to waive all or a portion of its management fee or to reimburse the respective Fund for all or a portion of its other expenses. For a complete description of each Fund's advisory services, see the section of each Fund's Prospectus entitled "Investment Advisory Services", the

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section of the Acquiring Fund Statement of Additional Information entitled "Investment Advisory Agreement" and the section of the Target Fund Statement of Additional Information entitled "Investment Advisory Agreements."

The total operating expenses of the Target Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 were 1.29% for Class A Shares, 2.04% for Class B Shares and 2.04% for Class C Shares. The Adviser is currently waiving or reimbursing a portion of the Target Fund's management fees or other expenses such that the actual total annual operating expenses paid for the Target Fund's twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 were 1.19% for Class A Shares, 1.94% for Class B Shares and 1.94% for Class C Shares. The fee waivers or expense reimbursements can be terminated at any time.

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The total operating expenses of the Acquiring Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 were 1.10% of the average daily net assets for Class A Shares and 1.85% of the average daily net assets for Class B Shares and Class C Shares.

The Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund have adopted substantially similar distribution plans pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act and substantially similar service plans. The amount of distribution fees and service fees charged under these plans varies among the classes offered by each Fund. With respect to Class A Shares, each Fund can pay up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class A Shares for distribution-related expenses and for the provision of ongoing services to holders of Class A Shares and the maintenance of shareholder accounts. With respect to Class B Shares and Class C Shares, each Fund can pay up to 0.75% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class B Shares and Class C Shares for reimbursement of certain distribution-related expenses, and each Fund can pay up to 0.25% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class B Shares and Class C Shares for the provision of ongoing services to holders of Class B Shares and Class C Shares and the maintenance of shareholder accounts. Because these fees are paid out of each Fund's assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of a shareholder's investment and may cost a shareholder more than paying other types of sales charges. For a complete description of these arrangements with respect to each Fund, see the section of each Fund's Prospectus entitled "Purchase of Shares" and the section of each Fund's Statement of Additional Information entitled "Distribution and Service."

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EXPENSES

The table below sets forth the fees and expenses that investors may pay to buy and hold shares of each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund, including (i) the fees and expenses paid by the Acquiring Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004, (ii) the fees and expenses paid by the Target Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 and (iii) pro forma fees and expenses for the Acquiring Fund for the twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 assuming the Reorganization had been completed as of the beginning of such period.

	CLASS A SHARES			CLASS B SHARE	
	Actual		Pro Forma	Actual	
	ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND	ACQUIRING FUND	ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND
Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)					
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)...	4.75% (1)	4.75% (1)	4.75% (1)	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (as a percentage of the lesser of the original purchase price or redemption proceeds).....	None (2)	None (2)	None (2)	4.00% (3)	4.00% (3)
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that are deducted from fund assets)					
Management fees.....	0.54%	0.75%	0.53%	0.54%	0.75%

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Distribution and/or service (12b-1 fees) (6)	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	1.00% (7)	1.00% (7)
Other expenses (5)	0.31%	0.29%	0.29%	0.31%	0.29%
Total annual fund operating expenses (5)	1.10%	1.29%	1.07%	1.85%	2.04%

CLASS C SHARES

	Actual		Pro Forma
	ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND	ACQUIRING FUND
Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)			
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)...	None	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (as a percentage of the lesser of the original purchase price or redemption proceeds)	1.00% (4)	1.00% (4)	1.00% (4)
Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that are deducted from fund assets)			
Management fees	0.54%	0.75%	0.53%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1 fees) (6)	1.00% (7)	1.00% (7)	1.00%
Other expenses (5)	0.31%	0.29%	0.29%
Total annual fund operating expenses (5)	1.85%	2.04%	1.82%

(1) Reduced for purchases of \$100,000 and over. Class A Shares of the Acquiring Fund received pursuant to the Reorganization will not be subject to a sales charge.

(2) Investments of \$1 million or more are not subject to any sales charge at the time of purchase, but a deferred sales charge of 1.00% may be imposed on certain redemptions made within one year of the purchase.

(3) Class B Shares of each Fund are subject to a deferred sales charge equal to 4.00% of the lesser of the then current net asset value or the original purchase price on Class B Shares redeemed during the first year after purchase, which charge is reduced to zero after a five year period in the case of the Acquiring Fund or a six year period in the case of the Target Fund as follows:

Acquiring Fund: Year 1 -- 4.00%; Year 2 -- 4.00%; Year 3 -- 3.00%; Year 4 -- 2.50%; Year 5 -- 1.50%; Year 6 and after -- 0.00%

Target Fund: Year 1 -- 4.00%; Year 2 -- 3.75%; Year 3 -- 3.50%; Year 4 -- 2.50%; Year 5 -- 1.50%; Year 6 -- 1.00%; Year 7 and after -- 0.00%

Class B Shares of the Acquiring Fund received by shareholders in the Reorganization will be subject to the deferred sales charge schedule of the Acquiring Fund. The holding period for such shares will be measured from the

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earlier of the time (i) the holder purchased such shares from the Target Fund or (ii) the holder purchased shares of any other Van Kampen fund and subsequently exchanged them for shares of the Target Fund.

- (4) Class C Shares of each Fund are subject to a deferred sales charge equal to 1.00% of the lesser of the then current net asset value or the original purchase price on Class C Shares redeemed during the first year after purchase, which charge is reduced to 0.00% thereafter. The holding period of Class C Shares received by shareholders in the Reorganization will be measured from the earlier of the time (i) the holder purchased such shares from the Target Fund or (ii) the holder purchased shares of any other Van Kampen fund and subsequently exchanged them for shares of the Target Fund.
- (5) Because of a fee waiver or expense reimbursements made by the Adviser, the actual total annual fund operating expenses paid for the Target Fund's twelve-month period ended March 31, 2004 were 1.19% for Class A Shares and 1.94% for Class B Shares and Class C Shares. The fee waivers or expense reimbursements made by the Adviser can be terminated at any time.
- (6) Class A Shares are subject to a combined annual distribution and service fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to such class of shares. Class B Shares and Class C Shares are each subject to a combined annual distribution and service fee of up to 1.00% of the average daily net assets attributable to such class of shares.
- (7) While Class B Shares and Class C Shares do not have any front-end sales charges, their higher ongoing annual expenses (due to higher 12b-1 and service fees) mean that over time you could end up paying more for these shares than if you were to pay front-end sales charges for Class A Shares.

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EXAMPLES. The following examples are intended to help you compare the costs of investing in the Acquiring Fund, both before and pro forma after the Reorganization, with the costs of investing in the Target Fund. The examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in each Fund for the time periods indicated and contemplate two scenarios: (i) that you redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods and (ii) that you do not redeem your shares at the end of those periods. The examples also assume that your investments each have a 5% return each year and that each Fund's operating expenses remain the same each year (except the ten-year amounts for Class B Shares, which reflect the conversion to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased). Although your actual returns may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	CLASS A SHARES			CLASS B SHARE	
	Actual		Pro Forma	Actual	
	ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND	ACQUIRING FUND	ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND
Total operating expenses assuming redemption at the end of the period					
One year.....	\$ 582	\$ 600	\$ 579	\$ 588	\$ 607
Three years.....	\$ 808	\$ 865	\$ 799	\$ 882	\$ 990
Five years.....	\$1,052	\$1,149	\$1,037	\$1,151	\$1,248
Ten years.....	\$1,752	\$1,958	\$1,719	\$1,973*	\$2,176*
Total operating expenses assuming					

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no redemption at the end of the period

One year.....	\$ 582	\$ 600	\$ 579	\$ 188	\$ 207
Three years.....	\$ 808	\$ 865	\$ 799	\$ 582	\$ 640
Five years.....	\$1,052	\$1,149	\$1,037	\$1,001	\$1,098
Ten years.....	\$1,752	\$1,958	\$1,719	\$1,973*	\$2,176*

CLASS C SHARES

Actual		Pro Forma
ACQUIRING FUND	TARGET FUND	ACQUIRING FUND

Total operating expenses assuming redemption at the end of the period

One year.....	\$ 288	\$ 307	\$ 285
Three years.....	\$ 582	\$ 640	\$ 573
Five years.....	\$1,001	\$1,098	\$ 985
Ten years.....	\$2,169	\$2,369	\$2,137

Total operating expenses assuming no redemption at the end of the period

One year.....	\$ 188	\$ 207	\$ 185
Three years.....	\$ 582	\$ 640	\$ 573
Five years.....	\$1,001	\$1,098	\$ 985
Ten years.....	\$2,169	\$2,369	\$2,137

* Based on conversion to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased.

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PURCHASE, VALUATION, REDEMPTION AND EXCHANGE OF SHARES

Each Fund offers three classes of shares designated as Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Other classes of shares of a Fund may be offered through one or more separate prospectuses of such Fund. By offering multiple classes of shares, each Fund permits an investor to choose the class of shares that is most beneficial given the type of investor, the amount to be invested and the length of time the investor expects to hold the shares.

Each class of shares of a Fund represents an interest in the same portfolio of investments of such Fund and has the same rights except that (i) Class A Shares generally bear the sales charge expenses at the time of purchase while Class B Shares and Class C Shares generally bear the sales charge expenses at the time of redemption and any expenses (including higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs) resulting from such deferred sales charge arrangement, (ii) each class of shares has exclusive voting rights with respect to approvals of the Rule 12b-1 distribution plan and the service plan (each as described above) under which the class's distribution fee and/or service fee is paid, (iii) each class of shares has different exchange privileges, (iv) certain classes of shares are subject to a conversion feature and (v) certain classes of shares have different shareholder service options available.

The offering price of each Fund's shares is based upon the Fund's net asset value per share (plus sales charges, where applicable). The net asset values per

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share of the Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares are generally expected to be substantially the same. The differences among the classes' per share net asset values reflect the daily expense accruals of the higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs applicable to the Class B Shares and Class C Shares and the differential in the dividends that may be paid on each class of shares.

The net asset value per share for each class of shares of each Fund is determined once daily as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") (currently 4:00 p.m., New York time) each day when the Exchange is open for trading except on any day on which no purchase or redemption orders are received or there is not a sufficient degree of trading in that Fund's portfolio securities such that the Fund's net asset value per share might be materially affected. The Board of each Fund reserves the right to calculate the net asset value per share and adjust the offering price more frequently than once daily if deemed desirable. Net asset value per share for each class of a Fund is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's portfolio securities, cash and other assets (including accrued interest) attributable to such class, less all liabilities (including accrued expenses) attributable to such class, by the total number of shares of the class outstanding. Such computation is made by using prices as of the close of trading on the Exchange and (i) valuing securities listed or traded on a domestic securities exchange at the last reported sale price or, if there has been no sale that day, at the

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mean between the last reported bid and asked prices and valuing securities listed or traded on a foreign securities exchange at the last reported sale price or the latest bid price, (ii) valuing over-the-counter securities at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price or, if there has been no sale that day, at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices, (iii) valuing unlisted securities at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices obtained from reputable brokers and (iv) valuing any securities for which market quotations are not readily available and any other assets at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser in accordance with procedures established by each Fund's Board. In cases where a security is traded on more than one exchange, the security is valued on the exchange designated as the primary market. Securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Class A Shares of each Fund are subject to an initial sales charge of up to 4.75%. The initial sales charge applicable to Class A Shares of the Acquiring Fund will be waived for Class A Shares acquired in the Reorganization. Any subsequent purchases of Class A Shares of the Acquiring Fund after the Reorganization will be subject to an initial maximum sales charge of up to 4.75% of the offering price, excluding Class A Shares purchased through the dividend reinvestment plan. The initial sales charge on Class A Shares is reduced on investments of \$100,000 or more as follows:

SIZE OF INVESTMENT	INITIAL SALES CHARGE (AS % OF OFFERING PRICE)
Less than \$100,000.....	4.75%
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000.....	3.75%
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2.75%
\$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	2.00%

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\$1,000,000 or more..... 0.00%

Purchases of Class A Shares of each Fund in amounts of \$1 million or more are not subject to an initial sales charge, but a contingent deferred sales charge of up to 1.00% may be imposed on certain redemptions made within the first year of purchase. No contingent deferred sales charge will be imposed on Class A Shares of the Target Fund in connection with the Reorganization.

Class B Shares of each Fund do not incur a sales charge when purchased, but generally are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge of 4.00% of the lesser of the then current net asset value or the original purchase price on Class B Shares redeemed during the first year after purchase, which charge is reduced to zero after

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a six year period in the case of the Target Fund or a five year period in the case of the Acquiring Fund as follows:

YEAR SINCE PURCHASE -----	CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE (AS A % OF DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHARGE)	
	TARGET FUND -----	ACQUIRING FUND -----
First.....	4.00%	4.00%
Second.....	3.75%	4.00%
Third.....	3.50%	3.00%
Fourth.....	2.50%	2.50%
Fifth.....	1.50%	1.50%
Sixth.....	1.00%	None
Seventh and After.....	None	None

Class B Shares of the Acquiring Fund received by shareholders in the Reorganization will be subject to the deferred sales charge schedule imposed by the Target Fund, as described above.

Class C Shares of each Fund do not incur a sales charge when purchased, but generally are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% of the lesser of the then current net asset value or the original purchase price on Class C shares redeemed during the first year after purchase, which sales charge is reduced to zero thereafter. Neither Fund will accept a purchase order for Class C Shares in the amount of \$1 million or more.

No contingent deferred sales charge will be imposed on Class B Shares or Class C Shares of the Target Fund in connection with the Reorganization. The holding period and conversion schedule for Class B Shares or Class C Shares of the Acquiring Fund received in connection with the Reorganization will be measured from the earlier time (i) the holder purchased such shares from the Target Fund or (ii) the holder purchased such shares from any other Van Kampen fund advised by the Adviser or its affiliates and distributed by the Distributor and subsequently exchanged them for shares of the Target Fund.

Shares of each Fund may be purchased by check, by electronic transfer, by bank wire and by exchange from certain other Van Kampen funds advised by the Adviser

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or its affiliates and distributed by the Distributor. For a complete description regarding purchase of shares and exchange of shares of each Fund, see the sections of each Fund's prospectus entitled "Purchase of Shares" and "Shareholder Services -- Exchange Privilege."

Shares of each Fund properly presented for redemption may be redeemed or exchanged at the next determined net asset value per share (other than any applicable sales charge). Shares of each Fund may be redeemed or exchanged by mail or by special redemption privileges (telephone exchange, telephone

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redemption, by check or electronic transfer). If a shareholder of either Fund attempts to redeem shares within a short time after they have been purchased by check, the respective Fund may delay payment of the redemption proceeds until such Fund can verify that payment for the purchase of the shares has been (or will be) received, usually a period of up to 15 days.

The Target Fund has been closed to new investors since July 12, 2004. No further purchase of shares by existing shareholders of the Target Fund may be made by existing shareholders after the date on which the shareholders of the Target Fund approve the Reorganization, and the share transfer books of the Target Fund will be permanently closed as of the Closing Date. Only redemption requests and transfer instructions received in proper form by the close of business on the day prior to the Closing Date will be fulfilled by the Target Fund. Redemption requests or transfer instructions received by the Target Fund after that date will be treated as a request for the redemption or instructions for the transfer of shares of the Acquiring Fund. Such requests will be forwarded to the Acquiring Fund and credited to the respective shareholder account resulting from the Reorganization. For a complete description of the redemption arrangements for each Fund, see the section of each Fund's prospectus entitled "Redemption of Shares".

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the capitalization of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund as of March 31, 2004, and the pro forma capitalization of the combined fund as if the Reorganization had occurred on that date. These numbers may differ as of the Closing Date.

CAPITALIZATION AS OF MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

	Actual		Pro Forma
	TARGET FUND	ACQUIRING FUND	ACQUIRING FUND
Net assets (in thousands)			
Class A Shares.....	\$ 198,107	\$ 389,196	\$ 587,003
Class B Shares.....	94,806	175,770	270,435
Class C Shares.....	30,363	43,348	73,670
Total.....	323,276	608,314	931,108
Net asset value per share			
Class A Shares.....	\$ 5.49	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.62

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Class B Shares.....	5.52	3.63	3.63
Class C Shares.....	5.51	3.60	3.60
Shares outstanding (in thousands)			
Class A Shares.....	36,092	107,502	162,178
Class B Shares.....	17,184	48,358	74,451
Class C Shares.....	5,514	12,053	20,479
Total.....	58,790	167,913	257,108
Shares authorized			
Class A Shares.....	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Class B Shares.....	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Class C Shares.....	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The pro forma net assets and net asset value per share reflect the payment of reorganization expenses of approximately \$296,000 by the Target Fund, allocated among the classes as follows: \$181,000 for Class A Shares, \$87,000 for Class B Shares and \$28,000 for Class C Shares, and the payment of reorganization expenses of approximately 186,000 by the Acquiring Fund, allocated among the classes as follows: \$119,000 for Class A Shares, \$54,000 for Class B Shares and \$13,000 for Class C Shares. The pro forma shares outstanding reflect the issuance by the Acquiring Fund of approximately 54,676,000 Class A Shares, 26,093,000 Class B Shares and 8,426,000 Class C Shares reflecting the exchange of the assets and liabilities of the Target Fund for newly issued shares of the Acquiring Fund at the pro forma net asset value per share. The aggregate value of the shares of the Acquiring Fund that a Target Fund shareholder receives in the Reorganization will equal the aggregate value of the Target Fund shares owned immediately prior to the Reorganization. It is not anticipated that the Acquiring Fund will sell assets of the Target Fund acquired in the Reorganization other than in the ordinary course of business.

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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The following chart shows the annual returns of each Fund's Class A Shares for the calendar years indicated. Sales loads are not reflected in this chart. If these sales loads had been included, the returns shown below would have been lower.

[BAR GRAPH]

	ACQUIRING FUND

1994	-3.62
1995	17.43
1996	13.65
1997	12.24
1998	0.46
1999	3.90
2000	-8.22
2001	-2.65
2002	-9.42
2003	24.17

The Target Fund's return for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004 for Class A Shares was 1.51%. The Acquiring Fund's return for the six-month period ended June 30, 2004 for Class A Shares was 1.59%. As a result of market

activity, current performance may vary from the figures shown.

During its ten-year period shown in the bar chart, the Target Fund's highest quarterly return for Class A Shares was 7.95% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2003) and its lowest quarterly return for Class A Shares was -8.36% (for the quarter ended September 30, 1998). During its ten-year period shown in the bar chart, the Acquiring Fund's highest quarterly return for Class A Shares was 8.27% (for the quarter ended June 30, 2003) and its lowest quarterly return for Class A Shares was -8.20% (for the quarter ended September 30, 1998).

The annual returns for each Fund's Class B Shares and Class C Shares would be substantially similar to those shown for Class A Shares because all of each Fund's shares are invested in the same respective portfolio of securities; however, the actual annual returns for Class B Shares and Class C Shares would be lower than the annual returns shown for each Fund's Class A Shares because of differences in expenses borne by each class of shares.

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

As a basis for evaluating each Fund's performance and risks, the tables below show how each Fund's performance compares with a broad-based market index that the Adviser believes is an appropriate benchmark for each Fund. The Target Fund's performance is compared with the performance of the Credit Suisse First Boston High Yield Index*, while the Acquiring Fund's performance is compared with the performance of the Chase Global High Yield Index.** The Acquiring Fund is also compared with the Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index, an index of funds with similar investment objectives as the Acquiring Fund. Each Fund's performance figures listed below include the maximum sales charges paid by investors. The indices' performance figures do not include any commissions, sales charges or taxes that would be paid by investors purchasing the securities represented by either index. An investment cannot be made directly in either index. Average annual total returns are shown for the periods ended December 31, 2003. Remember that past performance of a Fund is not indicative of its future performance.

In addition to before-tax returns for each class of shares of each Fund, the tables also show after-tax returns for the Funds' Class A Shares in two ways: (i) after taxes on distributions and (ii) after taxes on distributions and sale of the Funds' shares. The after-tax returns for the Funds' Class B Shares and Class C Shares will vary from the Class A Shares' returns. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates during the periods shown and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. An after-tax return may be higher than the before-tax return due to an assumed benefit from any capital loss that would have been realized had Fund shares been sold at the end of the relevant period.

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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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	TARGET FUND			ACQUIRING FUND		
	PAST 1 YEAR	PAST 5 YEARS	PAST 10 YEARS	PAST 1 YEAR	PAST 5 YEARS	PAST 10 YEARS
CLASS A SHARES						
Return Before Taxes.....	18.60%	-0.26%	3.27%	18.20%	-0.12%	3.73%
Return After Taxes on Distributions.....	15.98%	-3.96%	-0.42%	15.72%	-3.97%	-0.19%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares.....	11.94%	-2.48%	0.50%	11.70%	-2.46%	0.73%
CLASS B SHARES						
Return Before Taxes.....	19.76%	-0.20%	3.29%****	19.17%	-0.09%	3.75%****
CLASS C SHARES						
Return Before Taxes.....	22.81%	-0.03%	2.97%	22.10%	0.06%	3.40%
CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON HIGH YIELD INDEX*.....	27.94%	6.44%	7.30%	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHASE GLOBAL HIGH YIELD INDEX**.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	27.50%	5.99%	7.27%
LIPPER HIGH YIELD BOND FUND INDEX***.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	26.36%	2.92%	5.25%

* The Credit Suisse First Boston High Yield Index is a broad-based, unmanaged index that reflects the general performance of a wide range of selected bonds within the public high yield debt market.

** The Chase Global High Yield Index is an unmanaged, broad-based index that reflects the general performance of the global high yield corporate debt market, including domestic and international issues.

*** The Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index is an index of funds with investment objectives similar to those of the Acquiring Fund.

**** The "Past 10 Years" performance for Class B Shares of each Fund reflects the conversion of such shares into Class A Shares six years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class B Shares purchased on or after June 1, 1996 will convert to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased.

OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

The transfer agent for each Fund is Van Kampen Investor Services Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments. The custodian for each Fund is State Street Bank and Trust Company. The independent registered public accounting firm for each Fund is Ernst & Young LLP.

GOVERNING LAW

The Target Fund is a series of the Van Kampen Trust, a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Acquiring Fund is the only series of a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Delaware

statutory trust law is specifically drafted to accommodate some of the unique

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corporate governance needs of management investment companies. Each Fund is subject to federal securities laws, including the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated by SEC thereunder, and applicable state securities laws.

Consistent with Delaware law, each Fund has authorized the issuance of an unlimited number of shares. The Target Fund's and the Acquiring Fund's organizational documents allow each Fund's Board to create one or more separate investment portfolios and to establish a separate series of shares for each portfolio and to further subdivide the shares of a series into one or more classes.

Neither Fund is required, and neither Fund anticipates, holding annual meetings of its shareholders. Each Fund has certain mechanics whereby shareholders can call a special meeting of their Fund. Shareholders generally have the right to approve investment advisory agreements, elect trustees/directors, change fundamental investment policies, ratify the selection of independent auditors and vote on other matters required by law or deemed desirable by their Boards.

The business of each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund is supervised by the respective Board of such Fund. Each Board consists of the same members. For the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund, trustee vacancies may be filled by approval of a majority of the trustees then in office subject to provisions of the 1940 Act. Trustees terms are until the later of the election of such person's successor or resignation or removal. Each Fund has the same mandatory retirement age provisions for trustees. Trustees of the Target Fund may be removed with or without cause by vote of two-thirds of the shares then outstanding or by vote of two-thirds of the number of trustees prior to such removal. Trustees of the Acquiring Fund may be removed by vote of a majority of the shares then outstanding or with cause at any time by vote of two-thirds of the number of trustees prior to such removal.

Each Fund's organizational documents are filed as part of each Fund's registration statements with the SEC, and shareholders may obtain copies of such documents as described on page 2 of this Prospectus/Proxy Statement.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REORGANIZATION

GENERAL

Under the Reorganization Agreement, the Target Fund will transfer all of its assets and liabilities to the Acquiring Fund in exchange for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund. The Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund issued to the Target Fund will have an aggregate value equal to the aggregate value of the Target Fund shares immediately prior to the Reorganization less the expenses of the Reorganization. Upon receipt by the Target Fund of the Class A, B and C Shares of

the Acquiring Fund, the Target Fund will distribute the shares to Target Fund shareholders. Then, as soon as practicable after the Closing Date, the Target Fund will be dissolved under applicable state law.

The Target Fund will distribute the Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund received by it pro rata to Target Fund shareholders of record in exchange for their shares in the Target Fund. This distribution will be accomplished by opening new accounts on the books of the Acquiring Fund in the names of the Target Fund shareholders and transferring to those shareholder accounts the Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund previously credited on those books to the accounts of the Target Fund shareholders. Each newly-opened account on

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the books of the Acquiring Fund for the previous Target Fund shareholders will represent the respective pro rata number of Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund due such shareholder.

Accordingly, as a result of the Reorganization, each Target Fund shareholder would own Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund that would have an aggregate value immediately after the Closing Date equal to the aggregate value of that shareholder's Target Fund shares immediately prior to the Closing Date, less the applicable pro rata share of the expenses of the Reorganization. The Reorganization will not result in dilution of either Fund's shares. However, as a result of the Reorganization, a shareholder of either of the Target Fund or the Acquiring Fund will hold a reduced percentage of ownership in the larger combined fund than the shareholder did in either of the separate Funds.

No sales charge or fee of any kind will be assessed to the Target Fund shareholders in connection with their receipt of Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund in the Reorganization.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the Agreement, the Acquiring Fund will acquire all of the assets and the liabilities of the Target Fund on the date of the Closing in consideration for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund.

Subject to the Target Fund's shareholders approving the Reorganization, the Closing Date will be within 15 business days after the later of the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals and the final adjournment of the Special Meeting or such later date as soon as practicable thereafter as the Acquiring Fund and the Target Fund may mutually agree.

On the Closing Date, the Target Fund will transfer to the Acquiring Fund all of its assets and liabilities. The Acquiring Fund will in turn transfer to the Target Fund a number of its Class A, B and C Shares equal in value to the value of the net assets of the Target Fund transferred to the Acquiring Fund as of the Closing Date, as determined in accordance with the valuation method described in the Acquiring

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Fund's then current prospectus, less the expenses of the Reorganization. In order to minimize any potential for undesirable federal income and excise tax consequences in connection with the Reorganization, the Target Fund will distribute on or before the Closing Date all or substantially all of their respective undistributed net investment income (including net capital gains) as of such date.

The Target Fund expects to distribute the Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund to the shareholders of the Target Fund promptly after the Closing Date and then terminate its registration under the 1940 Act and dissolve pursuant to a plan of dissolution adopted by the Board.

The Acquiring Fund and the Target Fund have made certain standard representations and warranties to each other regarding their capitalization, status and conduct of business.

Unless waived in accordance with the Agreement, the obligations of the parties to the Agreement are conditioned upon, among other things:

- the approval of the Reorganization by the Target Fund's shareholders;
- the absence of any rule, regulation, order, injunction or proceeding preventing or seeking to prevent the consummation of the transactions

contemplated by the Agreement;

- the receipt of all necessary approvals, registrations and exemptions under federal and state laws;
- the truth in all material respects as of the Closing Date of the representations and warranties of the parties and performance and compliance in all material respects with the parties' agreements, obligations and covenants required by the Agreement;
- the effectiveness under applicable law of the registration statement of the Acquiring Fund of which this Prospectus/Proxy Statement forms a part and the absence of any stop orders under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pertaining thereto; and
- the receipt of opinions of counsel relating to, among other things, the tax free nature of the Reorganization.

The Agreement may be terminated or amended by the mutual consent of the parties either before or after approval thereof by the shareholders of the Target Fund, provided that no such amendment after such approval shall be made if it would have a material adverse affect on the interests of Target Fund shareholders. The Agreement also may be terminated by the non-breaching party if there has been a material misrepresentation, material breach of any representation or warranty, material breach of contract or failure of any condition to closing.

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The Target Fund Board recommends that you vote to approve the Reorganization, as it believes the Reorganization is in the best interests of the Target Fund's shareholders (as described more fully in "Reasons for the Proposed Reorganization" below) and that the interests of the Target Fund's existing shareholders will not be diluted as a result of consummation of the proposed Reorganization.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

In determining whether to recommend approval of the proposed Reorganization to shareholders of the Target Fund, the Target Fund Board considered a number of factors, including, but not limited to: (i) the Adviser and the same portfolio management personnel currently manage the assets of each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (ii) the expenses and advisory fees applicable to the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund before the Reorganization and the estimated expense ratios of the combined fund after the Reorganization; (iii) the comparative investment performance of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (iv) the effective duration, average yield to maturity and average credit quality of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund; (v) the future growth and performance prospects of the Target Fund; (vi) the terms and conditions of the Reorganization Agreement and whether the proposed Reorganization would result in dilution of Target Fund shareholder interests; (vii) the advantages of eliminating duplication of effort in marketing funds having similar investment objectives, investment policies and practices and portfolio management personnel in addition to the economies of scale potentially realized through the combination of the two funds; (viii) the compatibility of the Funds' investment objectives, policies, risks and restrictions; (ix) the compatibility of the Funds' service features available to shareholders, including the retention of

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applicable holding periods and exchange privileges; (x) the costs estimated to be incurred by the Funds as a result of the Reorganization; and (xi) the anticipated tax consequences of the Reorganization.

Based upon its evaluation of all relevant information, the Target Fund Board anticipates that the Reorganization would benefit Target Fund shareholders in the following ways:

- Achievement of Economies of Scale and Reduced Per Share Expenses. Combining the Target Fund with the Acquiring Fund should lead to reduced total operating expenses for shareholders of the Target Fund, on a per share basis, by allowing fixed and relatively fixed costs, such as accounting, legal and printing expenses, to be spread over a larger asset base. Any reductions in expenses on a per share basis should, in turn, have a favorable effect on the relative total return to shareholders of the Target Fund.
- Elimination of Separate Operations. Consolidating the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund should eliminate the duplication of services and expenses

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that currently exists as a result of their separate operations. Consolidating the separate operations of the Target Fund with those of the Acquiring Fund should promote more efficient operations on a more cost-effective basis.

- Benefits to the Portfolio Management Process. The larger net asset size of the combined fund should generally permit it to purchase larger individual portfolio investments that may result in reduced transaction costs or more favorable pricing.

The Target Fund Board has determined that the Reorganization is in the best interests of shareholders of each class of the Target Fund and that the interests of such shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. Similarly, the Board of Trustees of the Acquiring Fund has determined that the Reorganization is in the best interests of shareholders of each class of the Acquiring Fund and that the interests of such shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. As a result of the Reorganization, however, a shareholder of either Fund will hold a reduced percentage of ownership in the larger combined fund than he or she did in either of the separate Funds.

MATERIAL FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE REORGANIZATION

The following is a general summary of the material anticipated U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization. The discussion is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury regulations, court decisions, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") and other applicable authorities, all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations (possibly with retroactive effect). The discussion is limited to U.S. persons who hold shares of the Target Fund as capital assets for federal income tax purposes. This summary does not address all of the federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to a particular shareholder or to shareholders who may be subject to special treatment under federal income tax laws. No ruling has been or will be obtained from the IRS regarding any matter relating to the Reorganization. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert a position contrary to any of the tax aspects described below. Shareholders must consult their own tax

advisers as to the federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization, as well as the effects of state, local and non-U.S. tax laws.

It is a condition to closing the Reorganization that each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund receives an opinion from Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, special counsel to each Fund ("Skadden Arps"), dated as of the Closing Date, regarding the characterization of the Reorganization as a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. As such a reorganiza-

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tion, the federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization can be summarized as follows:

- No gain or loss will be recognized by the Target Fund or the Acquiring Fund upon the transfer of the assets of the Target Fund to the Acquiring Fund in exchange solely for the Class A, B or C Shares of the Acquiring Fund and the assumption by the Acquiring Fund of the liabilities of the Target Fund and the subsequent liquidation of the Target Fund.
- No gain or loss will be recognized by a shareholder of the Target Fund who exchanges all of his, her or its Class A, B or C Shares of the Target Fund solely for, respectively, the Class A, B or C Shares of the Acquiring Fund pursuant to the Reorganization.
- The aggregate tax basis of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Acquiring Fund received by a shareholder of the Target Fund pursuant to the Reorganization will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Target Fund surrendered in exchange therefor.
- The holding period of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Acquiring Fund received by a shareholder of the Target Fund pursuant to the Reorganization will include the holding period of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Target Fund surrendered in exchange therefor.
- The Acquiring Fund's tax basis in the Target Fund's assets received by the Acquiring Fund pursuant to the Reorganization will, in each instance, equal the tax basis of such assets in the hands of the Target Fund immediately prior to the Reorganization, and the Acquiring Fund's holding period of such assets will, in each instance, include the period during which the assets were held by the Target Fund.

The opinion of Skadden Arps will be based on federal income tax law in effect on the Closing date. In rendering its opinion, Skadden Arps will also rely upon certain representations of the management of the Acquiring Fund and the Target Fund and assume, among other things, that the Reorganization will be consummated in accordance with the operative documents. An opinion of counsel is not binding on the IRS or any court.

The Acquiring Fund intends to continue to be taxed under the rules applicable to regulated investment companies as defined in Section 851 of the Code, which are the same rules currently applicable to the Target Fund and its shareholders.

Shareholders of the Target Fund may redeem their shares or exchange their shares for shares of certain other funds distributed by the Distributor at any time prior to the closing of the Reorganization. See "Purchase, Valuation, Redemption and Exchange of Shares" above. Redemptions of shares and such exchanges of

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shares into such other funds (other than the Acquiring Fund) generally are taxable transactions. Shareholders should consult with their own tax advisers in this regard.

The Target Fund has capital loss carryforwards that, in the absence of this Reorganization, would generally be available to offset the Target Fund's capital gains. As a result of this Reorganization, however, the Acquiring Fund believes that the Target Fund will likely undergo an "ownership change" for tax purposes and that, accordingly, the use of such capital loss carryforwards (and certain "built-in losses") of the Target Fund will likely be limited by section 382 of the Code. Section 382 generally limits the amount of pre-ownership change losses that may be used to offset post-ownership change income to a specific annual amount (generally the product of the fair market value of the stock of the Target Fund (with certain adjustments) prior to the ownership change and the long-term tax-exempt rate established by the IRS (4.62% for June, 2004)). Subject to certain limitations, any unused portion of these losses may be available in subsequent years. The Acquiring Fund's ability to utilize its own capital losses and losses attributable to any future decreases in value should not be affected. Capital loss carryovers adversely affect the Acquiring Fund's ability to pay and designate capital gain dividends to its shareholders.

EXPENSES OF THE REORGANIZATION

The expenses of the Reorganization will be borne by the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund proportionately, based on the expected benefits to each as a result of the Reorganization, in the event the Reorganization is completed. Management believes that shareholders of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund will benefit from the Reorganization due to anticipated decreases in operating expenses of each Fund. See the "Fee and Expense Comparison Table" above. Management of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund estimate total costs of the Reorganization to be approximately \$482,000. Of these expenses, approximately \$296,000 will be borne by the Target Fund and \$186,000 will be borne by the Acquiring Fund. In the event the Reorganization is not completed, the Adviser will bear the costs associated with the Reorganization. The Target Fund Board and Acquiring Fund Board have reviewed and approved the foregoing arrangements with respect to expenses and other charges relating to the Reorganization.

Expenses incurred in connection with the Reorganization include, but are not limited to: all costs related to the preparation and distribution of materials distributed to each Fund's Board; all expenses incurred in connection with the preparation of the Reorganization Agreement and a registration statement on Form N-14; SEC and state securities commission filing fees and legal and audit fees in connection with the Reorganization; the costs of printing and distributing this Prospectus/Proxy Statement; legal fees incurred preparing materials for the Board of each Fund, attending each Fund's Board meetings and preparing the

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minutes; auditing fees associated with each Fund's financial statements; portfolio transfer taxes (if any); and any similar expenses incurred in connection with the Reorganization. Neither the Funds nor the Adviser will pay any expenses of shareholders arising out of or in connection with the Reorganization.

CONTINUATION OF SHAREHOLDER ACCOUNTS AND PLANS; SHARE CERTIFICATES

If the Reorganization is approved, the Acquiring Fund will establish an account for each Target Fund shareholder containing the appropriate number of shares of the Acquiring Fund. The shareholder services and shareholder programs of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund are substantially identical.

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Shareholders of the Target Fund who are accumulating Target Fund shares under the dividend reinvestment plan, or who are receiving payment under the systematic withdrawal plan with respect to Target Fund shares, will retain the same rights and privileges after the Reorganization in connection with the Class A, B or C Shares of the Acquiring Fund received in the Reorganization through substantially identical plans maintained by the Acquiring Fund. Target Fund shareholders enrolled in the Target Fund's dividend reinvestment plan or systematic withdrawal plan will be automatically enrolled in the Acquiring Fund's corresponding plan after the Reorganization is completed.

It will not be necessary for shareholders of the Target Fund to whom certificates have been issued to surrender their certificates. Upon dissolution of the Target Fund, such certificates will become null and void. However, Target Fund shareholders holding such certificates may want to present such certificates to receive certificates of the Acquiring Fund (to simplify substantiation of and to preserve the tax basis of separate lots of shares).

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters concerning the federal income tax consequences of the Reorganization and issuance of Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund will be passed on by Skadden Arps, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, which serves as special counsel to the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund. Wayne W. Whalen, a partner of Skadden Arps, is a Trustee of each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund.

SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL

The Target Fund Board has unanimously approved the Reorganization, subject to shareholder approval. Shareholder approval of the Reorganization requires the affirmative vote of Target Fund shareholders representing a majority of the outstanding shares of the Target Fund. The Target Fund Board recommends voting "FOR" the proposed Reorganization.

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OTHER INFORMATION

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

At the close of business on August 25, 2004, the record date (the "Record Date") with respect to the Special Meeting, there were Class A Shares, Class B and Class C Shares of the Target Fund outstanding. As of the Record Date, the directors and officers of the Target Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the shares of the Target Fund. As of the Record Date, no person was known by the Target Fund to own beneficially or of record as much as 5% of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Target Fund except as follows:

SHAREHOLDER AND ADDRESS	CLASS OF SHARES	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP
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As of the Record Date, there were Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Acquiring Fund outstanding. As of the Record Date, the trustees and officers of the Acquiring Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. As of the Record Date, no

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person was known by the Acquiring Fund to own beneficially or of record as much as 5% of the Class A, B or C Shares of the Fund except as follows:

SHAREHOLDER AND ADDRESS	CLASS OF SHARES	APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP
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SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The Funds do not hold regular annual meetings of shareholders. As a general matter, the Acquiring Fund does not intend to hold future regular annual or special meetings of its shareholders unless required by the 1940 Act. In the event the Reorganization is not completed, the Target Fund does not intend to hold future regular annual or special meetings of its shareholders unless required by the 1940 Act. Any shareholder who wishes to submit proposals for consideration at a meeting of shareholders of the Target Fund or the Acquiring Fund should send such proposal to the respective Fund at 1 Parkview Plaza, PO Box 5555, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555. To be considered for presentation at a shareholders' meeting, rules promulgated by the SEC require that, among other things, a shareholder's proposal must be received at the offices of the Fund a reasonable time before a solicitation is made. Timely submission of a proposal does not necessarily mean that such proposal will be included.

SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

Solicitation of proxies is being made primarily by the mailing of this Notice and Prospectus/Proxy Statement with its enclosures on or about September 8, 2004. Target Fund shareholders whose shares are held by nominees such as brokers can vote their proxies by contacting their respective nominee. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by mail, employees of the Adviser and its affiliates as well as dealers or their representatives may, without additional compensation, solicit proxies in person or by mail, telephone, telegraph, facsimile or oral communication. The Target Fund has retained ALAMO Direct Mail Services, Inc. ("ALAMO") to make telephone calls to Target Fund Shareholders to remind them to vote. In addition, ALAMO and D.F. King & Co., Inc., ("D.F. King"), each a professional proxy solicitation firm, may also be retained to assist with any necessary solicitation of proxies. In the event of a solicitation by ALAMO and/or D.F. King, the solicitor would be paid a project management fee not to exceed \$3,000 as well as fees charged on a per call basis and certain other expenses. The Funds estimate that any such solicitation would cost approximately \$95,000. Proxy solicitation expenses are an expense of the Reorganization which will be shared between shareholders of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund if the Reorganization is approved and completed.

OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING

The Target Fund Board knows of no business other than that described in the Notice which will be presented for consideration at the Special Meeting. If any

other matters are properly presented, it is the intention of the persons named on the enclosed proxy card to vote proxies in accordance with their best judgment.

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In the event that a quorum is present at the Special Meeting but sufficient votes to approve the proposed Reorganization are not received, proxies (including abstentions and broker non-votes) will be voted in favor of one or more adjournments of the Special Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies on the proposed Reorganization, provided that the Target Fund Board determines that such an adjournment and additional solicitation is reasonable and in the interest of shareholders based on a consideration of all relevant factors, including the nature of the particular proposals, the percentage of votes then cast, the percentage of negative votes cast, the nature of the proposed solicitation activities and the nature of the reasons for such further solicitation. Any such adjournment will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares voted at the session of the Special Meeting to be adjourned.

VOTING INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

The affirmative vote of shareholders representing a majority of the outstanding shares of the Target Fund is required to approve the proposed Reorganization. The Target Fund Board has fixed the close of business on August 25, 2004 as the Record Date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Special Meeting. Target Fund shareholders on the Record Date are entitled to one vote for each share held, with no shares having cumulative voting rights.

Target Fund shareholders may vote by appearing in person at the Special Meeting, by returning the enclosed proxy card or by casting their vote via telephone or the internet using the instructions provided on the enclosed proxy card. Any person giving a proxy may revoke it at any time prior to its exercise by executing a superseding proxy, by giving written notice of the revocation to the secretary of the Target Fund or by voting in person at the Special Meeting.

All properly executed proxies received prior to the Special Meeting will be voted in accordance with the instructions marked thereon or otherwise as provided therein. Unless instructions to the contrary are marked, proxies will be voted "FOR" the approval of the proposed Reorganization. Abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., where a nominee such as a broker holding shares for beneficial owners votes on certain matters pursuant to discretionary authority or instructions from beneficial owners, but with respect to one or more proposals does not receive instructions from beneficial owners or does not exercise discretionary authority) have the same effect as votes "AGAINST" the proposed Reorganization since approval of the proposed Reorganization is based on the affirmative vote of a majority of the total shares outstanding. A majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on a proposal must be present in person or by proxy to have a quorum to conduct business at the Special Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be deemed present for quorum purposes.

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Shareholders who execute proxies may revoke them at any time before they are

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voted by filing with the Target Fund a written notice of revocation, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Special Meeting and voting in person. The giving of a proxy will not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the Special Meeting and wish to do so.

If you cannot be present in person at the meeting, you are requested to fill in, sign and return the enclosed proxy card promptly. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States.

Stefanie Chang Yu

Vice President and Secretary

September 1, 2004

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Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund

Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective which is sought only when consistent with the Fund's primary investment objective. The Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, such as convertible securities and preferred stock.

Shares of the Fund have not been approved or disapproved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or any state regulator, and neither the SEC nor any state regulator has passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This Prospectus is dated DECEMBER 30, 2003

CLASS A SHARES
CLASS B SHARES
CLASS C SHARES

PROSPECTUS

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Risk/Return Summary

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective which is sought only when consistent with the Fund's primary investment objective.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

Under normal market conditions, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, such as convertible securities and preferred stock. The Fund buys and sells medium- and lower-grade securities with a view towards seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term. Lower-grade securities are commonly referred to as junk bonds. The Fund invests in a broad range of income securities represented by various companies and industries and traded on various markets. In selecting securities for investment, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to identify securities which entail reasonable credit risk considered in relation to the Fund's investment policies. The Fund's investment adviser uses an investment strategy of fundamental credit analysis and emphasizes issuers that it believes will remain financially sound and perform well in a range of market conditions. Portfolio securities are typically sold when the fundamental assessment of an issuer by the Fund's investment adviser materially changes.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in corporate bonds and other income securities with maturities greater than one year. The Fund may invest up to 35% of its total assets in securities of issued by foreign governments or foreign corporations. The Fund may purchase and sell certain derivative instruments, such as options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts, for various portfolio management purposes, including to earn income, facilitate portfolio management and mitigate risks.

PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT RISKS

An investment in the Fund is subject to risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

CREDIT RISK. Credit risk refers to an issuer's ability to make timely payments of interest and principal. Because the Fund invests primarily in medium- and lower-grade securities, the Fund is subject to a higher level of credit risk than a fund that invests only in investment grade securities. The credit quality of noninvestment-grade securities is considered speculative by recognized rating

agencies with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to pay interest and principal. Lower-grade securities may have less liquidity and a higher incidence of default than higher-grade securities. The Fund may incur higher expenses to protect the Fund's interests in such securities. The credit risks and market prices of lower-grade securities generally are more sensitive to negative issuer developments, such as reduced revenues or increased expenditures, or adverse economic conditions, such as a recession, than are higher-grade securities.

MARKET RISK. Market risk is the possibility that the market values of securities owned by the Fund will decline. The prices of income securities tend to fall as interest rates rise, and such declines tend to be greater among income securities with longer maturities. Although the Fund has no policy limiting the maturities of its investments, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to maintain a portfolio duration of two to six years. This means that the Fund is subject to greater market risk than a fund investing solely in shorter-term securities (see "Investment Objectives, Strategies and Risks" for an explanation of maturities and durations). Medium- and lower-grade securities, especially those with longer maturities or those that do not make regular interest payments, may be more volatile and may decline more in price in response to negative issuer developments or general economic news than higher-grade securities.

Market risk is often greater among certain types of income securities, such as zero coupon bonds or pay-in-kind securities. As interest rates change, these securities often fluctuate more in price than traditional income securities and may subject the Fund to greater

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market risk than a fund that does not own these types of securities.

INCOME RISK. The income you receive from the Fund is based primarily on interest rates and credit risk, which can vary widely over the short- and long-term. If interest rates drop, your income from the Fund may drop as well.

CALL RISK. If interest rates fall, it is possible that issuers of income securities with high interest rates will prepay or "call" their securities before their maturity dates. In this event, the proceeds from the called securities would likely be reinvested by the Fund in securities bearing the new, lower interest rates, resulting in a possible decline in the Fund's income and distributions to shareholders.

FOREIGN RISKS. Because the Fund may own securities of foreign issuers, it may be subject to risks not usually associated with owning securities of U.S. issuers. These risks can include fluctuations in foreign currencies, foreign currency exchange controls, political and economic instability, differences in financial reporting, differences in securities regulation and trading and foreign taxation issues.

RISKS OF USING DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS. In general terms, a derivative instrument is one whose value depends on (or is derived from) the value of an underlying asset, interest rate or index. Options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts are examples of derivative instruments. Derivative instruments involve risks different from direct investments in underlying securities. These risks include imperfect correlation between the value of the instruments and the underlying assets; risks of default by the other party to certain transactions; risks that the transactions may result in losses that partially or completely offset gains in portfolio positions; and risks that the transactions may not be liquid.

MANAGER RISK. As with any managed fund, the Fund's investment adviser may not be successful in selecting the best-performing securities or investment techniques,

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and the Fund's performance may lag behind that of similar funds.

INVESTOR PROFILE

In light of the Fund's investment objectives and strategies, the Fund may be appropriate for investors who:

- Seek a high level of current income
- Are willing to take on the substantially increased risks of medium- and lower-grade securities in exchange for potentially higher income
- Wish to add to their investment portfolio a fund that invests primarily in medium- and lower-grade income securities

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of any bank or other insured depository institution. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program, and investors should consider their long-term investment goals and financial needs when making an investment decision about the Fund. An investment in the Fund is intended to be a long-term investment, and the Fund should not be used as a trading vehicle.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

One way to measure the risks of investing in the Fund is to look at how its performance has varied from year to year. The following chart shows the annual returns of the Fund's Class A Shares over the ten calendar years prior to the date of this Prospectus. Sales loads are not reflected in this chart. If these sales loads had been included, the returns shown below would have been

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lower. Remember that past performance of the Fund is not indicative of its future performance.

[BAR GRAPH]

	ANNUAL RETURN -----
1993	19.13
1994	-3.62
1995	17.43
1996	13.65
1997	12.24
1998	0.46
1999	3.90
2000	-8.22
2001	-2.65
2002	-9.42

The Fund's return for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003 for Class A Shares was 17.53%. As a result of market activity, current performance may vary from the figures shown.

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The annual returns of the Fund's Class B Shares and Class C Shares would be substantially similar to those shown for the Class A Shares because all of the Fund's shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities; however, the actual annual returns of the Class B Shares and Class C Shares would be lower than the annual returns shown for the Fund's Class A Shares because of differences in the expenses borne by each class of shares.

During the ten-year period shown in the bar chart, the highest quarterly return for Class A Shares was 6.54% (for the quarter ended March 31, 1993) and the lowest quarterly return for Class A Shares was -8.20% (for the quarter ended September 30, 1998).

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE

As a basis for evaluating the Fund's performance and risks, the table below shows how the Fund's performance compares with the Chase Global High Yield Index*, a broad-based market index that the Fund's investment adviser believes is an appropriate benchmark for the Fund, and the Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index, an index of funds with similar investment objectives. The Fund's performance figures include the maximum sales charges paid by investors. The indices' performance figures do not include any commissions, sales charges or taxes that would be paid by investors purchasing the securities represented by the indices. An investment cannot be made directly in the indices.

In addition to before tax returns for each class of shares, the table shows after tax returns for the Fund's Class A Shares in two ways: (i) after taxes on distributions and (ii) after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares. The after tax returns for the Fund's Class B Shares and Class C Shares will vary from the Class A Shares' returns. After tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates during the periods shown and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. An after tax return may be higher than the before tax return due to an assumed benefit from any capital loss that would have been realized had Fund shares been sold at the end of the relevant period.

Average annual total returns (before and after taxes) are shown for the periods ended December 31, 2002 (the most recently completed calendar year prior to the date of this Prospectus). Remember that past performance

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(before and after taxes) of the Fund is not indicative of its future performance.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED	PAST		
	PAST	PAST	10 YEARS OR SINCE INCEPTION
DECEMBER 31, 2002	1 YEAR	5 YEARS	

Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund -- Class A Shares			
Return Before Taxes	-13.81%	-4.26%	3.30%(1)
Return After Taxes on			

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Distributions	-17.26%	-8.28%	-0.81%(1)
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	-8.45%	-4.95%	0.81%(1)
Chase Global High Yield Index	2.14%	1.15%	5.23%(1)
Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index	-2.41%	-1.80%	4.69%(1)
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Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund -- Class B Shares			
Return Before Taxes	-13.34%	-4.25%	3.31%(1) **
Chase Global High Yield Index	2.14%	1.15%	5.23%(1)
Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index	-2.41%	-1.80%	4.69%(1)
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Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund -- Class C Shares			
Return Before Taxes	-10.99%	-4.10%	1.90%(2)
Chase Global High Yield Index	2.14%	-1.15%	N/A
Lipper High Yield Bond Fund Index	-2.41%	-1.80%	3.69%(3)
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N/A -- Not applicable because class data pre-dates the inception date of the index.

Return information is provided: (1) for past 10 years, (2) since 7/6/93 and (3) since 6/30/93.

* Chase Global High Yield Index is an unmanaged, broad-based index that reflects the general performance of the global high yield corporate debt market, including domestic and international issues.

** The "Past 10 Years" performance for Class B Shares reflects the conversion of such shares into Class A Shares six years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class B Shares purchased on or after June 1, 1996 will convert to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. See "Purchase of Shares."

The current yield for the thirty-day period ended August 31, 2003 is 7.00% for Class A Shares, 6.55% for Class B Shares and 6.64% for Class C Shares. Investors can obtain the current yield of the Fund for each class of shares by calling (800) 847-2424 or by visiting our web site at www.vankampen.com.

Fees and Expenses
of the Fund

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

CLASS A SHARES	CLASS B SHARES	CLASS C SHARES

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SHAREHOLDER FEES

(fees paid directly from your investment)

Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	4.75%(1)	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of the lesser of original purchase price or redemption proceeds)	None (2)	4.00% (3)	1.00% (4)
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on reinvested dividends	None	None	None
Redemption fee	None	None	None
Exchange fee	None	None	None

ANNUAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES

(expenses that are deducted from Fund assets and are based on expenses incurred during the Fund's fiscal year ended August 31, 2003)

Management fees	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%
Distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees (5)	0.24%	1.00% (6)	1.00% (6)
Other expenses	0.33%	0.34%	0.34%
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.12%	1.89%	1.89%

(1) Reduced for purchases of \$100,000 and over. See "Purchase of Shares -- Class A Shares."

(2) Investments of \$1 million or more are not subject to any sales charge at the time of purchase, but a deferred sales charge of 1.00% may be imposed on certain redemptions made within one year of the purchase. See "Purchase of Shares -- Class A Shares."

(3) The maximum deferred sales charge is 4.00% in the first and second year after purchase and declines thereafter as follows:

Year 1-4.00%
Year 2-4.00%
Year 3-3.00%
Year 4-2.50%
Year 5-1.50%
After-None

See "Purchase of Shares -- Class B Shares."

- (4) The maximum deferred sales charge is 1.00% in the first year after purchase and 0.00% thereafter. See "Purchase of Shares -- Class C Shares."
- (5) Class A Shares are subject to a combined annual distribution and service fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets attributable to such class of shares. Class B Shares and Class C Shares are each subject to a combined annual distribution and service fee of up to 1.00% of the average daily net assets attributable to such class of shares. See "Purchase of Shares."
- (6) While Class B Shares and Class C Shares do not have any front-end sales charges, their higher ongoing annual expenses (due to higher 12b-1 and service fees) mean that over time you could end up paying more for these shares than if you were to pay front-end sales charges for Class A Shares.

Example:

The following example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same each year (except for the ten-year amounts for Class B Shares which reflect the conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased). Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	ONE YEAR	THREE YEARS	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
Class A Shares	\$584	\$814	\$1,063	\$1,773
Class B Shares	\$592	\$894	\$1,171	\$2,011*
Class C Shares	\$292	\$594	\$1,021	\$2,212

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares:

	ONE YEAR	THREE YEARS	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
Class A Shares	\$584	\$814	\$1,063	\$1,773
Class B Shares	\$192	\$594	\$1,021	\$2,011*
Class C Shares	\$192	\$594	\$1,021	\$2,212

* Based on conversion to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the

calendar month in which the shares were purchased.

Investment Objectives,
Strategies and Risks

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective that the Fund will seek only when consistent with the Fund's primary investment objective. The Fund's investment objectives may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees without shareholder approval, but no change is anticipated. If the Fund's investment objectives change, the Fund will notify shareholders and shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of their then current financial position and needs. There are risks inherent in all investments in securities; accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

Under normal market conditions, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, including convertible securities and preferred stock. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests primarily in medium- and lower-grade income securities, which includes securities rated at the time of purchase BBB or lower by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or rated Baa or lower by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and unrated securities determined by the Fund's investment adviser to be of comparable quality at the time of purchase. With respect to such investments, the Fund has not established any limit on the percentage of its portfolio which may be invested in securities in any one rating category. Securities rated BB or lower by S&P or rated Ba or lower by Moody's and unrated securities of comparable quality are regarded as below investment grade and are commonly referred to as junk bonds, and involve special risks as compared to investments in higher-grade securities. Investors should carefully consider the section below entitled "Risks of Investing in Medium- and Lower-Grade Securities." Certain types of income securities are subject to additional risks, see "Additional Information Regarding Certain Income Securities" below.

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Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in high yield, high risk corporate bonds at the time of investment. The Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees, but no change is anticipated; if the Fund's policy in the foregoing sentence changes, the Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days prior to implementation of the change and shareholders should consider whether the Fund remains an appropriate investment in light of the changes.

The Fund buys and sells securities with a view towards seeking a high level of current income and capital appreciation over the long-term. The Fund invests in a broad range of income securities represented by various companies and industries and traded on various markets. The Fund's investment adviser uses an investment strategy of in-depth, fundamental credit analysis and emphasizes issuers that it believes will remain financially sound and perform well in a range of market conditions. In its effort to enhance value and diversify the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's investment adviser may seek investments in cyclical issues or out-of-favor areas of the market to contribute to the Fund's

performance.

The higher income and potential for capital appreciation sought by the Fund are generally obtainable from securities in the medium- and lower-credit quality range. Such securities tend to offer higher yields than higher-grade securities with the same maturities because the historical conditions of the issuers of such securities may not have been as strong as those of other issuers. These securities may be issued in connection with corporate restructurings such as leveraged buyouts, mergers, acquisitions, debt recapitalization or similar events. These securities are often issued by smaller, less creditworthy companies or companies with substantial debt and may include financially troubled companies or companies in default or in restructuring.

UNDERSTANDING QUALITY RATINGS

Income securities ratings are based on the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay the principal. Income securities with ratings above the bold line in the table are considered "investment grade," while those with ratings below the bold line are regarded as "noninvestment grade." A detailed explanation of these and other ratings can be found in the appendix to this Prospectus.

S&P	MOODY'S	MEANING
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AAA	Aaa	Highest quality
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AA	Aa	High quality
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A	A	Above-average quality
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BBB	Baa	Average quality
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BB	Ba	Below-average quality
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B	B	Marginal quality
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CCC	Caa	Poor quality
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CC	Ca	Highly speculative
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C	C	Lowest quality
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D	--	In default
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Such securities often are subordinated to the prior claims of banks and other senior lenders. Lower-grade securities are regarded by the rating agencies as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. The ratings of S&P and Moody's represent their opinions of the quality of the income securities they undertake to rate, but not the market risk of such securities. It should be emphasized however, that ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality.

The Fund's investment adviser seeks to minimize the risks involved in investing in medium- and lower-grade securities through diversification and a focus on in-depth research and fundamental credit analysis. In selecting securities for investment, the Fund's investment adviser considers, among other things, the

security's current income potential, the rating assigned to the security, the issuer's experience and managerial strength, the financial soundness of the issuer and the outlook of its industry, changing financial condition, borrowing requirements or debt maturity schedules,

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regulatory concerns, and responsiveness to changes in business conditions and interest rates. The Fund's investment adviser also may consider relative values based on anticipated cash flow, interest or dividend coverage, balance sheet analysis and earnings prospects. The investment adviser evaluates each individual income security for credit quality and value and attempts to identify higher-yielding securities of companies whose financial condition has improved since the issuance of such securities or is anticipated to improve in the future. Because of the number of investment considerations involved in investing in medium- and lower-grade securities, achievement of the Fund's investment objectives may be more dependent upon the investment adviser's credit analysis than is the case with investing in higher-grade securities.

The value of income securities generally varies inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates. If interest rates rise, income security prices generally fall; if interest rates fall, income security prices generally rise. Shorter-term securities are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than longer-term securities; thus, for a given change in interest rates, the market prices of shorter-maturity securities generally fluctuate less than the market prices of longer-maturity securities. Income securities with shorter maturities generally offer lower yields than income securities with longer maturities assuming all other factors, including credit quality, are equal. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in corporate bonds and other income securities with maturities greater than one year and, while the Fund has no policy limiting the maturities of the debt securities in which it may invest, the Fund's investment adviser seeks to moderate risk by normally maintaining a portfolio duration of two to six years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt security that was developed as a more precise alternative to the concept of "term to maturity." Duration incorporates a debt security's yield, coupon interest payments, final maturity and call features into one measurement. A duration calculation looks at the present value of a security's entire payment stream, whereas term to maturity is based solely on the date of a security's final principal repayment.

UNDERSTANDING MATURITIES

An income security can be categorized according to its maturity, which is the length of time before the issuer must repay the principal.

Term	Maturity Level
1-3 years	Short
4-10 years	Intermediate
More than 10 years	Long

UNDERSTANDING DURATION

Duration provides an alternative approach to assessing a security's market risk. Duration measures the expected life of a security by incorporating the security's yield, coupon interest payments, final maturity and call features into one measure. Whereas maturity focuses only on the final principal repayment date of a security, duration looks at the timing and present value of all of a security's principal, interest or other payments. Typically, a bond with interest payments due prior to maturity has a duration less than maturity. A zero coupon bond, which does not make interest payments prior to maturity, would have the same duration and maturity.

RISK OF INVESTING IN
MEDIUM- AND LOWER-GRADE SECURITIES

Securities that are in the medium- or lower-grade categories generally offer higher yields than are offered by higher-grade securities of similar maturities, but they also generally involve greater risks, such as greater credit risk, greater market risk and volatility, greater liquidity concerns and potentially greater manager risk. Investors should carefully consider the risks of owning shares of a fund which invests in medium- or lower-grade securities before investing in the Fund.

Credit risk relates to the issuer's ability to make timely payment of interest and principal when due. Medium-and lower-grade securities are considered more

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susceptible to nonpayment of interest and principal or default than higher-grade securities. Increases in interest rates or changes in the economy may significantly affect the ability of issuers of medium- or lower-grade income securities to pay interest and to repay principal, to meet projected financial goals or to obtain additional financing. In the event that an issuer of securities held by the Fund experiences difficulties in the timely payment of principal and interest and such issuer seeks to restructure the terms of its borrowings, the Fund may incur additional expenses and may determine to invest additional assets with respect to such issuer or the project or projects to which the Fund's securities relate. Further, the Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent that it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of interest or the repayment of principal on its portfolio holdings, and the Fund may be unable to obtain full recovery on such amounts.

Market risk relates to changes in market value of a security that occur as a result of variation in the level of prevailing interest rates and yield relationships in the income securities market and as a result of real or perceived changes in credit risk. The value of the Fund's investments can be expected to fluctuate over time. When interest rates decline, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed income securities generally can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed income securities generally can be expected to decline. Income securities with longer maturities, which may have higher yields, may increase or decrease in value more than income securities with shorter maturities. However, the secondary market prices of medium- or lower-grade securities generally are less sensitive to changes in interest rates and are more sensitive to general adverse economic changes or specific developments with respect to the particular issuers than are the secondary market prices of higher-grade securities. A significant increase in interest rates or a general economic downturn could severely disrupt the market for medium- or lower-grade securities and adversely affect the market value of such securities. Such events also could lead to a higher incidence of default by issuers of medium- or lower-grade securities as compared with higher-grade securities. In addition, changes in credit risks, interest rates,

the credit markets or periods of general economic uncertainty can be expected to result in increased volatility in the market price of the medium- or lower-grade securities in the Fund and thus in the net asset value of the Fund. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on rational analysis, may affect the value, volatility and liquidity of medium- or lower-grade securities.

The markets for medium- or lower-grade securities may be less liquid than the markets for higher-grade securities. Liquidity relates to the ability of a fund to sell a security in a timely manner at a price which reflects the value of that security. To the extent that there is no established retail market for some of the medium- or lower-grade securities in which the Fund may invest, trading in such securities may be relatively inactive. Prices of medium- or lower-grade securities may decline rapidly in the event a significant number of holders decide to sell. Changes in expectations regarding an individual issuer of medium- or lower-grade securities generally could reduce market liquidity for such securities and make their sale by the Fund more difficult, at least in the absence of price concessions. The effects of adverse publicity and investor perceptions may be more pronounced for securities for which no established retail market exists as compared with the effects on securities for which such a market does exist. An economic downturn or an increase in interest rates could severely disrupt the market for such securities and adversely affect the value of outstanding securities or the ability of the issuers to repay principal and interest. Further, the Fund may have more difficulty selling such securities in a timely manner and at their stated value than would be the case for securities for which an established retail market does exist.

During periods of reduced market liquidity or in the absence of readily available market quotations for medium- or lower-grade securities held in the Fund's portfolio, the ability of the Fund to value the Fund's securities becomes more difficult and the judgment of the Fund may play a greater role in the valuation of the Fund's securities due to the reduced availability of reliable objective data.

The Fund may invest in securities not producing immediate cash income, including securities in default, zero coupon securities or pay-in-kind securities. Prices on non-cash-paying instruments may be more sensitive to changes in the issuer's financial condition,

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fluctuation in interest rates and market demand/supply imbalances than cash-paying securities with similar credit ratings, and thus may be more speculative. Special tax considerations are associated with investing in certain lower-grade securities, such as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities. See "Federal Income Taxation" below. The Fund's investment adviser will weigh these concerns against the expected total returns from such instruments. See "Additional Information Regarding Certain Income Securities" below.

The Fund may invest in securities rated below B by both Moody's and S&P, common stocks or other equity securities and income securities on which interest or dividends are not being paid when such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objectives or are acquired as part of a unit consisting of a combination of income or equity securities. Equity securities as referred to herein do not include preferred stocks (which the Fund considers income securities). The Fund will not purchase any such securities which will cause more than 20% of its total assets to be so invested or which would cause more than 10% of its total assets to be invested in common stocks, warrants and options on equity securities at the time of investment.

The Fund's investments may include securities with the lowest-grade assigned by

recognized rating organizations and unrated securities of comparable quality. Securities assigned the lowest grade ratings include those of companies that are in default or are in bankruptcy or reorganization. Securities of such companies are regarded by the rating agencies as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing and are usually available at deep discounts from the face values of the instruments. A security purchased at a deep discount may currently pay a very high effective yield. In addition, if the financial condition of the issuer improves, the underlying value of the security may increase, resulting in capital appreciation. If the company defaults on its obligations or remains in default, or if the plan of reorganization does not provide sufficient payments for debtholders, the deep discount securities may stop generating income and lose value or become worthless. The Fund's investment adviser will balance the benefits of deep discount securities with their risks. While a diversified portfolio may reduce the overall impact of a deep discount security that is in default or loses its value, the risk cannot be eliminated.

Many medium- and lower-grade income securities are not listed for trading on any national securities exchange, and issuers of medium- and lower-grade income securities may choose not to have a rating assigned to their obligations by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization. As a result, the Fund's portfolio may consist of a higher portion of unlisted or unrated securities as compared with an investment company that invests primarily in higher-grade securities. Unrated securities are usually not as attractive to as many buyers as are rated securities, a factor which may make unrated securities less marketable. These factors may have the effect of limiting the availability of the securities for purchase by the Fund and may also limit the ability of the Fund to sell such securities at their fair value either to meet redemption requests or in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets. Further, to the extent the Fund owns or may acquire illiquid or restricted medium- or lower-grade securities, these securities may involve special registration responsibilities, liabilities and costs, and liquidity and valuation difficulties.

The Fund will rely on its investment adviser's judgment, analysis and experience in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer. The amount of available information about the financial condition of certain medium- or lower-grade issuers may be less extensive than other issuers. In its analysis, the Fund's investment adviser may consider the credit ratings of recognized rating organizations in evaluating securities although the investment adviser does not rely primarily on these ratings. Credit ratings of securities rating organizations evaluate only the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market risk. In addition, ratings are general and not absolute standards of quality, and credit ratings are subject to the risk that the creditworthiness of an issuer may change and the rating agencies may fail to change such ratings in a timely fashion. A rating downgrade does not require the Fund to dispose of a security. The Fund's investment adviser continuously monitors the issuers of securities held in the Fund. Additionally, since most foreign income securities are not rated, the Fund will invest in such securities based on the analysis of the Fund's investment adviser without any guidance from published ratings. Because of the number of investment considerations involved in investing in medium- or lower-grade securities and foreign income securities, achievement of the Fund's investment objectives may

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be more dependent upon the credit analysis of the Fund's investment adviser than is the case with investing in higher-grade securities.

New or proposed laws may have an impact on the market for medium- or lower-grade securities. The Fund's investment adviser is unable at this time to predict what effect, if any, legislation may have on the market for medium- or lower-grade

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securities.

Special tax considerations are associated with investing in certain medium- or lower-grade securities, such as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities. The Fund accrues income on these securities prior to the receipt of cash payments. The Fund must distribute substantially all of its income to its shareholders to qualify for pass-through treatment under federal income tax law and therefore, may have to dispose of its portfolio securities to satisfy distribution requirements.

The table below sets forth the percentages of the Fund's assets during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003 invested in the various rating categories (based on the higher of the S&P or Moody's ratings) and in unrated debt securities. The percentages are based on the dollar-weighted average of credit ratings of all securities held by the Fund during the 2003 fiscal year computed on a monthly basis.

RATING CATEGORY	FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003	
	RATED SECURITIES (AS A PERCENTAGE OF PORTFOLIO VALUE)	UNRATED SECURITIES OF COMPARABLE QUALITY (AS A PERCENTAGE OF PORTFOLIO VALUE)
AAA/Aaa	0.00%	0.00%
AA/Aa	0.00%	0.00%
A/A	0.27%	0.00%
BBB/Baa	10.66%	0.00%
BB/Ba	32.40%	0.00%
B/B	44.19%	0.49%
CCC/Caa	5.48%	0.44%
CC/Ca	0.84%	0.00%
C/C	0.39%	0.09%
D	0.11%	1.15%
Equities	3.49%	0.00%
Percentage of Rated and Unrated Debt Securities	97.83%	2.17%

The percentage of the Fund's assets invested in securities of various grades may vary from time to time from those listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING CERTAIN INCOME SECURITIES

Zero coupon securities are income securities that do not entitle the holder to any periodic payment of interest prior to maturity or a specified date when the

securities begin paying current interest. They are issued and traded at a discount from their face amounts or par value, which discount varies depending on the time remaining until cash payments begin, prevailing interest rates, liquidity of the security and the perceived credit quality of the issuer. Because such securities do not entitle the holder to any periodic payments of interest prior to maturity, this prevents any reinvestment of interest payments at prevailing interest rates if prevailing interest rates rise. On the other hand, because there are no periodic interest payments to be reinvested prior to maturity, zero coupon securities eliminate the reinvestment risk and may lock in a favorable rate of return to maturity if interest rates drop.

Payment-in-kind securities are income securities that pay interest through the issuance of additional securities. Prices on such non-cash-paying instruments may be more sensitive to changes in the issuer's financial condition, fluctuations in interest rates and market demand/supply imbalances than cash-paying securities with similar credit ratings, and thus may be more speculative than are securities that pay interest periodically in cash.

The amount of non-cash interest income earned on zero coupon securities and payment-in-kind securities is included, for federal income tax purposes, in the Fund's calculation of income that is required to be distributed to shareholders for the Fund to maintain its desired federal income tax status (even though such non-cash paying securities do not provide the Fund with the cash flow with which to pay such distributions). Accordingly, the Fund may be required to borrow or to liquidate portfolio securities at a time that it otherwise would not have done so to make such distributions. The Fund's investment adviser will weigh these concerns against the expected total returns from such instruments.

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RISKS OF INVESTING IN SECURITIES OF FOREIGN ISSUERS

The Fund may invest up to 35% of its total assets in securities issued by foreign governments and other foreign issuers which are similar in quality to the securities described above. Securities of foreign issuers may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in currencies other than U.S. dollars. The Fund's investment adviser believes that in certain instances such securities of foreign issuers may provide higher yields than securities of domestic issuers which have similar maturities.

Investments in securities of foreign issuers present certain risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, political, economic or legal developments (including war or other instability, expropriation of assets, nationalization and confiscatory taxation), the imposition of foreign exchange limitations (including currency blockage), withholding taxes on income or capital transactions or other restrictions, higher transaction costs (including higher brokerage, custodial and settlement costs and currency conversion costs) and possible difficulty in enforcing contractual obligations or taking judicial action. Securities of foreign issuers may not be as liquid and may be more volatile than comparable securities of domestic issuers.

In addition, there often is less publicly available information about many foreign issuers, and issuers of foreign securities are subject to different, often less comprehensive, auditing, accounting and financial reporting disclosure requirements than domestic issuers. There is generally less government regulation of exchanges, brokers and listed companies abroad than in the United States and, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is a possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, or diplomatic

developments which could affect investment in those countries. Because there is usually less supervision and governmental regulation of foreign exchanges, brokers and dealers than there is in the United States, the Fund may experience settlement difficulties or delays not usually encountered in the United States.

Delays in making trades in foreign securities relating to volume constraints, limitations or restrictions, clearance or settlement procedures, or otherwise could impact yields and result in temporary periods when assets of the Fund are not fully invested or attractive investment opportunities are foregone.

The Fund may invest in securities of issuers determined by the investment adviser to be in developing or emerging market countries. Investments in securities of issuers in developing or emerging market countries are subject to greater risks than investments in securities of developed countries since emerging market countries tend to have economic structures that are less diverse and mature and political systems that are less stable than developed countries.

Since the Fund may invest in securities denominated or quoted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, the Fund will be affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates (and exchange control regulations) which affect the value of investments in the Fund and the accrued income and appreciation or depreciation of the investments. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar will affect the U.S. dollar value of the Fund's assets denominated in that currency and the Fund's return on such assets as well as any temporary uninvested reserves in bank deposits in foreign currencies. In addition, the Fund will incur costs in connection with conversions between various currencies.

The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers in the form of depositary receipts. Depositary receipts involve substantially identical risks to those associated with direct investment in securities of foreign issuers. In addition, the underlying issuers of certain depositary receipts, particularly unsponsored or unregistered depositary receipts, are under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications to the holders of such receipts, or to pass through to them any voting rights with respect to the deposited securities.

STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may, but is not required to, use various investment strategic transactions, including options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts, in several different ways depending upon the status of the Fund's investments and the expectations of the Fund's investment adviser concerning the securities markets. Although the Fund's investment adviser seeks to use these transactions to achieve the Fund's investment objectives, no assurance can be given that the use of these transactions will achieve this result.

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The Fund can engage in options transactions on securities, indices or on futures contracts to attempt to manage the Fund's risk in advancing or declining markets. For example, the value of a put option generally increases as the value of the underlying security declines. Value is protected against a market decline to the degree the performance of the put correlates with the performance of the Fund's investment portfolio. If the market remains stable or advances, the Fund can refrain from exercising the put and its portfolio will participate in the advance, having incurred only the premium cost for the put.

The Fund is authorized to purchase and sell listed and over-the-counter options ("OTC Options"). OTC Options are subject to certain additional risks including default by the other party to the transaction and the liquidity of the transactions.

The Fund may enter into contracts for the purchase or sale for future delivery of fixed-income securities or contracts based on financial indices including any index of U.S. government securities or foreign government securities (futures contracts) and may purchase and write put and call options to buy or sell futures contracts (options on futures contracts). A sale of a futures contract means the acquisition of a contractual obligation to deliver the securities called for by the contract at a specified price on a specified date. A purchase of a futures contract means the incurring of a contractual obligation to acquire the securities called for by the contract at a specified price on a specified date. The purchaser of a futures contract on an index agrees to take delivery of an amount of cash equal to the difference between a specified multiple of the value of the index on the expiration date of the contract and the price at which the contract was originally struck. No physical delivery of the fixed-income securities underlying the index is made. These investment techniques generally are used to protect against anticipated future changes in interest or exchange rates which otherwise might either adversely affect the value of the Fund's portfolio securities or adversely affect the price of securities which the Fund intends to purchase at a later date.

In certain cases, the options and futures contract markets provide investment or risk management opportunities that are not available from direct investments in underlying securities. In addition, some strategies can be performed with greater ease and at lower cost by utilizing the options and futures contract markets rather than purchasing or selling portfolio securities. However, such transactions involve risks different from those involved with direct investments in underlying securities. For example, there may be an imperfect correlation between the value of the instruments and the underlying assets. In addition, the use of these transactions includes the risks of default by the other party to certain transactions. The Fund may incur losses in using these transactions that partially or completely offset gains in portfolio positions. These transactions may not be liquid and involve manager risk. In addition, such transactions may involve commissions and other costs, which may increase the Fund's expenses and reduce its return.

A more complete discussion of options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts and their risks is contained in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information can be obtained by investors free of charge as described on the back cover of this Prospectus.

OTHER INVESTMENTS AND RISK FACTORS

For cash management purposes, the Fund may engage in repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions to earn a return on temporarily available cash. Such transactions are subject to the risk of default by the other party.

The Fund may lend its portfolio securities in an amount up to 10% of its total assets to broker-dealers, banks and other institutional borrowers of securities to generate income on the loaned security and any collateral received. The Fund may incur lending fees and other costs in connection with securities lending, and securities lending is subject to the risk of default by the other party.

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities and certain restricted securities. Such securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the Fund would like. Thus, the Fund may have to sell such securities at a lower price, sell other securities instead to obtain cash or forego other investment opportunities.

Further information about these types of investments and other investment practices that may be used by the

Fund is contained in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

The Fund may sell securities without regard to the length of time they have been held to take advantage of new investment opportunities, or yield differentials, or for other reasons. The Fund's portfolio turnover rate may vary from year to year. A high portfolio turnover rate (100% or more) increases a fund's transaction costs (including brokerage commissions or dealer costs), which would adversely impact a fund's performance. Higher portfolio turnover may result in the realization of more short-term capital gains than if a fund had lower portfolio turnover. The turnover rate will not be a limiting factor, however, if the Fund's investment adviser considers portfolio changes appropriate.

TEMPORARY DEFENSIVE STRATEGY. When market conditions dictate a more defensive investment strategy, the Fund may, on a temporary basis, hold cash or invest a portion or all of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, prime commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other obligations of domestic banks having total assets of at least \$500 million, repurchase agreements and short-term money market instruments. Under normal market conditions, the yield on these securities will tend to be lower than the yield on other securities that may be owned by the Fund. In taking such a defensive position, the Fund would temporarily not be pursuing and may not achieve its investment objectives.

Investment
Advisory Services

THE ADVISER. Van Kampen Asset Management is the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser" or "Asset Management"). The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"). Van Kampen Investments is a diversified asset management company that administers more than three million retail investor accounts, has extensive capabilities for managing institutional portfolios and has more than \$76 billion under management or supervision as of September 30, 2003. Van Kampen Investments has more than 50 open-end funds, more than 30 closed-end funds and more than 2,700 unit investment trusts that are distributed by authorized dealers nationwide. Van Kampen Funds Inc., the distributor of the Fund (the "Distributor") and the sponsor of the funds mentioned above, is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments. Van Kampen Investments is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, a preeminent global financial services firm that maintains leading market positions in each of its three primary businesses: securities, asset management and credit services. Morgan Stanley is a full service securities firm engaged in securities trading and brokerage activities, investment banking, research and analysis, financing and financial advisory services. The Adviser's principal office is located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020.

ADVISORY AGREEMENT. The Fund retains the Adviser to manage the investment of its assets and to place orders for the purchase and sale of its portfolio securities. Under an investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Fund (the "Advisory Agreement"), the Fund pays the Adviser a monthly fee computed based upon an annual rate applied to the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS % PER ANNUM

First \$150 million	0.625%
Next \$150 million	0.550%
Over \$300 million	0.500%

Applying this fee schedule, the effective advisory fee rate was 0.55% of the Fund's average daily net assets for the Fund's fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. The Fund's average daily net assets are determined by taking the average of all of the determinations of the net assets during a given calendar month. Such fee is payable for each calendar month as soon as practicable after the end of that month.

The Adviser furnishes offices, necessary facilities and equipment, and provides administrative services to the Fund. The Fund pays all charges and expenses of its day-to-day operations, including service fees, distribution fees, custodian fees, legal and independent accountant fees, the costs of reports and proxies to shareholders, compensation of trustees of the Fund

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(other than those who are affiliated persons of the Adviser, Distributor or Van Kampen Investments) and all other ordinary business expenses not specifically assumed by the Adviser.

From time to time, the Adviser or the Distributor may voluntarily undertake to reduce the Fund's expenses by reducing the fees payable to them or by reducing other expenses of the Fund in accordance with such limitations as the Adviser or Distributor may establish.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT. The Fund is managed by the Adviser's Taxable Fixed Income team. The team is made up of established investment professionals. Current members of the team include Gordon W. Loery, an Executive Director of the Adviser, Joshua Givelber and Chad Liu, Vice Presidents of the Adviser. The composition of the team may change without notice from time to time.

Purchase of Shares

GENERAL

This Prospectus offers three classes of shares of the Fund, designated as Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Other classes of shares of the Fund may be offered through one or more separate prospectuses of the Fund. By offering multiple classes of shares, the Fund permits each investor to choose the class of shares that is most beneficial given the type of investor, the amount to be invested and the length of time the investor expects to hold the shares. As described more fully below, each class of shares offers a distinct structure of sales charges, distribution and service fees and other features that are designed to address a variety of needs.

Each class of shares of the Fund represents an interest in the same portfolio of investments of the Fund and has the same rights except that (i) Class A Shares generally bear the sales charge expenses at the time of purchase while Class B Shares and Class C Shares generally bear the sales charge expenses at the time of redemption and any expenses (including higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs) resulting from such deferred sales charge arrangement, (ii) each

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class of shares has exclusive voting rights with respect to approvals of the Rule 12b-1 distribution plan and the service plan (each as described below) under which the class's distribution fee and/or the service fee is paid, (iii) each class of shares has different exchange privileges, (iv) certain classes of shares are subject to a conversion feature and (v) certain classes of shares have different shareholder service options available.

PRICING FUND SHARES

The offering price of the Fund's shares is based upon the Fund's net asset value per share (plus sales charges, where applicable). The net asset values per share of the Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares are generally expected to be substantially the same. The differences among the classes' per share net asset values reflect the daily expense accruals of the higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs applicable to the Class B Shares and Class C Shares and the differential in the dividends that may be paid on each class of shares.

The net asset value per share for each class of shares of the Fund is determined once daily as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") (currently 4:00 p.m., New York time) each day the Exchange is open for trading except on any day on which no purchase or redemption orders are received or there is not a sufficient degree of trading in the Fund's portfolio securities such that the Fund's net asset value per share might be materially affected. The Fund's Board of Trustees reserves the right to calculate the net asset value per share and adjust the offering price more frequently than once daily if deemed desirable. Net asset value per share for each class is determined by dividing the value of the Fund's portfolio securities, cash and other assets (including accrued interest) attributable to such class, less all liabilities (including accrued expenses) attributable to such class, by the total number of shares of the class outstanding.

Such computation is made by using prices as of the close of trading on the Exchange and (i) valuing securities listed or traded on a domestic securities exchange at the last reported sale price or, if there has been no sale that day, at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices and valuing securities listed or traded on a foreign securities exchange at the last reported sale price or the latest bid price, (ii) valuing over-the-counter securities at the NASDAQ

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Official Closing Price or, if there has been no sale that day, at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices, (iii) valuing unlisted securities at the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices obtained from reputable brokers and (iv) valuing any securities for which market quotations are not readily available and any other assets at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser in accordance with procedures established by the Fund's Board of Trustees. In cases where a security is traded on more than one exchange, the security is valued on the exchange designated as the primary market. Securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. See the financial statements and notes thereto in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

DISTRIBUTION PLAN AND SERVICE PLAN

The Fund has adopted a distribution plan (the "Distribution Plan") with respect to each of its Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund also has adopted a service plan (the "Service Plan") with respect to each such class of its shares. Under the Distribution Plan and the Service Plan, the Fund pays distribution fees in connection with the sale and distribution of its shares and service fees in connection with the provision of

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ongoing services to shareholders of each such class and the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

The amount of distribution fees and service fees varies among the classes offered by the Fund. Because these fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an ongoing basis, these fees will increase the cost of your investment in the Fund. By purchasing a class of shares subject to higher distribution fees and service fees, you may pay more over time than on a class of shares with other types of sales charge arrangements. Long-term shareholders may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charges permitted by the rules of the NASD. The net income attributable to a class of shares will be reduced by the amount of the distribution fees and service fees and other expenses of the Fund associated with that class of shares. To assist investors in comparing classes of shares, the tables under the Prospectus heading "Fees and Expenses of the Fund" provide a summary of sales charges and expenses and an example of the sales charges and expenses of the Fund applicable to each class of shares offered herein.

HOW TO BUY SHARES

The shares are offered on a continuous basis through the Distributor as principal underwriter, which is located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. Shares may be purchased through members of the NASD who are acting as securities dealers ("dealers") and NASD members or eligible non-NASD members who are acting as brokers or agents for investors ("brokers"). Dealers and brokers are sometimes referred to herein as authorized dealers.

Shares may be purchased on any business day by completing the account application form and forwarding the account application form, directly or through an authorized dealer, to the Fund's shareholder service agent, Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments. When purchasing shares of the Fund, investors must specify whether the purchase is for Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class C Shares by selecting the correct Fund number on the account application form. Sales personnel of authorized dealers distributing the Fund's shares are entitled to receive compensation for selling such shares and may receive differing compensation for selling Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class C Shares.

The offering price for shares is based upon the next calculation of net asset value per share (plus sales charges, where applicable) after an order is received timely by Investor Services. Purchases completed through an authorized dealer, custodian, trustee or record keeper of a retirement plan account may involve additional fees charged by the authorized dealer, custodian, trustee or record keeper. Orders received by Investor Services prior to the close of the Exchange, and orders received by authorized dealers prior to the close of the Exchange that are properly transmitted to Investor Services by the time designated by Investor Services, are priced based on the date of receipt. Orders received by Investor Services after the close of the Exchange, and orders received by authorized dealers after the close of the Exchange or orders received by authorized dealers that are not transmitted to Investor Services until after the time designated by Investor Services, are priced based on the date of the next determined net asset value per share provided they are

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received timely by Investor Services on such date. It is the responsibility of authorized dealers to transmit orders received by them to Investor Services so they will be received in a timely manner.

The Fund and the Distributor reserve the right to refuse any order for the

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purchase of shares. The Fund also reserves the right to suspend the sale of the Fund's shares in response to conditions in the securities markets or for other reasons.

Investor accounts will automatically be credited with additional shares of the Fund after any Fund distributions, such as dividends and capital gain dividends, unless the investor instructs the Fund otherwise. Investors wishing to receive cash instead of additional shares should contact the Fund by visiting our web site at www.vankampen.com, by writing to the Fund, c/o Van Kampen Investor Services Inc., PO Box 947, Jersey City, NJ 07303-0947 or by telephone at (800) 847-2424.

There is no minimum investment amount when establishing an account with the Fund. However, the Fund may redeem any shareholder account (other than retirement accounts and accounts established through a broker for which the transfer agent does not have discretion to initiate transactions) that has been open for one year or more and has a balance of less than \$1,000. Shareholders will receive written notice at least 60 days in advance of any involuntary redemption and will be given the opportunity to purchase at net asset value without sales charge the number of additional shares needed to bring the account value to \$1,000. There will be no involuntary redemption if the value of the account is less than \$1,000 due to market depreciation.

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. What this means to you: when you open an account, you will be asked to provide your name, address, date of birth, and other information that will allow us to identify you. The Fund and the Distributor reserve the right to not open your account if this information is not provided. If the Fund or the Distributor is unable to verify your identity, the Fund and the Distributor reserve the right to restrict additional transactions and/or liquidate your account at the next calculated net asset value after the account is closed (minus any applicable sales or other charges) or take other action required by law.

CLASS A SHARES

Class A Shares of the Fund are sold at the offering price, which is net asset value plus an initial maximum sales charge of up to 4.75% (or 4.99% of the net amount invested), reduced on investments of \$100,000 or more as follows:

CLASS A SHARES SALES CHARGE SCHEDULE

SIZE OF INVESTMENT	AS % OF OFFERING PRICE	AS % OF NET AMOUNT INVESTED
Less than \$100,000	4.75%	4.99%
..... \$100,000 but less than \$250,000	3.75%	3.90%
..... \$250,000 but less than \$500,000	2.75%	2.83%
..... \$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000	2.00%	2.04%
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\$1,000,000 or more

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* No sales charge is payable at the time of purchase on investments of \$1 million or more, although for such investments the Fund may impose a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% on certain redemptions made within one year of the purchase. The contingent deferred sales charge is assessed on an amount equal to the lesser of the then current market value or the cost of the shares being redeemed. Accordingly, no sales charge is imposed on increases in net asset value above the initial purchase price.

No sales charge is imposed on Class A Shares received from reinvestment of dividends or capital gain dividends.

Under the Distribution Plan and the Service Plan, the Fund may spend up to a total of 0.25% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Class A Shares of the Fund.

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CLASS B SHARES

Class B Shares of the Fund are sold at net asset value and are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge if redeemed within five years of purchase as shown in the following table:

CLASS B SHARES SALES CHARGE SCHEDULE

CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE AS A PERCENTAGE OF DOLLAR AMOUNT YEAR SINCE PURCHASE SUBJECT TO CHARGE	
First	4.00%
Second	4.00%
Third	3.00%
Fourth	2.50%
Fifth	1.50%
Sixth and After	None

The contingent deferred sales charge is assessed on an amount equal to the lesser of the then current market value or the cost of the shares being redeemed. Accordingly, no sales charge is imposed on increases in net asset value above the initial purchase price. In addition, no sales charge is assessed on shares derived from reinvestment of dividends or capital gain dividends. The Fund will generally not accept a purchase order for Class B Shares in the amount of \$100,000 or more.

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The amount of the contingent deferred sales charge, if any, varies depending on the number of years from the time of each purchase of Class B Shares until the time of redemption of such shares.

In determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge applies to a redemption, it is assumed that the shares being redeemed first are any shares in the shareholder's Fund account that are not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge, followed by shares held the longest in the shareholder's account.

Under the Distribution Plan, the Fund may spend up to 0.75% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Class B Shares of the Fund. In addition, under the Service Plan, the Fund may spend up to 0.25% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Class B Shares of the Fund.

CLASS C SHARES

Class C Shares of the Fund are sold at net asset value and are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% of the dollar amount subject to charge if redeemed within one year of purchase.

The contingent deferred sales charge is assessed on an amount equal to the lesser of the then current market value or the cost of the shares being redeemed. Accordingly, no sales charge is imposed on increases in net asset value above the initial purchase price. In addition, no sales charge is assessed on shares derived from reinvestment of dividends or capital gain dividends. The Fund will not accept a purchase order for Class C Shares in the amount of \$1 million or more.

In determining whether a contingent deferred sales charge applies to a redemption, it is assumed that the shares being redeemed first are any shares in the shareholder's Fund account that are not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge, followed by shares held the longest in the shareholder's account.

Under the Distribution Plan, the Fund may spend up to 0.75% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Class C Shares of the Fund. In addition, under the Service Plan, the Fund may spend up to 0.25% per year of the Fund's average daily net assets with respect to Class C Shares of the Fund.

CONVERSION FEATURE

Class B Shares purchased on or after June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class B Shares purchased before June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares six years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class C Shares purchased before January 1, 1997, including Class C Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares ten years after the end of the calendar

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month in which the shares were purchased. Such conversion will be on the basis of the relative net asset values per share, without the imposition of any sales load, fee or other charge. The conversion schedule applicable to a share of the Fund acquired through the exchange privilege from another Van Kampen fund participating in the exchange program is determined by reference to the Van Kampen fund from which such share was originally purchased.

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The conversion of such shares to Class A Shares is subject to the continuing availability of an opinion of counsel to the effect that (i) the assessment of the higher distribution fee and transfer agency costs with respect to such shares does not result in the Fund's dividends or capital gain dividends constituting "preferential dividends" under the federal income tax law and (ii) the conversion of shares does not constitute a taxable event under federal income tax law. The conversion may be suspended if such an opinion is no longer available and such shares might continue to be subject to the higher aggregate fees applicable to such shares for an indefinite period.

WAIVER OF CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE

The contingent deferred sales charge is waived on redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares (i) within one year following the death or disability (as disability is defined by federal income tax law) of a shareholder, (ii) for required minimum distributions from an individual retirement account ("IRA") or certain other retirement plan distributions, (iii) for withdrawals under the Fund's systematic withdrawal plan but limited to 12% annually of the initial value of the account, (iv) if no commission or transaction fee is paid by the Distributor to authorized dealers at the time of purchase of such shares or (v) if made by the Fund's involuntary liquidation of a shareholder's account as described herein. Subject to certain limitations, a shareholder who has redeemed Class C Shares of the Fund may reinvest in Class C Shares at net asset value with credit for any contingent deferred sales charge if the reinvestment is made within 180 days after the redemption, provided that shares of the Fund are available for sale at the time of reinvestment. For a more complete description of contingent deferred sales charge waivers, please refer to the Statement of Additional Information or contact your authorized dealer.

QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

Investors purchasing Class A Shares may, under certain circumstances described below, be entitled to pay reduced or no sales charges. Investors, or their authorized dealers, must notify the Fund at the time of the purchase order whenever a quantity discount is applicable to purchases. Upon such notification, an investor will pay the lowest applicable sales charge. Quantity discounts may be modified or terminated at any time. For more information about quantity discounts, investors should contact their authorized dealer or the Distributor.

A person eligible for a reduced sales charge includes an individual, his or her spouse and children under 21 years of age and any corporation, partnership or sole proprietorship which is 100% owned, either alone or in combination, by any of the foregoing; a trustee or other fiduciary purchasing for a single trust or for a single fiduciary account, or a "company" as defined in Section 2(a)(8) of the 1940 Act.

As used herein, "Participating Funds" refers to certain open-end investment companies advised by Asset Management and distributed by the Distributor as determined from time to time by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

VOLUME DISCOUNTS. The size of investment shown in the Class A Shares sales charge table applies to the total dollar amount being invested by any person in shares of the Fund, or in any combination of shares of the Fund and shares of other Participating Funds, although other Participating Funds may have different sales charges.

CUMULATIVE PURCHASE DISCOUNT. The size of investment shown in the Class A Shares sales charge table may also be determined by combining the amount being invested in shares of the Participating Funds plus the current offering price of all shares of the Participating Funds currently owned.

LETTER OF INTENT. A Letter of Intent provides an opportunity for an investor to

obtain a reduced sales charge by aggregating investments over a 13-month period to determine the sales charge as outlined in the Class A Shares sales charge table. The size of investment shown in the Class A Shares sales charge table includes purchases of shares of the Participating Funds in Class A Shares over a 13-month period based on the

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total amount of intended purchases plus the value of all shares of the Participating Funds previously purchased and still owned. An investor may elect to compute the 13-month period starting up to 90 days before the date of execution of a Letter of Intent. Each investment made during the period receives the reduced sales charge applicable to the total amount of the investment goal. The Letter of Intent does not preclude the Fund (or any other Participating Fund) from discontinuing the sale of its shares. The initial purchase must be for an amount equal to at least 5% of the minimum total purchase amount of the level selected. If trades not initially made under a Letter of Intent subsequently qualify for a lower sales charge through the 90-day backdating provisions, an adjustment will be made at the expiration of the Letter of Intent to give effect to the lower sales charge. Such adjustment in sales charge will be used to purchase additional shares. The Fund initially will escrow shares totaling 5% of the dollar amount of the Letter of Intent to be held by Investor Services in the name of the shareholder. In the event the Letter of Intent goal is not achieved within the specified period, the investor must pay the difference between the sales charge applicable to the purchases made and the reduced sales charges previously paid. Such payments may be made directly to the Distributor or, if not paid, the Distributor will liquidate sufficient escrowed shares to obtain the difference.

OTHER PURCHASE PROGRAMS

Purchasers of Class A Shares may be entitled to reduced or no initial sales charges in connection with the unit investment trust reinvestment program and purchases by registered representatives of selling firms or purchases by persons affiliated with the Fund or the Distributor. The Fund reserves the right to modify or terminate these arrangements at any time.

UNIT INVESTMENT TRUST REINVESTMENT PROGRAM. The Fund permits unitholders of unit investment trusts to reinvest distributions from such trusts in Class A Shares of the Fund at net asset value without a sales charge if the administrator of an investor's unit investment trust program meets certain uniform criteria relating to cost savings by the Fund and the Distributor. The offering price for all other investments made from unit investment trust distributions will be net asset value plus an initial maximum sales charge of up to 1.00% (1.01% of the net amount invested). Of this amount, the Distributor will pay to the authorized dealer, if any, through which such participation in the qualifying program was initiated 0.50% of the offering price as a dealer concession or agency commission. Persons desiring more information with respect to this program, including the terms and conditions that apply to the program, should contact their authorized dealer or the Distributor.

The administrator of such a unit investment trust must have an agreement with the Distributor pursuant to which the administrator will (1) submit a single bulk order and make payment with a single remittance for all investments in the Fund during each distribution period by all investors who choose to invest in the Fund through the program and (2) provide Investor Services with appropriate backup data for each investor participating in the program in a computerized format fully compatible with Investor Services' processing system.

To obtain these special benefits, all dividends and other distributions from the Fund must be reinvested in additional shares and there cannot be any systematic withdrawal program. The Fund will send account activity statements to such

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participants on a quarterly basis only, even if their investments are made more frequently. The Fund reserves the right to modify or terminate this program at any time.

NET ASSET VALUE PURCHASE OPTIONS. Class A Shares of the Fund may be purchased at net asset value without a sales charge, generally upon written assurance that the purchase is made for investment purposes and that the shares will not be resold except through redemption by the Fund, by:

- (1) Current or retired trustees or directors of funds advised by Morgan Stanley and any of its subsidiaries and such persons' families and their beneficial accounts.
- (2) Current or retired directors, officers and employees of Morgan Stanley and any of its subsidiaries; employees of an investment subadviser to any fund described in (1) above or an affiliate of such subadviser; and such persons' families and their beneficial accounts.
- (3) Directors, officers, employees and, when permitted, registered representatives, of financial institutions that have a selling group agreement

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with the Distributor and their spouses and children under 21 years of age when purchasing for any accounts they beneficially own, or, in the case of any such financial institution, when purchasing for retirement plans for such institution's employees; provided that such purchases are otherwise permitted by such institutions.

- (4) Registered investment advisers or financial planners who charge a fee for their services, trust companies and bank trust departments investing on their own behalf or on behalf of their clients. The Distributor may pay authorized dealers through which purchases are made an amount up to 0.50% of the amount invested, over a 12-month period.
- (5) Trustees and other fiduciaries purchasing shares for retirement plans which invest in multiple fund families through broker-dealer retirement plan alliance programs that have entered into agreements with the Distributor and which are subject to certain minimum size and operational requirements. Trustees and other fiduciaries should refer to the Statement of Additional Information for further details with respect to such alliance programs.
- (6) Beneficial owners of shares of Participating Funds held by a retirement plan or held in a tax-advantaged retirement account who purchase shares of the Fund with proceeds from distributions from such a plan or retirement account other than distributions taken to correct an excess contribution.
- (7) Accounts as to which a bank or broker-dealer charges an account management fee ("wrap accounts"), provided the bank or broker-dealer has a separate agreement with the Distributor.
- (8) Trusts created under pension, profit sharing or other employee benefit plans, or custodial accounts held by a bank created pursuant to Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and sponsored by nonprofit organizations defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and assets held by an employer or trustee in connection with an eligible deferred compensation plan under Section 457 of the Code or in a "rabbi trust" that meets certain uniform criteria established by the Distributor from time to time. Such plans will qualify for purchases at net asset value provided, for plans initially establishing accounts with the

Distributor in the Participating Funds after January 1, 2000, that (a) the total plan assets are at least \$1 million or (b) such shares are purchased by an employer sponsored plan with more than 100 eligible employees. Such plans that have been established with a Participating Fund based on net asset value purchase privileges previously in effect will be qualified to purchase shares of the Participating Funds at net asset value. Retirement plans distributed by the Distributor will not be eligible for net asset value purchases based on the aggregate investment made by the plan or the number of eligible employees, except under certain uniform criteria established by the Distributor from time to time. A commission will be paid to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for such purchases within a rolling twelve-month period as follows: 1.00% on sales to \$2 million, plus 0.80% on the next \$1 million, plus 0.50% on the next \$47 million, plus 0.25% on the excess over \$50 million.

- (9) Individuals who are members of a "qualified group." For this purpose, a qualified group is one which (i) has been in existence for more than six months, (ii) has a purpose other than to acquire shares of the Fund or similar investments, (iii) has given and continues to give its endorsement or authorization, on behalf of the group, for purchase of shares of the Fund and Participating Funds, (iv) has a membership that the authorized dealer can certify as to the group's members and (v) satisfies other uniform criteria established by the Distributor for the purpose of realizing economies of scale in distributing such shares. A qualified group does not include one whose sole organizational nexus, for example, is that its participants are credit card holders of the same institution, policy holders of an insurance company, customers of a bank or broker-dealer, clients of an investment adviser or other similar groups. Shares purchased in each group's participants account in connection with this privilege will be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% in the event of redemption

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within one year of purchase, and a commission will be paid to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for such sales to each individual as follows: 1.00% on sales to \$2 million, plus 0.80% on the next \$1 million and 0.50% on the excess over \$3 million.

- (10) Certain qualified state tuition plans qualifying pursuant to Section 529 of the Code ("Section 529 Plans") that are approved by the Fund's Distributor. There is no minimum investment amount for purchases made under this option (10).

- (11) Unit investment trusts sponsored by the Distributor or its affiliates.

The term "families" includes a person's spouse, children and grandchildren under 21 years of age, parents and the parents of the person's spouse.

Purchase orders made pursuant to clause (4) may be placed either through authorized dealers as described above or directly with Investor Services by the investment adviser, financial planner, trust company or bank trust department, provided that Investor Services receives federal funds for the purchase by the close of business on the next business day following acceptance of the order. An authorized dealer may charge a transaction fee for placing an order to purchase shares pursuant to this provision or for placing a redemption order with respect to such shares. Authorized dealers will be paid a service fee as described above on purchases made under options (3) through (10) above. The Fund may terminate, or amend the terms of, offering shares of the Fund at net asset value to such groups at any time.

Redemption of Shares

Generally, shareholders may redeem for cash some or all of their shares without charge by the Fund (other than any applicable sales charge) at any time.

As described under the Prospectus heading "Purchase of Shares," redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares may be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge. In addition, certain redemptions of Class A Shares for shareholder accounts of \$1 million or more may be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge. Redemptions completed through an authorized dealer, custodian, trustee or record keeper of a retirement plan account may involve additional fees charged by the authorized dealer, custodian, trustee or record keeper.

Except as specified below under "Telephone Redemption Requests," payment for shares redeemed generally will be made by check mailed within seven days after receipt by Investor Services of the redemption request and any other necessary documents in proper form as described below. Such payment may be postponed or the right of redemption suspended as provided by the rules of the SEC. Such payment may, under certain circumstances, be paid wholly or in part by a distribution-in-kind of portfolio securities. A distribution-in-kind may result in recognition by the shareholder of a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes when such securities are distributed, and the shareholder may have brokerage costs and a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes upon the shareholder's disposition of such securities. If the shares to be redeemed have been recently purchased by check, Investor Services may delay the payment of redemption proceeds until it confirms that the purchase check has cleared, which may take up to 15 calendar days from the date of purchase. A taxable gain or loss may be recognized by the shareholder upon redemption of shares.

WRITTEN REDEMPTION REQUESTS. Shareholders may request a redemption of shares by written request in proper form sent directly to Van Kampen Investor Services Inc., PO Box 947, Jersey City, NJ 07303-0947. The request for redemption should indicate the number of shares or dollar amount to be redeemed, the Fund name and class designation of such shares and the shareholder's account number. The redemption request must be signed by all persons in whose names the shares are registered. Signatures must conform exactly to the account registration. If the proceeds of the redemption exceed \$100,000, or if the proceeds are not to be paid to the record owner at the record address, or if the record address has changed within the previous 15 calendar days, signature(s) must be guaranteed by one of the following: a bank or trust company; a broker-dealer; a credit union; a national securities exchange, a registered securities association or a

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clearing agency; a savings and loan association; or a federal savings bank.

Generally, a properly signed written request with any required signature guarantee is all that is required for a redemption request to be in proper form. In some cases, however, additional documents may be necessary. Certificated shares may be redeemed only by written request. The certificates for the shares being redeemed must be properly endorsed for transfer. Generally, in the event a redemption is requested by and registered to a corporation, partnership, trust, fiduciary, estate or other legal entity owning shares of the Fund, a copy of the corporate resolution or other legal documentation appointing the authorized signer and certified within the prior 120 calendar days must accompany the redemption request. Retirement plan distribution requests should be sent to the plan custodian/trustee to be forwarded to Investor Services. Contact the plan custodian/trustee for further information.

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In the case of written redemption requests sent directly to Investor Services, the redemption price is the net asset value per share next determined after the request in proper form is received by Investor Services.

AUTHORIZED DEALER REDEMPTION REQUESTS. Shareholders may place redemption requests through an authorized dealer following procedures specified by such authorized dealer. The redemption price for such shares is the net asset value per share next calculated after an order in proper form is received by an authorized dealer provided such order is transmitted timely to the Distributor by the time designated by the Distributor. It is the responsibility of authorized dealers to transmit redemption requests received by them to the Distributor so they will be received prior to such time. Redemptions completed through an authorized dealer may involve additional fees charged by the dealer.

TELEPHONE REDEMPTION REQUESTS. The Fund permits redemption of shares by telephone and for redemption proceeds to be sent to the address of record for the account or to the bank account of record as described below. A shareholder automatically has telephone redemption privileges unless the shareholder indicates otherwise by checking the applicable box on the account application form. For accounts that are not established with telephone redemption privileges, a shareholder may call the Fund at (800) 847-2424 to request that a copy of the Telephone Redemption Authorization form be sent to the shareholder for completion or visit our web site at www.vankampen.com to download this form. Shares may be redeemed by calling (800) 847-2424, our automated telephone system, which is generally accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Van Kampen Investments and its subsidiaries, including Investor Services, and the Fund employ procedures considered by them to be reasonable to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine. Such procedures include requiring certain personal identification information prior to acting upon telephone instructions, tape-recording telephone communications and providing written confirmation of instructions communicated by telephone. If reasonable procedures are employed, none of Van Kampen Investments, Investor Services or the Fund will be liable for following telephone instructions which it reasonably believes to be genuine. Telephone redemptions may not be available if the shareholder cannot reach Investor Services by telephone, whether because all telephone lines are busy or for any other reason; in such case, a shareholder would have to use the Fund's other redemption procedures previously described. Requests received by Investor Services prior to 4:00 p.m., New York time, will be processed at the next determined net asset value per share. These privileges are available for most accounts other than retirement accounts or accounts with shares represented by certificates. If an account has multiple owners, Investor Services may rely on the instructions of any one owner.

For redemptions authorized by telephone, amounts of \$50,000 or less may be redeemed daily if the proceeds are to be paid by check and amounts of at least \$1,000 up to \$1 million may be redeemed daily if the proceeds are to be paid by wire. The proceeds must be payable to the shareholder(s) of record and sent to the address of record for the account or wired directly to their predesignated bank account for this account. This privilege is not available if the address of record has been changed within 15 calendar days prior to a telephone redemption request. Proceeds from redemptions payable by wire transfer are expected to be wired on the next business day following the date of redemption. The Fund reserves the right at any time to terminate, limit or otherwise modify this redemption privilege.

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In addition to any increase in the value of shares which the Fund may achieve, shareholders may receive distributions from the Fund of dividends and capital gain dividends.

DIVIDENDS. Interest from investments is the Fund's main source of net investment income. The Fund's present policy, which may be changed at any time by the Fund's Board of Trustees, is to declare daily and to distribute monthly all, or substantially all, of this net investment income as dividends to shareholders. Dividends are automatically applied to purchase additional shares of the Fund at the next determined net asset value unless the shareholder instructs otherwise.

The per share dividends on Class B Shares and Class C Shares may be lower than the per share dividends on Class A Shares as a result of the higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs applicable to such classes of shares.

CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS. The Fund may realize capital gains or losses when it sells securities, depending on whether the sales prices for the securities are higher or lower than purchase prices. The Fund distributes any net capital gains to shareholders as capital gain dividends at least annually. As in the case of dividends, capital gain dividends are automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund at the next determined net asset value unless the shareholder instructs otherwise.

Shareholder Services

Listed below are some of the shareholder services the Fund offers to investors. For a more complete description of the Fund's shareholder services, such as investment accounts, share certificates, retirement plans, automated clearing house deposits, dividend diversification and the systematic withdrawal plan, please refer to the Statement of Additional Information or contact your authorized dealer.

INTERNET TRANSACTIONS. In addition to performing transactions on your account through written instruction or by telephone, you may also perform certain transactions through the internet. Please refer to our web site at www.vankampen.com for further instructions regarding internet transactions. Van Kampen Investments and its subsidiaries, including Investor Services, and the Fund employ procedures considered by them to be reasonable to confirm that instructions communicated through the internet are genuine. Such procedures include requiring use of a personal identification number prior to acting upon internet instructions and providing written confirmation of instructions communicated through the internet. If reasonable procedures are employed, none of Van Kampen Investments, Investor Services or the Fund will be liable for following instructions received through the internet which it reasonably believes to be genuine. If an account has multiple owners, Investor Services may rely on the instructions of any one owner.

REINVESTMENT PLAN. A convenient way for investors to accumulate additional shares is by accepting dividends and capital gain dividends in shares of the Fund. Such shares are acquired at net asset value per share (without a sales charge) on the applicable payable date of the dividend or capital gain dividend. Unless the shareholder instructs otherwise, the reinvestment plan is automatic. This instruction may be made by visiting our web site at www.vankampen.com, by writing to Investor Services or by telephone by calling (800) 847-2424 ((800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired). The investor may, on the account application form or prior to any declaration, instruct that dividends and/or capital gain dividends be paid in cash, be reinvested in the Fund at the next determined net asset value or be reinvested in another Participating Fund at the next determined net asset value.

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AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN. An automatic investment plan is available under which a shareholder can authorize Investor Services to debit the shareholder's bank account on a regular basis to invest predetermined amounts in the Fund. Additional information is available from the Distributor or your authorized dealer.

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CHECK WRITING PRIVILEGE. A Class A shareholder holding shares of the Fund for which certificates have not been issued and which are not in escrow may write checks against such shareholder's account by completing the Checkwriting Form and the appropriate section of the account application form and returning the forms to Investor Services. Once the forms are properly completed, signed and returned, a supply of checks (redemption drafts) will be sent to the Class A shareholder. Checks can be written to the order of any person in any amount of \$100 or more.

When a check is presented to the custodian bank, State Street Bank and Trust Company (the "Bank"), for payment, full and fractional Class A Shares required to cover the amount of the check are redeemed from the shareholder's Class A Shares account by Investor Services at the next determined net asset value per share. Check writing redemptions represent the sale of Class A Shares. Any gain or loss realized on the redemption of shares is a taxable event.

Checks will not be honored for redemption of Class A Shares held less than 15 calendar days, unless such Class A Shares have been paid for by bank wire. Any Class A Shares for which there are outstanding certificates may not be redeemed by check. If the amount of the check is greater than the proceeds of all uncertificated shares held in the shareholder's Class A Shares account, the check will be returned and the shareholder may be subject to additional charges. A shareholder may not liquidate the entire account by means of a check. The check writing privilege may be terminated or suspended at any time by the Fund or by the Bank and neither shall incur any liability for such amendment or termination or for effecting redemptions to pay checks reasonably believed to be genuine or for returning or not paying on checks which have not been accepted for any reason. Retirement plans and accounts that are subject to backup withholding are not eligible for the check writing privilege.

EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE. Shares of the Fund may be exchanged for shares of the same class of any Participating Fund based on the next determined net asset value per share of each fund after requesting the exchange without any sales charge, subject to certain limitations. Shares of the Fund may be exchanged for shares of any Participating Fund only if shares of that Participating Fund are available for sale. Shareholders seeking an exchange into a Participating Fund should obtain and read the current prospectus for such fund prior to implementing an exchange. A prospectus of any of the Participating Funds may be obtained from an authorized dealer or the Distributor or by visiting our web site at www.vankampen.com.

To be eligible for exchange, shares of the Fund must have been registered in the shareholder's name for at least 30 days prior to an exchange. Shares of the Fund registered in a shareholder's name for less than 30 days may only be exchanged upon receipt of prior approval of the Adviser. It is the policy of the Adviser, under normal circumstances, not to approve such requests.

When shares that are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge are exchanged among Participating Funds, the holding period for purposes of computing the contingent deferred sales charge is based upon the date of the initial purchase of such shares from a Participating Fund. When such shares are redeemed and not exchanged for shares of another Participating Fund, the shares are subject to the contingent deferred sales charge schedule imposed by the Participating Fund

from which such shares were originally purchased.

Exchanges of shares are sales of shares of one Participating Fund and purchases of shares of another Participating Fund. The sale may result in a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. If the shares sold have been held for less than 91 days, the sales charge paid on such shares is carried over and included in the tax basis of the shares acquired.

A shareholder wishing to make an exchange may do so by sending a written request to Investor Services, by calling (800) 847-2424, our automated telephone system, which is generally accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or by visiting our web site at www.vankampen.com. A shareholder automatically has these exchange privileges unless the shareholder indicates otherwise by checking the applicable box on the account application form. Van Kampen Investments and its subsidiaries, including Investor Services, and the Fund employ procedures considered by them to be reasonable to confirm that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine. Such procedures include requiring certain personal identification information prior to acting upon telephone instructions,

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tape-recording telephone communications, and providing written confirmation of instructions communicated by telephone. If reasonable procedures are employed, none of Van Kampen Investments, Investor Services or the Fund will be liable for following telephone instructions which it reasonably believes to be genuine. If the exchanging shareholder does not have an account in the fund whose shares are being acquired, a new account will be established with the same registration, dividend and capital gain dividend options (except dividend diversification) and authorized dealer of record as the account from which shares are exchanged, unless otherwise specified by the shareholder. In order to establish a systematic withdrawal plan for the new account or reinvest dividends from the new account into another fund, however, an exchanging shareholder must submit a specific request.

The Fund reserves the right to reject any order to purchase its shares through exchange or otherwise. Certain patterns of past exchanges and/or purchase or sale transactions involving the Fund or other Participating Funds may result in the Fund limiting or prohibiting, in the Fund's discretion, additional purchases and/or exchanges. Determinations in this regard may be made based on the frequency or dollar amount of the previous exchanges or purchases or sale transactions. Generally, all shareholders are limited to a maximum of eight exchanges per fund during a rolling 365-day period. Exchange privileges will be suspended on a particular fund if more than eight exchanges out of that fund are made by a shareholder during a rolling 365-day period. If exchange privileges are suspended, subsequent exchange requests during the stated period will not be processed. Exchange privileges will be restored when the account history shows fewer than eight exchanges in the rolling 365-day period. This eight exchange policy does not apply to systematic exchange plans or employer-sponsored retirement plans. The Fund may modify, restrict or terminate the exchange privilege at any time. Shareholders will receive 60 days' notice of any termination or material amendment.

For purposes of determining the sales charge rate previously paid on Class A Shares, all sales charges paid on the exchanged shares and on any shares previously exchanged for such shares or for any of their predecessors shall be included. If the exchanged shares were acquired through reinvestment, those shares are deemed to have been sold with a sales charge rate equal to the rate previously paid on the shares on which the dividend or distribution was paid. If a shareholder exchanges less than all of such shareholder's shares, the shares upon which the highest sales charge rate was previously paid are deemed exchanged first.

Exchange requests received on a business day prior to the time shares of the funds involved in the request are priced will be processed on the date of receipt. "Processing" a request means that shares of the fund which the shareholder is redeeming will be redeemed at the net asset value per share next determined on the date of receipt. Shares of the fund that the shareholder is purchasing will also normally be purchased at the net asset value per share, plus any applicable sales charge, next determined on the date of receipt. Exchange requests received on a business day after the time that shares of the funds involved in the request are priced will be processed on the next business day in the manner described herein.

Federal Income Taxation

Distributions of the Fund's investment company taxable income (generally ordinary income and net short-term capital gain) are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gain (which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) designated as capital gain dividends, if any, are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares, and regardless of how long the shares of the Fund have been held by such shareholders. The Fund expects that its distributions will consist primarily of ordinary income and capital gain dividends. Distributions in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a shareholder's shares and, after such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such shareholder (assuming such shares are held as a capital asset).

Although distributions generally are treated as taxable in the year they are paid, distributions declared in

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October, November or December, payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such month and paid during January of the following year will be treated as having been distributed by the Fund and received by the shareholders on the December 31st prior to the date of payment. The Fund will inform shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year.

The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (the "2003 Tax Act") contains provisions that reduce the U.S. federal income tax rates on (1) long-term capital gains received by individuals and (2) "qualified dividend income" received by individuals from certain domestic and foreign corporations. The reduced rate for capital gains generally applies to long-term capital gains from sales or exchanges recognized on or after May 6, 2003, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The reduced rate for dividends generally applies to "qualified dividend income" received in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. Because the Fund intends to invest primarily in debt securities, ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund generally will not be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to "qualified dividend income." Distributions from the Fund designated as capital gain dividends may be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to long-term capital gains.

The sale or exchange of shares may be a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes. Shareholders who sell their shares will generally recognize a gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between their adjusted tax basis in

the shares sold and the amount received. If the shares are held by the shareholder as a capital asset, the gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss. As a consequence of the 2003 Tax Act, the maximum tax rate applicable to net capital gains recognized by individuals and other non-corporate taxpayers on the sale or exchange of shares is (i) the same as the maximum ordinary income tax rate for capital assets held for one year or less or (ii) for net capital gains recognized on or after May 6, 2003, 15% for capital assets held for more than one year (20% for net capital gains recognized in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008).

Backup withholding rules require the Fund, in certain circumstances, to withhold 28% of dividends and certain other payments, including redemption proceeds, paid to shareholders who do not furnish to the Fund their correct taxpayer identification number (in the case of individuals, their social security number) and make certain required certifications (including certifications as to foreign status, if applicable) or who are otherwise subject to backup withholding.

Foreign shareholders, including shareholders who are non-resident aliens, may be subject to U.S. withholding tax on certain distributions (whether received in cash or in shares) at a rate of 30% or such lower rate as prescribed by an applicable treaty. Dividends paid by the Fund will be subject to such U.S. withholding tax, whereas interest income with respect to a direct investment in the underlying assets of the Fund by a foreign shareholder generally would not be subject to U.S. withholding tax. Prospective foreign investors should consult their advisers concerning the tax consequences to them of an investment in shares of the Fund.

The Fund has elected and qualified, and intends to continue to qualify, as a regulated investment company under federal income tax law. If the Fund so qualifies and distributes each year to its shareholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income, the Fund will not be required to pay federal income taxes on any income it distributes to shareholders. If the Fund distributes less than an amount equal to the sum of 98% of its ordinary income and 98% of its capital gain net income, then the Fund will be subject to a 4% excise tax on the undistributed amounts.

Investments of the Fund in securities issued at a discount or providing for deferred interest or payment of interest in kind are subject to special tax rules that will affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. For example, with respect to securities issued at a discount, the Fund will be required to accrue as income each year a portion of the discount and to distribute such income each year to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and to avoid income and excise taxes. To generate sufficient cash to make distributions necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid income and excise taxes, the Fund may have to

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dispose of securities that it would otherwise have continued to hold.

The federal income tax discussion set forth above is for general information only. Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their own advisers regarding the specific federal tax consequences of purchasing, holding and disposing of shares of the Fund, as well as the effects of state, local and foreign tax laws and any proposed tax law changes.

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Financial Highlights

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all distributions and not including payment of the maximum sales charge or taxes on Fund distributions or redemptions). The information for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000 has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, whose report, along with the Fund's most recent financial statements, is included in the Statement of Additional Information and may be obtained without charge by calling the telephone number on the back cover of this Prospectus. The information for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1999 has been audited by the Fund's former independent auditors. The financial highlights table should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the Statement of Additional Information.

	CLASS A SHARES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,			
	2003	2002 (a)	2001	2000
Net Asset Value, Beginning of the Period.....	\$3.15	\$4.23	\$5.24	\$5.68
Net Investment Income.....	.29	.39	.51	.55
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss.....	.29	(1.01)	(.96)	(.43)
Total from Investment Operations.....	.58	(.62)	(.45)	.12
Less:				
Distributions from Net Investment Income....	.24	.43	.55	.55
Return of Capital Distributions.....	.06	.03	.01	
Total Distributions.....	.30	.46	.56	1.06
Net Asset Value, End of the Period.....	\$3.43	\$3.15	\$4.23	\$5.68
Total Return.....	19.26% (d)	-15.75% (d)	-9.04% (d)	3.33%
Net Assets at End of the Period (In millions).....	\$408.7	\$308.5	\$394.4	\$466.1
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets.....	1.12%	1.08%	1.05%	1.01%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets.....	8.36%	10.39%	10.93%	10.93%
Portfolio Turnover.....	95%	83%	80%	

	CLASS B SHARES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,			
	2003	2002 (b)	2001	2000
Net Asset Value, Beginning of the Period.....	\$3.16	\$4.24	\$5.25	\$5.68
Net Investment Income.....	.25	.35	.48	.55
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss.....	.30	(1.01)	(.97)	(.43)
Total from Investment Operations.....	.55	(.66)	(.49)	.12
Less:				

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Distributions from Net Investment Income....	.21	.39	.51	.55
Return of Capital Distributions.....	.06	.03	.01	-0-
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Total Distributions.....	.27	.42	.52	.55
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Net Asset Value, End of the Period.....	\$3.44	\$3.16	\$4.24	\$5.25
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Total Return.....	18.27% (e)	-16.12% (e)	-9.80% (e)	2.43% (e)
Net Assets at End of the Period (In millions).....	\$175.6	\$168.8	\$249.6	\$268.7
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets.....	1.89%	1.84%	1.83%	1.78%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets.....	7.68%	9.67%	10.13%	10.15%
Portfolio Turnover.....	95%	83%	80%	68%

	CLASS C SHARES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,			
	2003	2002 (c)	2001	2000
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Net Asset Value, Beginning of the Period.....	\$3.13	\$4.20	\$5.22	\$5.65
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Net Investment Income.....	.25	.35	.48	.55
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/Loss.....	.30	(1.00)	(.98)	(.43)
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Total from Investment Operations.....	.55	(.65)	(.50)	.12
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Less:				
Distributions from Net Investment Income....	.21	.39	.51	.55
Return of Capital Distributions.....	.06	.03	.01	-0-
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Total Distributions.....	.27	.42	.52	.55
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Net Asset Value, End of the Period.....	\$3.41	\$3.13	\$4.20	\$5.22
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Total Return.....	18.14% (f) (g)	-16.04% (f)	-10.06% (f)	2.45% (f)
Net Assets at End of the Period (In millions).....	\$41.5	\$36.7	\$58.7	\$59.4
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets.....	1.86%	1.84%	1.82%	1.78%
Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets.....	7.68% (g)	9.68%	10.12%	10.15%
Portfolio Turnover.....	95%	83%	80%	68%

- (a) As required, effective September 1, 2001, the Fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on fixed income securities and presenting paydown gains and losses on mortgage- and asset-backed securities as interest income. The effect of these changes for the period ended August 31, 2002 was to decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net assets from 10.49% to 10.39%. Net investment income per share and net realized gains and losses per share were unaffected by the adjustments. Per share, ratios and supplemental data for periods prior to August 31, 2002 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.
- (b) As required, effective September 1, 2001, the Fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on fixed income securities and presenting paydown gains and losses on mortgage- and asset-backed securities as interest income. The effect of these changes for the

period ended August 31, 2002 was to decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net assets from 9.77% to 9.67%. Net investment income per share and net realized gains and losses per share were unaffected by the adjustments. Per share, ratios and supplemental data for periods prior to August 31, 2002 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.

- (c) As required, effective September 1, 2001, the Fund has adopted the provisions of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing premium on fixed income securities and presenting paydown gains and losses on mortgage- and asset-backed securities as interest income. The effect of these changes for the period ended August 31, 2002 was to decrease the ratio of net investment income to average net assets from 9.78% to 9.68%. Net investment income per share and net realized gains and losses per share were unaffected by the adjustments. Per share, ratios and supplemental data for periods prior to August 31, 2002 have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.
- (d) Assumes reinvestment of all distributions for the period and does not include payment of the maximum sales charge of 4.75% or contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC"). On purchases of \$1 million or more, a CDSC of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions made within one year of purchase. If the sales charges were included, total returns would be lower. These returns include Rule 12b-1 fees and service fees of up to .25% and do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.
- (e) Assumes reinvestment of all distributions for the period and does not include payment of the maximum CDSC of 4%, charged on certain redemptions made within the first and second year of purchase and declining to 0% after the fifth year. If the sales charge was included, total returns would be lower. These returns include combined Rule 12b-1 fees and service fees of up to 1% and do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.
- (f) Assumes reinvestment of all distributions for the period and does not include payment of the maximum CDSC of 1% charged on certain redemptions made within one year of purchase. If the sales charge was included, total returns would be lower. These returns include combined Rule 12b-1 fees and service fees of up to 1% and do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.
- (g) Certain non-recurring payments were made to Class C Shares, resulting in an increase to the Total Return and Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets of .01%.

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Appendix -- Description of Securities Ratings

STANDARD & POOR'S -- A brief description of the applicable Standard & Poor's (S&P) rating symbols and their meanings (as published by S&P) follows:

A S&P issue credit rating is a current opinion of the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program. It takes into

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consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation.

The issue credit rating is not a recommendation to purchase, sell, or hold a financial obligation, inasmuch as it does not comment as to market price or suitability for a particular investor.

Issue credit ratings are based on current information furnished by the obligors or obtained by S&P from other sources it considers reliable. S&P does not perform an audit in connection with any credit rating and may, on occasion, rely on unaudited financial information. Credit ratings may be changed, suspended, or withdrawn as a result of changes in, or unavailability of, such information, or based on other circumstances.

Issue credit ratings can be either long-term or short-term. Short-term ratings are generally assigned to those obligations considered short term in the relevant market. In the U.S., for example, that means obligations with an original maturity of no more than 365 days including commercial paper. Short-term ratings are also used to indicate the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to put features on long-term obligations. The result is a dual rating, in which the short-term ratings address the put feature, in addition to the usual long-term rating. Medium-term notes are assigned long-term ratings.

LONG-TERM ISSUE CREDIT RATINGS

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

1. 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;
2. Nature of and provisions of the obligation; and
3. 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.

The issue rating definitions are expressed in terms of default risk. As such, they pertain to senior obligations of an entity. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above.

AAA: An obligation rated "AAA" has the highest rating assigned by S&P. 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 in 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.

SPECULATIVE GRADE

BB, B, CCC, CC, C: 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: The "C" rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action has been taken, but payments on this obligation are being continued.

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 S&P 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.

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.

c: The "c" subscript is used to provide additional information to investors that the bank may terminate its obligation to purchase tendered bonds if the long-term credit rating of the issuer is below an investment-grade level and/or the issuer's bonds are deemed taxable.

p: The letter "p" indicates that the rating is provisional. A provisional rating assumes the successful completion of the project financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful, timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of the project, makes no comment on the likelihood of or the risk of default upon failure of such completion. The investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

*: Continuance of the ratings is contingent upon S&P's receipt of an executed copy of the escrow agreement or closing documentation confirming investments and cash flows.

r: The "r" highlights derivative, hybrid, and certain other obligations that S&P's believes may experience high volatility or high variability in expected returns as a result of noncredit risks. Examples of such obligations are securities with principal or interest return indexed to equities, commodities, or currencies; certain swaps and options; and interest-only and principal-only mortgage securities. The absence of an "r" symbol should not be taken as an indication that an obligation will exhibit no volatility or variability in total return.

N.R.: Not rated.

Debt obligations of issuers outside the United States and its territories are rated on the same basis as domestic corporate and municipal issues. The ratings measure the creditworthiness of the obligor but do not take into account currency exchange and related uncertainties.

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MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE INC. -- A brief description of the applicable Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) rating symbols and their meanings (as published by Moody's) follows:

Aaa: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edged." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.

Aa: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high-grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than the Aaa securities.

A: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper-medium-grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment some time in the future.

Baa: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Baa are considered as medium-grade obligations (i.e., they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured). Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.

Ba: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well-assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate, and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.

B: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated B generally lack characteristics of the desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be

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Caa: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Caa are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.

Ca: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Ca represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

C: Bonds and preferred stock which are rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

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A Statement of Additional Information, which contains more details about the Fund, is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus.

You will find additional information about the Fund in its annual and semiannual reports to shareholders. The annual report explains the market conditions and investment strategies affecting the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

You can ask questions or obtain a free copy of the Fund's reports or its Statement of Additional Information by calling (800) 847-2424. Telecommunications Device for the Deaf users may call (800) 421-2833. A free copy of the Fund's reports can also be ordered from our web site at www.vankampen.com.

Information about the Fund, including its reports and Statement of Additional Information, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). It can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC or on the EDGAR database on the SEC's internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0102.

DECEMBER 30, 2003

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF

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VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND

BY AND IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARES OF

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND

DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

This Statement of Additional Information is available to the shareholders of Van Kampen High Yield Fund (the "Target Fund") in connection with a proposed transaction whereby all of the assets and liabilities of the Target Fund would be transferred to Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund (the "Acquiring Fund") in exchange for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meanings given to them in the Prospectus/Proxy Statement.

This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus/Proxy Statement dated September 1, 2004 relating to the reorganization of the Target Fund. A copy of the Prospectus/Proxy Statement may be obtained, without charge, by writing to the Van Kampen Client Relations Department at 1 Parkview Plaza, P.O. Box 5555, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555 or by calling 1-800-231-2808 (TDD users may call 1-800-421-2833).

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The Acquiring Fund will provide, without charge, upon request of any person to whom this Statement of Additional Information is delivered, a copy of any and all documents that have been incorporated by reference in the registration statement of which this Statement of Additional Information is a part.

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

The shareholders of the Target Fund are being asked to approve an acquisition by the Acquiring Fund of all the assets and liabilities of the Target Fund solely in exchange for Class A, B and C Shares of the Acquiring Fund (the "Reorganization") pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization by and between the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund (the "Reorganization Agreement"). A copy of a form of the Reorganization Agreement is attached hereto as Appendix A.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TARGET FUND

Included herein in its entirety is the Statement of Additional Information for the Target Fund dated July 31, 2004, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACQUIRING FUND

Included herein in its entirety is the Statement of Additional Information of the Acquiring Fund, dated December 30, 2003, as supplemented, which has been filed with the SEC and is attached hereto as Appendix C.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Incorporated herein by reference in their respective entireties are (i) the audited annual financial statements of the Target Fund, dated March 31, 2004, included as part of the Van Kampen Trust Form N-CSR as filed with the SEC on May 27, 2004, (ii) the audited annual financial statements of the Acquiring Fund, dated August 31, 2003, included as part of the Acquiring Fund's Form N-CSR as filed with the SEC on October 29, 2003, (iii) the unaudited semi-annual financial statements of the Acquiring Fund, dated February 29, 2004, included as part of the Acquiring Fund's Form N-CSRS as filed with the SEC on April 28, 2004. Annual and semi-annual reports referenced as part of a Fund's filing on Form N-CSR or Form N-CSRS may be obtained by following the instructions on the cover of this Statement of Additional Information and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC or on the EDGAR database on the SEC's internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0102.

PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached hereto as Appendix D are unaudited pro forma financial statements of the Acquiring Fund giving effect to the Reorganization as of March 31, 2004.

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APPENDIX A

FORM OF AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

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FORM OF AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

This Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Agreement") is made as of , 2004, by Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund (the "Acquiring Fund"), a registered open-end investment company, SEC File No. 811-02851, and Van Kampen Trust (the "Van Kampen Trust"), a registered open-end investment company, SEC File No. 811-04629, on behalf of its series, Van Kampen High Yield Fund (the "Target Fund").

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Van Kampen Trust, on behalf of the Target Fund (the "Target Fund Board"), and the Board of Trustees of the Acquiring Fund (the "Acquiring Fund Board" and, together with the Target Fund Board, the "Boards"), have determined that this Agreement, whereby the Target Fund would transfer all of its assets and liabilities to the Acquiring Fund in exchange for shares of the Acquiring Fund, is in the best interests of the

shareholders of their respective funds; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend that this transaction qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. PLAN OF TRANSACTION.

A. TRANSFER OF ASSETS. Upon satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Sections 7 and 8 hereof, the Target Fund will convey, transfer and deliver to the Acquiring Fund at the closing provided for in Section 2 hereof, all of the existing assets of the Target Fund (including accrued interest to the Closing Date (as defined below)), free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and claims whatsoever (the assets so transferred collectively being referred to as the "Assets").

B. CONSIDERATION. In consideration thereof, the Acquiring Fund agrees that the Acquiring Fund at the closing will (i) deliver to the Target Fund full and fractional Class A, Class B and Class C common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Acquiring Fund with an aggregate net asset value equal to the aggregate dollar value of the Assets net of any liabilities of the Target Fund described in Section 3.E. hereof (the "Liabilities") determined pursuant to Section 3.A. of this Agreement (collectively, the "Acquiring Fund Shares") and (ii) assume all of the Liabilities of the Target Fund. The calculation of Acquiring Fund Shares to be exchanged shall be carried out to no less than two (2) decimal places. All Acquiring Fund Shares delivered to the Target Fund in exchange for such Assets shall be delivered at net asset value without sales load, commission or other transactional fees being imposed.

2. CLOSING OF THE TRANSACTION.

CLOSING DATE. The closing shall occur within fifteen (15) business days after the later of the receipt of all necessary regulatory approvals and the final adjournment of the meeting of shareholders of the Target Fund at which this Agreement will be considered and approved, or such later date as soon as practicable thereafter as the parties may mutually agree (the "Closing Date"). On the Closing Date, the Acquiring Fund shall deliver to the Target Fund the Acquiring Fund Shares in the amount determined pursuant to Section 1.B. hereof, and the Target Fund thereafter shall, in order to effect the distribution of such shares to Target Fund shareholders, instruct the Acquiring Fund to register the pro rata interest in the Acquiring Fund Shares (in full and fractional shares) of each of the holders of record of shares of the Target Fund in accordance with their holdings of Class A, Class B or Class C shares of the Target Fund and shall provide as part of such instruction a complete and updated list of such holders (including addresses and taxpayer identification numbers), and the Acquiring Fund agrees promptly to comply with said instruction. The Acquiring Fund shall have no obligation to inquire as to the validity, propriety or correctness of such instruction, but shall assume that such instruction is valid, proper and correct.

3. PROCEDURE FOR REORGANIZATION.

A. VALUATION. The value of the Assets and Liabilities of the Target Fund to be transferred and assumed, respectively, by the Acquiring Fund shall be computed as of the Closing Date, in the manner set forth in the most recent Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information of the Acquiring Fund (collectively, the "Acquiring Fund Prospectus"), copies of which have been delivered to the Target Fund.

B. DELIVERY OF FUND ASSETS. The Assets shall be delivered to State Street Bank and Trust Company or other custodian as designated by the Acquiring Fund (collectively the "Custodian") for the benefit of the Acquiring Fund, duly endorsed in proper form for transfer in such condition as to constitute a good delivery thereof, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and claims whatsoever, in accordance with the custom of brokers, and shall be accompanied by all necessary state stock transfer stamps, if any, the cost of which shall be borne by the Target Fund.

C. FAILURE TO DELIVER SECURITIES. If the Target Fund is unable to make delivery pursuant to Section 3.B. hereof to the Custodian of any of the securities of the Target Fund, then, in lieu of such delivery, the Target Fund shall deliver to the Custodian, with respect to said securities, executed copies of an agreement of assignment and due bills, together with such other documents as may be required by the Acquiring Fund or Custodian.

D. SHAREHOLDER ACCOUNTS. The Acquiring Fund, in order to assist the Target Fund in the distribution of the Acquiring Fund Shares to Target Fund shareholders after delivery of the Acquiring Fund Shares to the Target Fund, will establish, pursuant to the request of the Target Fund, an open account with the Acquiring Fund for each shareholder of the Target Fund and, upon request by the Target Fund, shall transfer to such accounts the exact number of Acquiring Fund Shares then held by the Target Fund specified in the instruction provided pursuant to Section 2 hereof. The Acquiring Fund is not required to issue certificates representing Acquiring Fund Shares unless requested to do so by a shareholder. Upon liquidation or dissolution of the Target Fund, certificates representing shares of the Target Fund shall become null and void.

E. LIABILITIES. The Liabilities shall include all of the Target Fund's liabilities, debts, obligations, and duties of whatever kind or nature, whether absolute, accrued, contingent, or otherwise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, whether or not determinable at the Closing Date, and whether or not specifically referred to in this Agreement.

F. EXPENSES. In the event that the transactions contemplated herein are consummated, the Target Fund will pay the expenses of the Reorganization, including the costs of the special meeting of shareholders of the Target Fund. In addition, as part of the Reorganization, the Target Fund will write off its remaining unamortized organizational expenses, which shall be reimbursed by Van Kampen Asset Management (or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof). In the event that the transactions contemplated herein are not consummated for any reason, then all reasonable outside expenses incurred to the date of termination of this Agreement shall be borne by Van Kampen Asset Management (or a subsidiary or affiliate thereof).

G. DISSOLUTION. As soon as practicable after the Closing Date, but in no event later than one year after the Closing Date, the Target Fund shall voluntarily dissolve and completely liquidate by taking, in accordance with the law in the state of its organization and federal securities laws, all steps as shall be necessary and proper to effect a complete liquidation and dissolution of the Target Fund. Immediately after the Closing Date, the share transfer books relating to the Target Fund shall be closed and no transfer of shares shall thereafter be made on such books.

4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE TARGET FUND.

The Target Fund hereby represents and warrants to the Acquiring Fund, which representations and warranties are true and correct on the date hereof, and agrees with the Acquiring Fund that:

A. ORGANIZATION. The Target Fund is duly formed and in good standing under

the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized to transact business in the state of its organization. The Target Fund is qualified to do business in all jurisdictions in which it is required to be so qualified, except jurisdictions

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in which the failure to so qualify would not have a material adverse effect on the Target Fund. The Target Fund has all material federal, state and local authorizations necessary to own all of its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now being conducted, except authorizations which the failure to so obtain would not have a material adverse effect on the Target Fund.

B. REGISTRATION. The Van Kampen Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company, and such registration has not been revoked or rescinded. The Target Fund is in compliance in all material respects with the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to its activities. All of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Target Fund have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to pre-emptive or dissenters' rights.

C. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The statement of assets and liabilities and the portfolio of investments and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets of the Target Fund audited as of and for the year ended March 31, 2003, true and complete copies of which have been heretofore furnished to the Acquiring Fund, fairly represent the financial condition and the results of operations of the Target Fund as of and for their respective dates and periods in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved.

D. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The Target Fund shall furnish to the Acquiring Fund within five (5) business days after the Closing Date an unaudited statement of assets and liabilities and the portfolio of investments and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets as of and for the interim period ending on the Closing Date; such financial statements will represent fairly the financial position and portfolio of investments and the results of the Target Fund's operations as of, and for the periods ending on, the dates of such statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the period then ended; and such financial statements shall be certified by the Treasurer of the Target Fund as complying with the requirements hereof.

E. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES. There are, and as of the Closing Date will be, no contingent Liabilities of the Target Fund not disclosed in the financial statements delivered pursuant to Sections 4.C. and 4.D. which would materially affect the Target Fund's financial condition, and there are no legal, administrative or other proceedings pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against the Target Fund which would, if adversely determined, materially affect the Target Fund's financial condition. All Liabilities were incurred by the Target Fund in the ordinary course of its business.

F. MATERIAL AGREEMENTS. The Target Fund is in compliance with all material agreements, rules, laws, statutes, regulations and administrative orders affecting its operations or its assets; and, except as referred to in the most recent Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information of the Target Fund (collectively, the "Target Fund Prospectus"), there are no material agreements outstanding relating to the Target Fund to which the Target Fund is a party.

G. STATEMENT OF EARNINGS. As promptly as practicable, but in any case no

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later than 30 calendar days after the Closing Date, the Target Fund shall furnish the Acquiring Fund with a statement of the earnings and profits of the Target Fund within the meaning of the Code as of the Closing Date.

H. TAX RETURNS. At the date hereof and on the Closing Date, all federal and other material tax returns and reports of the Target Fund required by law to have been filed by such dates shall have been filed, and all federal and other taxes shown thereon shall have been paid so far as due, or provision shall have been made for the payment thereof, and to the best of the Target Fund's knowledge no such return is currently under audit and no assessment has been asserted with respect to any such return.

I. CORPORATE AUTHORITY. The Target Fund has the necessary power to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein have been duly authorized by the Target Fund Board, and except for obtaining approval of the Target Fund shareholders, no other corporate acts or proceedings by the Target Fund are necessary to authorize this Agreement and the

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transactions contemplated herein. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Target Fund and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Target Fund enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, or by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at equity or law).

J. NO VIOLATION; CONSENTS AND APPROVALS. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Target Fund does not and will not (i) result in a material violation of any provision of the Target Fund's organizational documents, (ii) violate any statute, law, judgment, writ, decree, order, regulation or rule of any court or governmental authority applicable to the Target Fund, (iii) result in a material violation or breach of or constitute a default under any material contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other instrument or obligation to which the Target Fund is subject or (iv) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or asset of the Target Fund. Except as have been obtained, (i) no consent, approval, authorization, order or filing with or notice to any court or governmental authority or agency is required for the consummation by the Target Fund of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) no consent of or notice to any third party or entity is required for the consummation by the Target Fund of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

K. ABSENCE OF CHANGES. From the date of this Agreement through the Closing Date, there shall not have been:

(1) any change in the business, results of operations, assets, financial condition or manner of conducting the business of the Target Fund, other than changes in the ordinary course of its business, or any pending or threatened litigation, which has had or may have a material adverse effect on such business, results of operations, assets, financial condition or manner of conducting business;

(2) issued by the Target Fund any option to purchase or other right to acquire shares of the Target Fund to any person other than subscriptions to purchase shares at net asset value in accordance with terms in the Target Fund Prospectus;

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(3) any entering into, amendment or termination of any contract or agreement by the Target Fund, except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement;

(4) any indebtedness incurred, other than in the ordinary course of business, by the Target Fund for borrowed money, or any commitment to borrow money entered into by the Target Fund;

(5) any amendment of the Target Fund's organizational documents; or

(6) any grant or imposition of any lien, claim, charge or encumbrance (other than encumbrances arising in the ordinary course of business with respect to covered options) upon any asset of the Target Fund other than a lien for taxes not yet due and payable.

L. TITLE. On the Closing Date, the Target Fund will have good and marketable title to the Assets, free and clear of all liens, mortgages, pledges, encumbrances, charges, claims and equities whatsoever, other than a lien for taxes not yet due and payable, and full right, power and authority to sell, assign, transfer and deliver such Assets; upon delivery of such Assets, the Acquiring Fund will receive good and marketable title to such Assets, free and clear of all liens, mortgages, pledges, encumbrances, charges, claims and equities whatsoever, other than a lien for taxes not yet due and payable.

M. PROSPECTUS/PROXY STATEMENT. The Registration Statement and the Prospectus/Proxy Statement contained therein, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement, and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the Closing Date, as amended or as supplemented if it shall have been amended or supplemented, conform and will conform as they relate to the Target Fund, in all material respects, to the applicable requirements of the applicable federal and state securities laws and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") thereunder, and do not and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that no representations or warranties in this Section 4.M. apply to statements or omissions

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made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning the Acquiring Fund furnished to the Target Fund by the Acquiring Fund.

N. TAX QUALIFICATION. The Target Fund has qualified as a regulated investment company within the meaning of Section 851 of the Code for each of its taxable years and has satisfied the distribution requirements imposed by Section 852 of the Code for each of its taxable years.

O. FAIR MARKET VALUE. The fair market value on a going concern basis of the Assets will equal or exceed the Liabilities to be assumed by the Acquiring Fund and those to which the Assets are subject.

P. TARGET FUND LIABILITIES. Except as otherwise provided for herein, the Target Fund shall use reasonable efforts, consistent with its ordinary operating procedures, to repay in full any indebtedness for borrowed money and have discharged or reserved against all of the Target Fund's known debts, liabilities and obligations including expenses, costs and charges whether absolute or contingent, accrued or unaccrued.

5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE ACQUIRING FUND.

The Acquiring Fund hereby represents and warrants to the Target Fund, which

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representations and warranties are true and correct on the date hereof, and agrees with the Target Fund that:

A. ORGANIZATION. The Acquiring Fund is duly formed and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization and is duly authorized to transact business in the state of its organization. The Acquiring Fund is qualified to do business in all jurisdictions in which it is required to be so qualified, except jurisdictions in which the failure to so qualify would not have a material adverse effect on the Acquiring Fund. The Acquiring Fund has all material federal, state and local authorizations necessary to own all of its properties and assets and to carry on its business and the business thereof as now being conducted, except authorizations which the failure to so obtain would not have a material adverse effect on the Acquiring Fund.

B. REGISTRATION. The Acquiring Fund is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management investment company and such registration has not been revoked or rescinded. The Acquiring Fund is in compliance in all material respects with the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to its activities. All of the outstanding common shares of beneficial interest of the Acquiring Fund have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to pre-emptive or dissenters' rights.

C. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The statement of assets and liabilities and the portfolio of investments and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets of the Acquiring Fund audited as of and for the year ended August 31, 2003, true and complete copies of which have been heretofore furnished to the Target Fund, fairly represent the financial condition and the results of operations of the Acquiring Fund as of and for their respective dates and periods in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved.

D. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. The Acquiring Fund shall furnish to the Target Fund within five (5) business days after the Closing Date an unaudited statement of assets and liabilities and the portfolio of investments and the related statements of operations and changes in net assets as of and for the interim period ending on the Closing Date; such financial statements will represent fairly the financial position and portfolio of investments and the results of its operations as of, and for the period ending on, the dates of such statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the periods then ended; and such financial statements shall be certified by the Treasurer of the Acquiring Fund as complying with the requirements hereof.

E. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES. There are, and as of the Closing Date will be, no contingent liabilities of the Acquiring Fund not disclosed in the financial statements delivered pursuant to Sections 5.C. and 5.D. which would materially affect the Acquiring Fund's financial condition, and there are no legal, administrative, or other proceedings pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against the Acquiring Fund

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which would, if adversely determined, materially affect the Acquiring Fund's financial condition. All liabilities were incurred by the Acquiring Fund in the ordinary course of its business.

F. MATERIAL AGREEMENTS. The Acquiring Fund is in compliance with all material agreements, rules, laws, statutes, regulations and administrative orders affecting its operations or its assets; and, except as referred to in the Acquiring Fund Prospectus, there are no material agreements outstanding relating

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to the Acquiring Fund to which the Acquiring Fund is a party.

G. TAX RETURNS. At the date hereof and on the Closing Date, all federal and other material tax returns and reports of the Acquiring Fund required by law to have been filed by such dates shall have been filed, and all federal and other taxes shown thereon shall have been paid so far as due, or provision shall have been made for the payment thereof, and to the best of the Acquiring Fund's knowledge no such return is currently under audit and no assessment has been asserted with respect to any such return.

H. CORPORATE AUTHORITY. The Acquiring Fund has the necessary power to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein have been duly authorized by the Acquiring Fund Board, no other corporate acts or proceedings by the Acquiring Fund are necessary to authorize this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Acquiring Fund and constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Acquiring Fund enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, or by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at equity or law).

I. NO VIOLATION; CONSENTS AND APPROVALS. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the Acquiring Fund does not and will not (i) result in a material violation of any provision of the Acquiring Fund's organizational documents, (ii) violate any statute, law, judgment, writ, decree, order, regulation or rule of any court or governmental authority applicable to the Acquiring Fund, (iii) result in a material violation or breach of or constitute a default under any material contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, note, lease or other instrument or obligation to which the Acquiring Fund is subject or (iv) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or asset of the Acquiring Fund. Except as have been obtained, (i) no consent, approval, authorization, order or filing with or notice to any court or governmental authority or agency is required for the consummation by the Acquiring Fund of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) no consent of or notice to any third party or entity is required for the consummation by the Acquiring Fund of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

J. ABSENCE OF PROCEEDINGS. There are no legal, administrative or other proceedings pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against the Acquiring Fund which would materially affect its financial condition.

K. SHARES OF THE ACQUIRING FUND: REGISTRATION. The Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued pursuant to Section 1 hereof will be duly registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and all applicable state securities laws.

L. SHARES OF THE ACQUIRING FUND: AUTHORIZATION. The Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued pursuant to Section 1 hereof have been duly authorized and, when issued in accordance with this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable, will not be subject to pre-emptive or dissenters' rights and will conform in all material respects to the description thereof contained in the Acquiring Fund Prospectus furnished to the Target Fund.

M. ABSENCE OF CHANGES. From the date hereof through the Closing Date, there shall not have been any change in the business, results of operations, assets, financial condition or manner of conducting the business of the Acquiring Fund, other than changes in the ordinary course of its business, which has had a material adverse effect on such business, results of operations, assets,

financial condition or manner of conducting business.

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N. REGISTRATION STATEMENT. The Registration Statement and the Prospectus/Proxy Statement contained therein, as of the effective date of the Registration Statement, and at all times subsequent thereto up to and including the Closing Date, as amended or as supplemented if they shall have been amended or supplemented, conforms and will conform, as they relate to the Acquiring Fund, in all material respects, to the applicable requirements of the applicable federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder, and do not and will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except that no representations or warranties in this Section 5 apply to statements or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information concerning the Target Fund furnished to the Acquiring Fund by the Target Fund.

O. TAX QUALIFICATION. The Acquiring Fund has qualified as a regulated investment company within the meaning of Section 851 of the Code for each of its taxable years and has satisfied the distribution requirements imposed by Section 852 of the Code for each of its taxable years.

6. COVENANTS.

During the period from the date of this Agreement and continuing until the Closing Date, the Target Fund and Acquiring Fund each agree as follows (except as expressly contemplated or permitted by this Agreement):

A. OTHER ACTIONS. The Target Fund and Acquiring Fund shall operate only in the ordinary course of business consistent with prior practice. No party shall take any action that would, or reasonably would be expected to, result in any of its representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement being or becoming untrue in any material respect.

B. GOVERNMENT FILINGS; CONSENTS. The Target Fund and Acquiring Fund shall file all reports required to be filed by the Target Fund and Acquiring Fund with the SEC between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date and shall deliver to the other party copies of all such reports promptly after the same are filed. Except where prohibited by applicable statutes and regulations, each party shall promptly provide the other (or its counsel) with copies of all other filings made by such party with any state, local or federal government agency or entity in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby. Each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain all consents, approvals and authorizations required in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to make all necessary filings with the appropriate federal and state officials.

C. PREPARATION OF THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND THE PROSPECTUS/ PROXY STATEMENT. In connection with the Registration Statement and the Prospectus/Proxy Statement, each party hereto will cooperate with the other and furnish to the other the information relating to the Target Fund or Acquiring Fund, as the case may be, required by the Securities Act or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder, as the case may be, to be set forth in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus/Proxy Statement, as the case may be. The Target Fund shall promptly prepare for filing with the SEC the Prospectus/Proxy Statement and the Acquiring Fund shall promptly prepare and file with the SEC the Registration Statement, in which the Prospectus/Proxy Statement will be included as a prospectus. In connection with

the Registration Statement, insofar as it relates to the Target Fund and its affiliated persons, the Acquiring Fund shall only include such information as is approved by the Target Fund for use in the Registration Statement. The Acquiring Fund shall not amend or supplement any such information regarding the Target Fund and such affiliates without the prior written consent of the Target Fund which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Acquiring Fund shall promptly notify and provide the Target Fund with copies of all amendments or supplements filed with respect to the Registration Statement. The Acquiring Fund shall use all reasonable efforts to have the Registration Statement declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as practicable after such filing. The Acquiring Fund shall also take any action (other than qualifying to do business in any jurisdiction in which it is now not so qualified) required to be taken under any applicable state securities laws in connection with the issuance of the Acquiring Fund Shares in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and the Target Fund shall furnish

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all information concerning the Target Fund and the holders of the Target Fund's shares as may be reasonably requested in connection with any such action.

D. ACCESS TO INFORMATION. During the period prior to the Closing Date, the Target Fund shall make available to the Acquiring Fund a copy of each report, schedule, registration statement and other document (the "Documents") filed or received by it during such period pursuant to the requirements of federal or state securities laws or federal or state banking laws (other than Documents which such party is not permitted to disclose under applicable law). During the period prior to the Closing Date, the Acquiring Fund shall make available to the Target Fund each Document pertaining to the transactions contemplated hereby filed or received by it during such period pursuant to federal or state securities laws or federal or state banking laws (other than Documents which such party is not permitted to disclose under applicable law).

E. SHAREHOLDERS MEETING. The Target Fund shall call a meeting of the Target Fund shareholders to be held as promptly as practicable for the purpose of voting upon the approval of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein, and shall furnish a copy of the Prospectus/Proxy Statement and form of proxy to each shareholder of the Target Fund as of the record date for such meeting. The Target Fund Board shall recommend to the Target Fund shareholders approval of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein, subject to fiduciary obligations under applicable law.

F. COORDINATION OF PORTFOLIOS. The Target Fund and Acquiring Fund covenant and agree to coordinate the respective portfolios of the Target Fund and Acquiring Fund from the date of the Agreement up to and including the Closing Date in order that at closing, when the Assets are added to the Acquiring Fund's portfolio, the resulting portfolio will meet the Acquiring Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions as set forth in the Acquiring Fund Prospectus, a copy of which has been delivered to the Target Fund.

G. DISTRIBUTION OF THE SHARES. At closing the Target Fund covenants that it shall cause to be distributed the Acquiring Fund Shares in the proper pro rata amount for the benefit of Target Fund shareholders and such that the Target Fund shall not continue to hold amounts of said shares so as to cause a violation of Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act. The Target Fund covenants further that, pursuant to Section 3.G., it shall liquidate and dissolve as promptly as practicable after the Closing Date. The Target Fund covenants to use all reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Acquiring Fund and the Acquiring Fund's transfer agent in the distribution of said shares.

H. BROKERS OR FINDERS. Except as disclosed in writing to the other party

prior to the date hereof, each of the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund represents that no agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other firm or person is or will be entitled to any broker's or finder's fee or any other commission or similar fee in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and each party shall hold the other harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities or obligations with respect to any such fees, commissions or expenses asserted by any person to be due or payable in connection with any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the basis of any act or statement alleged to have been made by such first party or its affiliate.

I. ADDITIONAL AGREEMENT. In case at any time after the Closing Date any further action is necessary or desirable in order to carry out the purposes of this Agreement, the proper directors, trustees and officers of each party to this Agreement shall take all such necessary action.

J. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS. For a period of time from the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date, the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund will consult with each other before issuing any press releases or otherwise making any public statements with respect to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein and shall not issue any press release or make any public statement prior to such consultation, except as may be required by law.

K. TAX STATUS OF REORGANIZATION. The intention of the parties is that the transaction will qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. Neither the Acquiring Fund nor the Target Fund shall take any action or cause any action to be taken (including, without limitation, the filing of any tax return) that is inconsistent with such treatment or results in the failure of the transaction to qualify

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as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code. At or prior to the Closing Date, the Acquiring Fund and the Target Fund will take such action, or cause such action to be taken, as is reasonably necessary to enable Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP ("Skadden"), counsel to the Acquiring Fund and the Target Fund, to render the tax opinion required herein.

L. DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND. At or immediately prior to the Closing Date, the Target Fund shall declare and pay to its stockholders a dividend or other distribution in an amount large enough so that it will have distributed substantially all (and in any event not less than 98%) of its investment company taxable income (computed without regard to any deduction for dividends paid) and realized net capital gain, if any, for the current taxable year through the Closing Date.

7. CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE TARGET FUND.

The obligations of the Target Fund hereunder with respect to the consummation of the Reorganization are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions, unless waived in writing by the Target Fund:

A. SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL. This Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein shall have been approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Target Fund.

B. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS. Each of the representations and warranties of the Acquiring Fund contained herein shall be true in all material respects as of the Closing Date, and there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition, results of operations, business properties or assets of the Acquiring Fund as of the Closing Date, and the Target Fund shall have received a certificate of the President or Vice President

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of the Acquiring Fund satisfactory in form and substance to the Target Fund so stating. The Acquiring Fund shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all agreements, obligations and covenants required by this Agreement to be so performed or complied with by it on or prior to the Closing Date.

C. REGISTRATION STATEMENT EFFECTIVE. The Registration Statement shall have become effective and no stop orders under the Securities Act pertaining thereto shall have been issued.

D. REGULATORY APPROVAL. All necessary approvals, registrations and exemptions under federal and state securities laws shall have been obtained.

E. NO INJUNCTIONS OR RESTRAINTS; ILLEGALITY. No temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other order issued by any court of competent jurisdiction or other legal restraint or prohibition (an "Injunction") preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be in effect, nor shall any proceeding by any state, local or federal government agency or entity seeking any of the foregoing be pending. There shall not have been any action taken or any statute, rule, regulation or order enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which makes the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement illegal or which has a material adverse effect on business operations of the Acquiring Fund.

F. TAX OPINION. The Target Fund shall have obtained an opinion from Skadden, counsel for the Target Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, addressed to the Target Fund, that the consummation of the transactions set forth in this Agreement comply with the requirements of a reorganization as described in Section 368(a) of the Code.

G. OPINION OF COUNSEL.

(1) The Target Fund shall have received the opinion of Skadden, counsel for the Acquiring Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, addressed to the Target Fund substantially in the form and to the effect that:

(a) The Acquiring Fund is registered as an open-end, management investment company under the 1940 Act.

(b) The Acquiring Fund is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

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(c) The Acquiring Fund has the power and authority to execute, deliver and perform all of its obligations under the Agreement under the laws of the State of Delaware. The execution and delivery of the Agreement and the consummation by the Acquiring Fund of the transactions contemplated thereby have been duly authorized by all requisite statutory trust action on the part of the Acquiring Fund under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Acquiring Fund under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(d) The Agreement constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Acquiring Fund, enforceable against the Acquiring Fund in accordance with its terms under the applicable laws of the State of Delaware.

(e) The execution and delivery by the Acquiring Fund of the Agreement and the performance by the Acquiring Fund of its obligations under the Agreement do not conflict with the Agreement and Declaration of Trust or

By-laws of the Acquiring Fund.

(f) Neither the execution, delivery or performance by the Acquiring Fund of the Agreement nor the compliance by the Acquiring Fund with the terms and provisions thereof will contravene any provision of any applicable law of the State of Illinois, the State of Delaware or the United States of America.

(g) No approval by any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or governmental body of the State of Illinois, the State of Delaware or the United States of America, which has not been obtained or taken and is not in full force and effect, is required to authorize, or is required in connection with, the execution or delivery of the Agreement by the Acquiring Fund or the enforceability of the Agreement against the Acquiring Fund.

(h) The Acquiring Fund Shares have been duly authorized and, when delivered to the Target Fund in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and free and clear of any preemptive rights or any similar rights arising under Delaware law or the Acquiring Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust or its By-laws.

H. OFFICER CERTIFICATES. The Target Fund shall have received a certificate of an authorized officer of the Acquiring Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, certifying that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 5 are true and correct on the Closing Date, together with certified copies of the resolutions adopted by the Acquiring Fund Board.

8. CONDITIONS TO OBLIGATIONS OF ACQUIRING FUND.

The obligations of the Acquiring Fund hereunder with respect to the consummation of the Reorganization are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions, unless waived in writing by the Acquiring Fund:

A. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND AGREEMENTS. Each of the representations and warranties of the Target Fund contained herein shall be true in all material respects as of the Closing Date, and there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition, results of operations, business, properties or assets of the Target Fund as of the Closing Date, and the Acquiring Fund shall have received a certificate of an authorized officer of the Target Fund satisfactory in form and substance to the Acquiring Fund so stating. The Target Fund shall have performed and complied in all material respects with all agreements, obligations and covenants required by this Agreement to be so performed or complied with by them on or prior to the Closing Date.

B. REGISTRATION STATEMENT EFFECTIVE. The Registration Statement shall have become effective and no stop orders under the Securities Act pertaining thereto shall have been issued.

C. REGULATORY APPROVAL. All necessary approvals, registrations and exemptions under federal and state securities laws shall have been obtained.

D. NO INJUNCTIONS OR RESTRAINTS: ILLEGALITY. No Injunction preventing the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be in effect, nor shall any proceeding by any state, local or federal government agency or entity seeking any of the foregoing be pending. There shall not

have been any action taken, or any statute, rule, regulation or order enacted, entered, enforced or deemed applicable to the transactions contemplated by this

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Agreement, which makes the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement illegal.

E. TAX OPINION. The Acquiring Fund shall have obtained an opinion from Skadden, counsel for the Acquiring Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, addressed to the Acquiring Fund, that the consummation of the transactions set forth in this Agreement comply with the requirements of a reorganization as described in Section 368(a) of the Code.

F. OPINION OF COUNSEL.

(1) The Acquiring Fund shall have received the opinion of Skadden, counsel for the Target Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, addressed to the Acquiring Fund, substantially in the form and to the effect that:

(a) The Van Kampen Trust is registered as an open-end, management investment company under the 1940 Act.

(b) The Van Kampen Trust is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(c) The Target Fund has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform all of its obligations under the Agreement under the laws of the State of Delaware. The execution and delivery of the Agreement and the consummation by the Target Fund of the transactions contemplated thereby have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate action on the part of the Target Fund under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Target Fund under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(d) The Agreement constitutes the valid and binding obligation of the Target Fund, enforceable against the Target Fund in accordance with its terms under the applicable laws of the State of Delaware.

(e) The execution and delivery by the Target Fund of the Agreement and the performance by the Target Fund of its obligations under the Agreement do not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation or By-laws of the Van Kampen Trust.

(f) Neither the execution, delivery or performance by the Target Fund of the Agreement nor the compliance by the Target Fund with the terms and provisions thereof will contravene any provision of any applicable law of the State of Illinois, the State of Delaware or the United States of America.

(g) No approval by any court, regulatory body, administrative agency or governmental body of the State of Illinois, the State of Delaware or the United States of America, which has not been obtained or taken and is not in full force and effect, is required to authorize, or is required in connection with, the execution or delivery of the Agreement by the Target Fund or the enforceability of the Agreement against the Target Fund.

G. SHAREHOLDER LIST. The Target Fund shall have delivered to the Acquiring Fund an updated list of all shareholders of the Target Fund, as reported by the Target Fund's transfer agent, as of one (1) business day prior to the Closing Date, with each shareholder's respective holdings in the Target Fund, taxpayer identification numbers, Form W9 and last known address.

H. OFFICER CERTIFICATES. The Acquiring Fund shall have received a certificate of an authorized officer of the Target Fund, dated as of the Closing Date, certifying that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4 are true and correct on the Closing Date, together with certified copies of the

resolutions adopted by the Target Fund Board and Target Fund shareholders.

9. AMENDMENT, WAIVER AND TERMINATION.

A. The parties hereto may, by agreement in writing authorized by the their respective Boards, amend this Agreement at any time before or after approval thereof by the shareholders of the Target Fund; provided, however, that after receipt of Target Fund shareholder approval, no amendment shall be made by the parties

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hereto which substantially changes the terms of Sections 1, 2 and 3 hereof without obtaining Target Fund shareholder approval thereof.

B. At any time prior to the Closing Date, either of the parties may by written instrument signed by it (i) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties made to it contained herein and (ii) waive compliance with any of the covenants or conditions made for its benefit contained herein. No delay on the part of either party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any waiver on the part of any party of any such right, power or privilege, or any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege, preclude any further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other such right, power or privilege.

C. This Agreement may be terminated and the transactions contemplated herein may be abandoned at any time prior to the Closing Date:

(1) by the consent of the Target Fund Board and the Acquiring Fund Board;

(2) by the Target Fund, if the Acquiring Fund breaches in any material respect any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement;

(3) by the Acquiring Fund, if the Target Fund breaches in any material respect any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement;

(4) by either the Target Fund or the Acquiring Fund, if the closing has not occurred on or prior to January 14, 2005 (provided that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this subsection C.(4) shall not be available to any party whose failure to fulfill any of its obligations under this Agreement has been the cause of or resulted in the failure of the closing to occur on or before such date);

(5) by the Acquiring Fund in the event that: (a) all the conditions precedent to the Acquiring Fund's obligation to close, as set forth in Section 8 of this Agreement, have been fully satisfied (or can be fully satisfied at the closing); (b) the Acquiring Fund gives the Target Fund written assurance of its intent to close irrespective of the satisfaction or nonsatisfaction of all conditions precedent to the Target Fund's obligation to close, as set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement; and (c) the Target Fund then fails or refuses to close within the earlier of five (5) business days or January 14, 2005; or

(6) by the Target Fund in the event that: (a) all the conditions precedent to the Target Fund's obligation to close, as set forth in Section 7 of this Agreement, have been fully satisfied (or can be fully satisfied at the closing); (b) the Target Fund gives the Acquiring Fund written assurance of its intent to close irrespective of the satisfaction or nonsatisfaction of all the conditions precedent to the Acquiring Fund's obligation to close, as set forth in Section 8

of this Agreement; and (c) the Acquiring Fund then fails or refuses to close within the earlier of five (5) business days or January 14, 2005.

10. REMEDIES.

In the event of termination of this Agreement by either or both of the Target Fund and Acquiring Fund pursuant to Section 9.C., written notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the terminating party to the other party hereto, and this Agreement shall therefore terminate and become void and have no effect, and the transactions contemplated herein and thereby shall be abandoned without further action by the parties hereto.

11. SURVIVAL OF WARRANTIES AND INDEMNIFICATION.

A. SURVIVAL. The representations and warranties included or provided for herein, or in the schedules or other instruments delivered or to be delivered pursuant hereto, shall survive the Closing Date for a three (3) year period, except that any representation or warranty with respect to taxes shall survive for the expiration of the statutory period of limitations for assessments of tax deficiencies as the same may be extended from time to time by the taxpayer. The covenants and agreements included or provided for herein shall survive and be continuing obligations in accordance with their terms. The period for which a representation, warranty, covenant or agreement survives shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Survival Period." Notwithstanding anything set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, the right of the Acquiring

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Fund and the Target Fund to seek indemnity pursuant to this Agreement shall survive for a period of ninety (90) days beyond the expiration of the Survival Period of the representation, warranty, covenant or agreement upon which indemnity is sought. In no event shall the Acquiring Fund or the Target Fund be obligated to indemnify the other if indemnity is not sought within ninety (90) days of the expiration of the applicable Survival Period.

B. INDEMNIFICATION. Each party (an "Indemnitor") shall indemnify and hold the other and its directors, trustees, officers, agents and persons controlled by or controlling any of them (each an "Indemnified Party") harmless from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, judgments, settlements, deficiencies, taxes, assessments, charges, costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees), including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees reasonably incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with the defense or disposition of any claim, action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, before any court or administrative or investigative body in which such Indemnified Party may be or may have been involved as a party or otherwise or with which such Indemnified Party may be or may have been threatened (collectively, the "Losses") arising out of or related to any claim of a breach of any representation, warranty or covenant made herein by the Indemnitor, provided, however, that no Indemnified Party shall be indemnified hereunder against any Losses arising directly from such Indemnified Party's (i) willful misfeasance, (ii) bad faith, (iii) gross negligence or (iv) reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of such Indemnified Party's position.

C. INDEMNIFICATION PROCEDURE. The Indemnified Party shall use its best efforts to minimize any liabilities, damages, deficiencies, claims, judgments, assessments, costs and expenses in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder. The Indemnified Party shall give written notice to the Indemnitor within the earlier of ten (10) days of receipt of written notice to the Indemnified Party or thirty (30) days from discovery by the Indemnified Party of any matters which may give rise to a claim for indemnification or reimbursement

under this Agreement. The failure to give such notice shall not affect the right of the Indemnified Party to indemnify hereunder unless such failure has materially and adversely affected the rights of the Indemnitor; provided that in any event such notice shall have been given prior to the expiration of the Survival Period. At any time after ten (10) days from the giving of such notice, the Indemnified Party may, at its option, resist, settle or otherwise compromise, or pay such claim unless it shall have received notice from the Indemnitor that the Indemnitor intends, at the Indemnitor's sole cost and expense, to assume the defense of any such matter, in which case the Indemnified Party shall have the right, at no cost or expense to the Indemnitor, to participate in such defense. If the Indemnitor does not assume the defense of such matter, and in any event until the Indemnitor states in writing that it will assume the defense, the Indemnitor shall pay all costs of the Indemnified Party arising out of the defense until the defense is assumed; provided, however, that the Indemnified Party shall consult with the Indemnitor and obtain the Indemnitor's prior written consent to any payment or settlement of any such claim. The Indemnitor shall keep the Indemnified Party fully apprised at all times as to the status of the defense. If the Indemnitor does not assume the defense, the Indemnified Party shall keep the Indemnitor apprised at all times as to the status of the defense. Following indemnification as provided for hereunder, the Indemnitor shall be subrogated to all rights of the Indemnified Party with respect to all third parties, firms or corporations relating to the matter for which indemnification has been made.

12. SURVIVAL.

The provisions set forth in Sections 10, 11 and 16 hereof shall survive the termination of this Agreement for any cause whatsoever.

13. NOTICES.

All notices hereunder shall be sufficiently given for all purposes hereunder if in writing and delivered personally or sent by registered mail or certified mail, postage prepaid. Notice to the Target Fund shall be addressed to the Target Fund c/o Van Kampen Asset Management, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, Attention: General Counsel, or at such other address as the Target Fund may

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designate by written notice to the Acquiring Fund. Notice to the Acquiring Fund shall be addressed to the Acquiring Fund c/o Van Kampen Asset Management, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020, Attention: General Counsel, or at such other address and to the attention of such other person as the Acquiring Fund may designate by written notice to the Target Fund. Any notice shall be deemed to have been served or given as of the date such notice is delivered personally or mailed.

14. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns. This Agreement shall not be assigned by any party without the prior written consent of the other party hereto.

15. BOOKS AND RECORDS.

The Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund agree that copies of the books and records of the Target Fund relating to the Assets including, but not limited to, all files, records, written materials (e.g., closing transcripts, surveillance files and credit reports) shall be delivered by the Target Fund to the Acquiring Fund on or prior to the Closing Date. In addition to, and without limiting the

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foregoing, the Target Fund and the Acquiring Fund agree to take such action as may be necessary in order that the Acquiring Fund shall have reasonable access to such other books and records as may be reasonably requested, all for three (3) complete fiscal and tax years after the Closing Date; namely, general ledgers, journal entries, voucher registers, distribution journals, payroll registers, monthly balance owing reports, income tax returns, tax depreciation schedules and investment tax credit basis schedules.

16. GENERAL.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements between the parties (written or oral), is intended as a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of the Agreement between the parties and may not be amended, modified or changed or terminated orally. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been executed by the Target Fund and Acquiring Fund and delivered to each of the parties hereto. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto, and nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer upon any other person any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to principles of conflicts or choice of law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first written above.

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND
FUND

James M. Dykas

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attest:

Stefanie Chang Yu,
Secretary

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VAN KAMPEN TRUST

On Behalf of Its Series,
Van Kampen High Yield Fund

James M. Dykas

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Attest:

Stefanie Chang Yu

Secretary

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APPENDIX B

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
OF VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND

Dated July 30, 2004

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VAN KAMPEN
HIGH YIELD FUND

Van Kampen High Yield Fund's (the "Fund") primary investment objective is to seek to provide a high level of current income. As a secondary investment objective, the Fund seeks capital appreciation. The Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of lower-grade domestic corporate debt securities.

The Fund is organized as the sole diversified series of the Van Kampen Trust, an open-end, management investment company (the "Trust").

This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus") dated as of the same date as this Statement of Additional Information. This Statement of Additional Information does not include all the information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing shares of the Fund. Investors should obtain and read the Prospectus prior to purchasing shares of the Fund. A Prospectus and the Fund's Annual and Semiannual Reports may be obtained without charge from our web site at www.vankampen.com or by writing or calling Van Kampen Funds Inc. at 1 Parkview Plaza, PO Box 5555, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555 or (800) 847-2424 (or (800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired).

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THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS DATED JULY 30, 2004.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Trust is an unincorporated statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware by an Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust") dated May 10, 1995. The Trust was originally organized in 1986 under the name Van Kampen Merritt Trust as a Massachusetts business trust (the "Massachusetts Trust"). The Massachusetts Trust was reorganized into the Trust under the name Van Kampen American Capital Trust on July 31, 1995. The Trust was created for facilitating the Massachusetts Trust reorganization into a Delaware statutory trust. On July 14, 1998, the Trust adopted its current name.

The Fund was organized in 1986 under the name Van Kampen Merritt High Yield Fund as a sub-trust of the Massachusetts Trust. The Fund was reorganized as a series of the Trust under the name Van Kampen American Capital High Yield Fund on July 31, 1995. On July 14, 1998, the Fund adopted its current name.

Van Kampen Asset Management (the "Adviser" or "Asset Management"), Van Kampen Funds Inc. (the "Distributor") and Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services") are wholly owned subsidiaries of Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. The principal office of each of the Trust, the Fund, the Adviser, the Distributor and Van Kampen Investments is located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. The principal office of Investor Services is located at 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77056.

The authorized capitalization of the Trust consists of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, which can be divided into series, such as the Fund, and further subdivided into classes of each series. Each share represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets

of the series with each other share in such series and no interest in any other series. No series is subject to the liabilities of any other series. The Declaration of Trust provides that shareholders are not liable for any liabilities of the Trust or any of its series, requires inclusion of a clause to that effect in every agreement entered into by the Trust or any of its series and indemnifies shareholders against any such liability.

The Fund currently offers three classes of shares, designated as Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Other classes may be established from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Trust. Each class of shares of the Fund generally is identical in all respects except that each class of shares is subject to its own sales charge schedule and its own distribution and service expenses. Each class of shares also has exclusive voting rights with respect to its distribution and service fees.

Shares of the Trust entitle their holders to one vote per share; however, separate votes are taken by each series on matters affecting an individual series and separate votes are taken by each class of a series on matters affecting an individual class of such series. For example, a change in investment policy for a series would be voted upon by shareholders of only the series involved and a change in the distribution or service fee for a class of a series would be voted upon by shareholders of only the class of such series involved. Except as otherwise described in the Prospectus or herein, shares do not have cumulative voting rights, preemptive rights or any conversion, subscription or exchange rights.

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The Trust does not contemplate holding regular meetings of shareholders to elect Trustees or otherwise. However, the holders of 10% or more of the outstanding shares may by written request require a meeting to consider the removal of Trustees by a vote of two-thirds of the shares then outstanding cast in person or by proxy at such meeting. The Fund will assist such holders in communicating with other shareholders of the Fund to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), or rules or regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

In the event of liquidation, each of the shares of the Fund is entitled to its portion of all of the Fund's net assets after all debts and expenses of the Fund have been paid. The liquidation proceeds to holders of classes of shares with higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs are likely to be less than the liquidation proceeds to holders of classes of shares with lower distribution fees and transfer agency costs.

The Trustees may amend the Declaration of Trust (including with respect to any series) in any manner without shareholder approval, except that the Trustees may not adopt any amendment adversely affecting the rights of shareholders of any series without approval by a majority of the shares of each affected series outstanding and entitled to vote (or such higher vote as may be required by the 1940 Act or other applicable law) and except that the Trustees cannot amend the Declaration of Trust to impose any liability on shareholders, make any assessment on shares or impose liabilities on the Trustees without approval from each affected shareholder or Trustee, as the case may be.

Statements contained in this Statement of Additional Information as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Statement of Additional Information forms a part, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

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As of July 1, 2004, no person was known by the Fund to own beneficially or to hold of record 5% or more of the outstanding Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class C Shares of the Fund, except as follows:

Name and Address of Holder -----	Class of Shares -----	Approximate Percentage of Ownership on July 1, 2004 -----
MLPF&S..... For the Sole Benefit of its Customers Attn: Fund Administration 4800 Deer Lake Drive East 2nd Floor Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	C	9% %
Edward Jones & Co. Attn: Fund Administration Shareholder Accounting 201 Progress Pkwy Maryland Hts, MO 63043-3009	A B C	30% 8% 6%
Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 W. 34th Street New York, NY 10001-2402	B	5%
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter..... Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 3 Jersey City, New Jersey 07311	B C	17% 22%

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND RISKS

The following disclosure supplements the disclosure set forth under the same caption in the Prospectus and does not, standing alone, present a complete or accurate explanation of the matters disclosed. Readers must refer also to this caption in the Prospectus for a complete presentation of the matters disclosed below.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions to earn a return on temporarily available cash. A repurchase agreement is a short-term investment in which the purchaser (i.e., the Fund) acquires ownership of a security and the seller agrees to repurchase the obligation at a future time and set price, thereby determining the yield during the holding period. Repurchase agreements involve certain risks in the event of default by the other party. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions deemed to be creditworthy by the Adviser under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The Fund will not invest in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days if any such investment, together with any other illiquid securities held by the Fund, would exceed the Fund's limitation on illiquid securities described herein. The Fund does not bear the risk of a decline in the value of the underlying security unless the seller defaults under its repurchase obligation. In the event of the bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses including: (a) possible decline in the value of the underlying security during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its

rights thereto;

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(b) possible lack of access to income on the underlying security during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

For the purpose of investing in repurchase agreements, the Adviser may aggregate the cash that certain funds advised or subadvised by the Adviser or certain of its affiliates would otherwise invest separately into a joint account. The cash in the joint account is then invested in repurchase agreements and the funds that contributed to the joint account share pro rata in the net revenue generated. The Adviser believes that the joint account produces efficiencies and economies of scale that may contribute to reduced transaction costs, higher returns, higher quality investments and greater diversity of investments for the Fund than would be available to the Fund investing separately. The manner in which the joint account is managed is subject to conditions set forth in an exemptive order from the SEC permitting this practice, which conditions are designed to ensure the fair administration of the joint account and to protect the amounts in that account.

Repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by the underlying securities and are considered to be loans under the 1940 Act. The Fund pays for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer to the account of a custodian or bank acting as agent. The seller under a repurchase agreement will be required to maintain the value of the underlying securities marked-to-market daily at not less than the repurchase price. The underlying securities (normally securities of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities) may have maturity dates exceeding one year.

"WHEN-ISSUED" AND "DELAYED DELIVERY" TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may purchase and sell portfolio securities on a "when-issued" and "delayed delivery" basis. No income accrues to the Fund on securities in connection with such purchase transactions prior to the date the Fund actually takes delivery of such securities. These transactions are subject to market fluctuation; the value of the securities at delivery may be more or less than their purchase price, and yields generally available on comparable securities when delivery occurs may be higher or lower than yields on the securities obtained pursuant to such transactions. Because the Fund relies on the buyer or seller, as the case may be, to consummate the transaction, failure by the other party to complete the transaction may result in the Fund missing the opportunity of obtaining a price or yield considered to be advantageous. When the Fund is the buyer in such a transaction, however, it will segregate cash and/or liquid securities having an aggregate value equal to the amount of such purchase commitments until payment is made. The Fund will make commitments to purchase securities on such basis only with the intention of actually acquiring these securities, but the Fund may sell such securities prior to the settlement date if such sale is considered to be advisable. To the extent the Fund engages in "when-issued" and "delayed delivery" transactions, it will do so for the purpose of acquiring securities for the Fund's portfolio consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies and not for the purpose of investment leverage.

REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with respect to securities which could otherwise be sold by the Fund. Reverse repurchase agreements involve sales by the Fund of portfolio assets concurrently with an agreement by the Fund to repurchase

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the same assets at a later date at a fixed price. During the reverse repurchase agreement period, the Fund continues to receive principal and interest payments on these securities.

The Fund will segregate cash and/or liquid securities equal in value to its obligations in respect of reverse repurchase agreements and, accordingly, the Fund will not treat such obligations as senior securities for purposes of the 1940 Act. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities retained by the Fund may decline below the price of the securities the Fund has sold but is obligated to repurchase under the agreement. In the event the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the Fund's use of the proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the other party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to enforce the Fund's obligation to repurchase the securities. No more than 5% of the Fund's total assets may be invested in bank borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements.

LENDING OF SECURITIES

Consistent with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, the Fund may lend portfolio securities to broker-dealers, banks and other institutional borrowers of securities provided such loans are callable at any time and are continuously secured by collateral that is at least equal to the market value, determined daily, of the loaned securities. The advantage of such loans is that the Fund continues to receive the interest or dividends on the loaned securities, while at the same time earning interest on the collateral which is invested in short-term obligations or the Fund receives an agreed upon amount of interest from the borrower of the security. The Fund may pay reasonable finders' fees, administrative fees and custodial fees in connection with loans of its securities. There is no assurance as to the extent to which securities loans can be effected.

If the borrower fails to maintain the requisite amount of collateral or return securities borrowed upon proper request, the loan automatically terminates, and the Fund could use the collateral to replace the securities while holding the borrower liable for any excess of replacement cost over collateral. As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. However, these loans of portfolio securities will only be made to firms deemed by the Adviser to be creditworthy and when the consideration which can be earned from such loans is believed to justify the attendant risks. On termination of the loan, the borrower is required to return the securities to the Fund; any gain or loss in the market price during the loan would inure to the Fund.

When voting or consent rights which accompany loaned securities pass to the borrower, the Fund will follow the policy of calling the loan, in whole or in part as may be appropriate, to permit the exercise of such rights if the matters involved would have a material effect on the Fund's investment in the securities which are the subject of the loan.

ILLIQUID SECURITIES

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, which includes securities that are not readily marketable, repurchase agreements which have a maturity of longer than seven days and generally includes securities that are restricted from sale to the public without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933

Act"). The sale of such securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of liquid securities trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities are often purchased at a discount from the market price of unrestricted securities of the same issuer reflecting the fact that such securities may not be readily marketable without some time delay. Investments in securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Ordinarily, the Fund would invest in restricted securities only when it receives the issuer's commitment to register the securities without expense to the Fund. However, registration and underwriting expenses (which typically range from 7% to 15% of the gross proceeds of the securities sold) may be paid by the Fund. Restricted securities which can be offered and sold to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act ("144A Securities") and are determined to be liquid under guidelines adopted by and subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees are not subject to the limitation on illiquid securities. Such 144A Securities are subject to monitoring and may become illiquid to the extent qualified institutional buyers become, for a time, uninterested in purchasing such securities. Factors used to determine whether 144A Securities are liquid include, among other things, a security's trading history, the availability of reliable pricing information, the number of dealers making quotes or making a market in such security and the number of potential purchasers in the market for such security. For purposes hereof, investments by the Fund in securities of other investment companies will not be considered investments in restricted securities to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief (such as "no-action" letters issued by the staff of the SEC interpreting or providing guidance on the 1940 Act or regulations thereunder) from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.

DISCOUNT, ZERO COUPON SECURITIES AND PAYMENT-IN-KIND SECURITIES

The Fund may invest in securities sold at a substantial discount from their value at maturity. Such securities include "zero coupon" and payment-in-kind securities of governmental or private issuers. Zero coupon securities generally pay no cash interest (or dividends in the case of preferred stock) to their holders prior to maturity. Payment-in-kind securities allow the issuer, at its option, to make current interest payments on such securities either in cash or additional securities. Accordingly, such securities usually are issued and traded at a deep discount from their face or par value and generally are subject to greater fluctuations of market value in response to changing interest rates than securities of comparable maturities and credit quality that pay cash interest (or dividends in the case of preferred stock) on a current basis.

Special tax considerations are associated with investing in certain lower-grade securities, such as zero coupon or payment-in-kind securities. See "Taxation" below.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES

A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock, warrant or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock or other security of the same or a different issuer or into cash within a particular

period of time and at a specified price or formula. A convertible security generally entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt securities or the dividend paid on preferred stock until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Convertible securities have unique investment characteristics in that they generally (i) have higher yields than common stocks, but lower yields than comparable non-convertible income securities, (ii) are less subject to fluctuation in value than the underlying stock since they have fixed income characteristics, and (iii) provide the potential for capital appreciation if the market price of the underlying common stock increases.

The value of a convertible security is a function of its "investment value" (determined by its yield in comparison with the yields of other securities of comparable maturity and quality that do not have a conversion privilege) and its "conversion value" (the security's worth, at market value, if converted into the underlying security). The investment value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors also may have an effect on the convertible security's investment value. The conversion value of a convertible security is determined by the market price of the underlying security. If the conversion value is low relative to the investment value, the price of the convertible security is governed principally by its investment value. Generally the conversion value decreases as the convertible security approaches maturity. To the extent the market price of the underlying security approaches or exceeds the conversion price, the price of the convertible security will be increasingly influenced by its conversion value. A convertible security generally will sell at a premium over its conversion value by the extent to which investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying security while holding a fixed income security.

Warrants are securities permitting, but not obligating, their holder to subscribe for other securities or commodities. Warrants do not carry with them the right to dividends or voting rights with respect to the securities that they entitle their holder to purchase, and they do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuer. As a result, warrants may be considered more speculative than certain other types of investments.

PREFERRED STOCK

Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and upon liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to other income securities in an issuer's capital structure. Preferred stock generally pays dividends in cash (or additional shares of preferred stock) at a defined rate but, unlike interest payments on income securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Dividends on preferred stock may be cumulative, meaning that, in the event the issuer fails to make one or more dividend payments on the preferred stock, no dividends may be paid on the issuer's common stock until all unpaid preferred stock dividends have been paid. Preferred stock also may provide that, in the event the issuer fails to make a specified number of dividend payments, the holders of the preferred stock will have the right to elect a specified number of directors to the issuer's board. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

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LOANS

The Fund may invest in fixed and floating rate loans ("Loans") arranged through private negotiations between an issuer and one or more financial

institutions ("Lenders"). The Fund's investments in Loans are expected in most instances to be in the form of participations in Loans ("Participations") and assignments of all or a portion of Loans ("Assignments") from third parties. Participations typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the Lender, not with the borrower. The Fund will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Lender selling the Participation and only upon receipt by the Lender of the payments from the borrower. The Fund generally has no direct right to enforce compliance by the borrower with the terms of the loan agreement relating to the Loan ("Loan Agreement"), nor any rights of set-off against the borrower, and the Fund may not directly benefit from any collateral supporting the Loan in which it has purchased the Participation. As a result, the Fund will assume the credit risk of both the borrower and the Lender that is selling the Participation. When the Fund purchases Assignments from Lenders, the Fund will acquire direct rights against the borrower on the Loan. However, since Assignments are arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and assignors, the rights and obligations acquired by the Fund as the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender.

STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may, but is not required to, use various investment strategies as described below ("Strategic Transactions") to earn income, to facilitate portfolio management, and to mitigate risks. Techniques and instruments may change over time as new instruments and strategies are developed or regulatory changes occur. Although the Adviser seeks to use such transactions to further the Fund's investment objectives, no assurance can be given that the use of these transactions will achieve this result. The Fund's activities involving Strategic Transactions may be limited by the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), for qualification as a regulated investment company.

In the course of pursuing these investment strategies, the Fund may purchase and sell derivative securities such as exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on securities, financial futures contracts, fixed-income and interest rate indices and other financial instruments, purchase and sell financial futures contracts and options on futures contracts, enter into various interest rate transactions such as swaps, caps, floors or collars, and enter into various currency transactions such as currency forward contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps or options on currency or currency futures contracts. Among other things, Strategic Transactions may be used to attempt to protect against possible changes in the market value of securities held in or to be purchased for the Fund's portfolio resulting from securities markets or currency exchange markets, to protect the Fund's unrealized gains in the value of its portfolio securities, to facilitate the sale of such securities for investment purposes, to manage the effective maturity or duration of the Fund's portfolio, or to establish a position in the derivatives markets as a temporary substitute for purchasing or selling particular securities.

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The Fund may sell options on securities the Fund owns or has the right to purchase without additional payments, up to 25% of the Fund's net assets, for non-hedging purposes. When the Fund sells an option, if the underlying securities do not increase (in the case of a call option) or decrease (in the case of a put option) to a price level that would make the exercise of the option profitable to the holder of the option, the option generally will expire without being exercised and the Fund will realize as profit the premium received for such option. When a call option of which the Fund is the writer is

exercised, the option holder purchases the underlying security at the strike price and the Fund does not participate in any increase in the price of such securities above the strike price. In addition, the Fund would need to replace the underlying securities at prices which may not be advantageous to the Fund. When a put option of which the Fund is the writer is exercised, the Fund will be required to purchase the underlying securities at the strike price, which may be in excess of the market value of such securities.

Any or all of these investment techniques may be used at any time and there is no particular strategy that dictates the use of one technique rather than another, as use of any Strategic Transaction is a function of numerous variables including market conditions. The ability of the Fund to utilize these Strategic Transactions successfully will depend on the Adviser's ability to predict pertinent market movements, which cannot be assured. The Fund will comply with applicable regulatory requirements when implementing these strategies, techniques and instruments.

Strategic Transactions have risks associated with them including possible default by the other party to the transaction, illiquidity and, to the extent the Adviser's view as to certain market movements is incorrect, the risk that the use of such Strategic Transactions could result in losses greater than if they had not been used. Use of put and call options may result in losses to the Fund, force the sale or purchase of portfolio securities at inopportune times or for prices other than current market values, limit the amount of appreciation the Fund can realize on its investments or cause the Fund to hold a security it might otherwise sell. The use of currency transactions can result in the Fund incurring losses as a result of a number of factors including the imposition of exchange controls, suspension of settlement, or the inability to deliver or receive a specified currency. The use of options and futures contracts transactions entails certain other risks. In particular, the variable degree of correlation between price movements of futures contracts and price movements in the related portfolio position of the Fund creates the possibility that losses on the hedging instrument may be greater than gains in the value of the Fund's position. In addition, futures contracts and options markets may not be liquid in all circumstances and certain over-the-counter options may have no markets. As a result, in certain markets, the Fund might not be able to close out a transaction without incurring substantial losses, if at all. Although the use of futures contracts and options transactions for hedging should tend to minimize the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged position, at the same time they tend to limit any potential gain which might result from an increase in value of such position. Finally, the daily variation margin requirements for futures contracts would create a greater ongoing potential financial risk than would purchases of options, where the exposure is limited to the cost of the initial premium. Losses resulting from the use of Strategic Transactions would reduce net asset value, and possibly income, and such losses can be greater than if the Strategic Transactions had not been utilized. Income earned or deemed to be earned, if any, by the Fund from its Strategic Transactions will generally be taxable.

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OPTIONS

Put options and call options typically have similar structural characteristics and operational mechanics regardless of the underlying instrument on which they are purchased or sold. Thus, the following general discussion relates to each of the particular types of options discussed in greater detail below. In addition, many Strategic Transactions involving options require segregation of Fund assets in special accounts, as described below under "Use of Segregated and Other Special Accounts."

A put option gives the purchaser of the option, upon payment of a premium, the right to sell, and the writer the obligation to buy, the underlying security, commodity, index, currency or other instrument at the exercise price. For instance, the Fund's purchase of a put option on a security might be designed to protect its holdings in the underlying instrument (or, in some cases, a similar instrument) against a substantial decline in the market value by giving the Fund the right to sell such instrument at the option exercise price. A call option, upon payment of a premium, gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the seller the obligation to sell, the underlying instrument at the exercise price. The Fund's purchase of a call option on a security, financial future contract, index, currency or other instrument might be intended to protect the Fund against an increase in the price of the underlying instrument that it intends to purchase in the future by fixing the price at which it may purchase such instrument. An American style put or call option may be exercised at any time during the option period while a European style put or call option may be exercised only upon expiration or during a fixed period prior thereto. The Fund is authorized to purchase and sell exchange listed options and over-the-counter options ("OTC options"). Exchange listed options are issued by a regulated intermediary such as the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), which guarantees the performance of the obligations of the parties to such options. The discussion below uses the OCC as a paradigm, but is also applicable to other financial intermediaries.

With certain exceptions, OCC issued and exchange listed options generally settle by physical delivery of the underlying security or currency, although in the future cash settlement may become available. Index options and Eurodollar instruments are cash settled for the net amount, if any, by which the option is "in-the-money" (i.e., where the value of the underlying instrument exceeds, in the case of a call option, or is less than, in the case of a put option, the exercise price of the option) at the time the option is exercised. Frequently, rather than taking or making delivery of the underlying instrument through the process of exercising the option, listed options are closed by entering into offsetting purchase or sale transactions that do not result in ownership of the new option.

The Fund's ability to close out its position as a purchaser or seller of an OCC or exchange listed put or call option is dependent, in part, upon the liquidity of the option market. Among the possible reasons for the absence of a liquid option market on an exchange are: (i) insufficient trading interest in certain options; (ii) restrictions on transactions imposed by an exchange; (iii) trading halts, suspensions or other restrictions imposed with respect to particular classes or series of options or underlying securities including reaching daily price limits; (iv) interruption of the normal operations of the OCC or an exchange; (v) inadequacy of the facilities of an exchange or OCC to handle current trading volume; or (vi) a decision by one or more exchanges to discontinue the trading of options (or a particular class or series of options), in which event the relevant market for that option on that exchange would cease to exist, although outstanding

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options on that exchange would generally continue to be exercisable in accordance with their terms.

The hours of trading for listed options may not coincide with the hours during which the underlying financial instruments are traded. To the extent that the option markets close before the markets for the underlying financial instruments, significant price and rate movements can take place in the underlying markets that cannot be reflected in the option markets.

OTC options are purchased from or sold to securities dealers, financial

institutions or other parties ("Counterparties") through direct bilateral agreement with the Counterparty. In contrast to exchange listed options, which generally have standardized terms and performance mechanics, all the terms of an OTC option, including such terms as method of settlement, term, exercise price, premium, guarantees and security, are set by negotiation of the parties.

Unless the parties provide for it, there is no central clearing or guaranty function in an OTC option. As a result, if the Counterparty fails to make or take delivery of the security, currency or other instrument underlying an OTC option it has entered into with the Fund or fails to make a cash settlement payment due in accordance with the terms of that option, the Fund will lose any premium it paid for the option as well as any anticipated benefit of the transaction. Accordingly, the Adviser must assess the creditworthiness of each such Counterparty or any guarantor or credit enhancement of the Counterparty's credit to determine the likelihood that the terms of the OTC option will be satisfied. The Fund will engage in OTC option transactions only with U.S. government securities dealers recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as "primary dealers", or broker-dealers, domestic or foreign banks or other financial institutions which have received (or the guarantors of the obligation of which have received) a short-term credit rating of "A-1" from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or "P-1" from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or an equivalent rating from any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"). The staff of the SEC currently takes the position that, in general, OTC options on securities (other than U.S. government securities) purchased by the Fund, and portfolio securities "covering" the amount of the Fund's obligation pursuant to an OTC option sold by it (the cost of the sell-back plus the in-the-money amount, if any) are illiquid, and are subject to the Fund's limitation on illiquid securities described herein.

If the Fund sells a call option, the premium that it receives may serve as a partial hedge, to the extent of the option premium, against a decrease in the value of the underlying securities or instruments in its portfolio or will increase the Fund's income. The sale of put options can also provide income.

The Fund may purchase and sell call or put options on securities, including U.S. Treasury and agency securities, foreign sovereign debt, mortgage-backed securities, corporate debt securities, Eurodollar instruments and foreign debt securities that are traded on U.S. and foreign securities exchanges and in the OTC markets and related futures contracts on such securities, indices, currencies and futures contracts. All calls sold by the Fund must be "covered" (i.e., the Fund must own the securities or futures contract subject to the call) or must meet the asset segregation requirements described below as long as the call is outstanding. Even though the Fund will receive the option premium to

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help protect it against loss, a call sold by the Fund exposes the Fund during the term of the option to possible loss of opportunity to realize appreciation in the market price of the underlying security or instrument and may require the Fund to hold a security or instrument which it might otherwise have sold. In selling put options, there is a risk that the Fund may be required to buy the underlying security at a disadvantageous price above the market price.

FUTURES CONTRACTS

The Fund may enter into financial futures contracts or purchase or sell put and call options on futures contracts as a hedge against anticipated interest rate or currency market changes, for duration management and for risk management purposes. Futures contracts are generally bought and sold on the commodities exchanges where they are listed with payment of initial and variation margin as described below. The purchase of a futures contract creates a firm obligation by

the Fund, as purchaser, to take delivery from the seller the specific type of financial instrument called for in the contract at a specific future time for a specified price (or, with respect to index futures contracts and Eurodollar instruments, the net cash amounts). The sale of a futures contract creates a firm obligation by the Fund, as seller, to deliver to the buyer the specific type of financial instrument called for in the contract at a specific future time for a specified price (or, with respect to index futures contracts and Eurodollar instruments, the net cash amount). Options on futures contracts are similar to options on securities except that an option on a futures contract gives the purchaser the right in return for the premium paid to assume a position in a futures contract and obligates the seller to deliver such option.

The Fund's use of financial futures contracts and options on futures contracts will in all cases be consistent with applicable regulatory requirements and in particular the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and will be entered into only for bona fide hedging, risk management (including duration management) or other portfolio management purposes. Typically, maintaining a futures contract or selling an option on a futures contract requires the Fund to deposit with a financial intermediary as security for its obligations an amount of cash and/or other specified assets (initial margin) which initially is typically 1% to 10% of the face amount of the contract (but may be higher in some circumstances). Additional cash or assets (variation margin) may be required to be deposited thereafter on a daily basis as the mark to market value of the contract fluctuates. The purchase of options on financial futures contracts involves payment of a premium for the option without any further obligation on the part of the Fund. If the Fund exercises an option on a futures contract it will be obligated to post initial margin (and potential subsequent variation margin) for the resulting futures contract position just as it would for any position. Futures contracts and options on futures contracts are generally settled by entering into an offsetting transaction but there can be no assurance that the position can be offset prior to settlement at an advantageous price nor that delivery will occur.

The Fund will not enter into a futures contract or an option on a futures contract (except for closing transactions) for other than bona fide hedging purposes if, immediately thereafter, the sum of the amount of its initial margin and premiums on open futures contracts and options on futures contracts would exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets (taken at current value); however, in the case of an option that is in-the-money at the time of the purchase, the in-the-money amount may be excluded in calculating the 5%

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limitation. The segregation requirements with respect to futures contracts and options on futures contracts are described below.

OPTIONS ON SECURITIES INDICES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INDICES

The Fund also may purchase and sell call and put options on securities indices and other financial indices and in so doing can achieve many of the same objectives it would achieve through the sale or purchase of options on individual securities or other instruments. Options on securities indices and other financial indices are similar to options on a security or other instrument except that, rather than settling by physical delivery of the underlying instrument, they settle by cash settlement, i.e., an option on an index gives the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the index upon which the option is based exceeds, in the case of a call, or is less than, in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option (except if, in the case of an OTC option, physical delivery is specified). This amount of cash is equal to the excess of the closing price of the index over the exercise price of the option, which also may be multiplied by

a formula value. The seller of the option is obligated, in return for the premium received, to make delivery of this amount. The gain or loss on an option on an index depends on price movements in the instruments making up the market, market segment, industry or other composite on which the underlying index is based, rather than price movements in individual securities, as is the case with respect to options on securities.

CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may engage in currency transactions with counterparties to manage the value of currencies against fluctuations in relative value. Currency transactions include forward currency contracts, exchange listed currency futures contracts, exchange listed and OTC options on currencies, and currency swaps. A forward currency contract involves a privately negotiated obligation to purchase or sell (with delivery generally required) a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. A currency swap is an agreement to exchange cash flows based on the notional difference among two or more currencies and operates similarly to an interest rate swap, which is described below. The Fund may enter into currency transactions with counterparties rated A-1 or P-1 by S&P or Moody's, respectively, or that have an equivalent rating from an NRSRO or (except for OTC options) are determined to be of equivalent credit quality by the Adviser.

The Fund's dealings in forward currency contracts and other currency transactions such as futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swaps will be limited to hedging involving either specific transactions or portfolio positions. Transaction hedging is entering into a currency transaction with respect to specific assets or liabilities of the Fund, which will generally arise in connection with the purchase or sale of its portfolio securities or the receipt of income therefrom. Position hedging is entering into a currency transaction with respect to portfolio security positions denominated or generally quoted in that currency.

The Fund will not enter into a transaction to hedge currency exposure to an extent greater, after netting all transactions intended to wholly or partially offset other transactions, than the aggregate market value (at the time of entering into the transaction)

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of the securities held in its portfolio that are denominated or generally quoted in or currently convertible into such currency other than with respect to cross-hedging or proxy hedging as described below.

The Fund may also cross-hedge currencies by entering into transactions to purchase or sell one or more currencies that are expected to decline in value relative to other currencies to which the Fund has or in which the Fund expects to have portfolio exposure.

To reduce the effect of currency fluctuations on the value of existing or anticipated holdings of portfolio securities, the Fund may also engage in proxy hedging. Proxy hedging is often used when the currency to which the Fund's portfolio is exposed is difficult to hedge or to hedge against the dollar. Proxy hedging entails entering into a forward contract to sell a currency whose changes in value are generally considered to be linked to a currency or currencies in which some or all of the Fund's portfolio securities are or are expected to be denominated, and to buy U.S. dollars. The amount of the contract would not exceed the value of the Fund's securities denominated in linked currencies. Currency hedging involves some of the same risks and considerations as other transactions with similar instruments. Currency transactions can result

in losses to the Fund if the currency being hedged fluctuates in value to a degree or in a direction that is not anticipated. Further, there is the risk that the perceived linkage between various currencies may not be present or may not be present during the particular time that the Fund is engaging in proxy hedging. If the Fund enters into a currency hedging transaction, the Fund will comply with the asset segregation requirements described below.

Risks of Currency Transactions. Currency transactions are subject to risks different from other transactions. Because currency control is of great importance to the issuing governments and influences economic planning and policy, purchases and sales of currency and related instruments can be negatively affected by government exchange controls, blockages, and manipulations or exchange restrictions imposed by governments. These can result in losses to the Fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or funds in settlement of obligations and could also cause hedges it has entered into to be rendered useless, resulting in full currency exposure as well as incurring transaction costs. Buyers and sellers of currency futures contracts are subject to the same risks that apply to the use of futures contracts generally. Further, settlement of a currency futures contract for the purchase of most currencies must occur at a bank based in the issuing nation. Trading options on currency futures contracts is relatively new, and the ability to establish and close out positions on such options is subject to the maintenance of a liquid market which may not always be available. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate based on factors extrinsic to that country's economy.

COMBINED TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may enter into multiple transactions, including multiple options transactions, multiple futures contracts transactions, multiple currency transactions (including forward currency contracts), multiple interest rate transactions and any combination of futures contracts, options, currency and interest rate transactions ("component" transactions), instead of a single Strategic Transaction, as part of a single or combined strategy when, in the opinion of the Adviser, it is in the best interests of the Fund to do so. A combined transaction will usually contain elements of risk that are present in each of its component transactions. Although combined transactions are normally entered into based

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on the Adviser's judgment that the combined strategies will reduce risk or otherwise more effectively achieve the desired portfolio management goal, it is possible that the combination will instead increase such risks or hinder achievement of the portfolio management objective.

SWAPS, CAPS, FLOORS AND COLLARS

Among the Strategic Transactions into which the Fund may enter are interest rate, currency and index swaps and the purchase or sale of related caps, floors and collars. The Fund expects to enter into these transactions primarily to preserve a return or spread on a particular investment or portion of its portfolio, to protect against currency fluctuations, as a duration management technique or to protect against any increase in the price of securities the Fund anticipates purchasing at a later date. The Fund intends to use these transactions as hedges and not as speculative investments and will not sell interest rate caps or floors where it does not own securities or other instruments providing the income stream the Fund may be obligated to pay. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, e.g., an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments with respect to a notional amount of principal. A currency swap is an agreement to exchange cash flows on a notional

amount of two or more currencies based on the relative value differential among them and an index swap is an agreement to swap cash flows on a notional amount based on changes in the values of the reference indices. The purchase of a cap entitles the purchaser to receive payments on a notional principal amount from the party selling such cap to the extent that a specified index exceeds a predetermined interest rate or amount. The purchase of a floor entitles the purchaser to receive payments on a notional principal amount from the party selling such floor to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate or amount. A collar is a combination of a cap and a floor that preserves a certain return within a predetermined range of interest rates or values.

The Fund may enter into swaps, caps, floors and collars on either an asset-based or liability-based basis, depending on whether it is hedging its assets or its liabilities and will usually enter into swaps on a net basis, i.e., the two payment streams are netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. Inasmuch as these swaps, caps, floors and collars are entered into for good faith hedging purposes, the Adviser and the Fund believe such obligations do not constitute senior securities under the 1940 Act and, accordingly, will not treat them as being subject to its borrowing restrictions. The Fund will not enter into any swap, cap, floor or collar transaction unless, at the time of entering into such transaction, the unsecured long-term debt of the Counterparty, combined with any credit enhancements, is rated at least "A" by S&P or Moody's or has an equivalent rating from an NRSRO or is determined to be of equivalent credit quality by the Adviser. If there is a default by the Counterparty, the Fund may have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. A large number of banks and investment banking firms act both as principals and agents utilizing standardized swap documentation. As a result, the swap market has become relatively liquid. Caps, floors and collars are more recent innovations for which standardized documentation has not yet been fully developed and, accordingly, they are less liquid than swaps.

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RISKS OF STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

When conducted outside the United States, Strategic Transactions may not be regulated as rigorously as in the United States, may not involve a clearing mechanism and related guarantees, and are subject to the risk of governmental actions affecting trading in, or the prices of, foreign securities, currencies and other instruments. The value of such positions also could be adversely affected by: (i) other complex foreign political, legal and economic factors, (ii) lesser availability than in the United States of data on which to make trading decisions, (iii) delays in the Fund's ability to act upon economic events occurring in foreign markets during non-business hours in the United States, (iv) the imposition of different exercise and settlement terms and procedures and margin requirements than in the United States, and (v) lower trading volume and liquidity.

USE OF SEGREGATED AND OTHER SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Many Strategic Transactions, in addition to other requirements, require that the Fund segregate cash and/or liquid securities to the extent Fund obligations are not otherwise "covered" through ownership of the underlying security, financial instrument or currency. In general, either the full amount of any obligation by the Fund to pay or deliver securities or assets must be covered at all times by the securities, instruments or currency required to be delivered, or, subject to any regulatory restrictions, the Fund must segregate cash and/or liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the current amount

of the obligation. The segregated assets cannot be sold or transferred unless equivalent assets are substituted in their place or it is no longer necessary to segregate. For example, a call option written by the Fund will require the Fund to hold the securities subject to the call (or securities convertible into the needed securities without additional consideration) or to segregate cash and/or liquid securities sufficient to purchase and deliver the securities if the call is exercised. A call option sold by the Fund on an index will require the Fund to own portfolio securities which correlate with the index or to segregate cash and/or liquid securities equal to the excess of the index value over the exercise price on a current basis. A put option written by the Fund requires the Fund to segregate cash and liquid securities equal to the exercise price. A currency contract which obligates the Fund to buy and/or sell currency will generally require the Fund to hold an amount of that currency and/or liquid securities denominated in that currency equal to the Fund's obligations or to segregate cash and/or liquid securities equal to the amount of the Fund's obligation.

OTC options entered into by the Fund, including those on securities, currency, financial instruments or indices and OCC issued and exchange listed index options, swaps, caps, floors and collars will generally provide for cash settlement. As a result, when the Fund sells these instruments it will only segregate an amount of cash and/or liquid securities equal to its accrued net obligations, as there is no requirement for payment or delivery of amounts in excess of the net amount. These amounts will equal 100% of the exercise price in the case of a non cash-settled put, the same as an OCC guaranteed listed option sold by the Fund, or the in-the-money amount plus any sell-back formula amount in the case of a cash-settled put or call. In addition, when the Fund sells a call option on an index at a time when the in-the-money amount exceeds the exercise price, the Fund will segregate, until the option expires or is closed out, cash and/or liquid securities equal in value to such excess. OCC issued and exchange listed options sold by the Fund other than those above generally settle with physical delivery, and the Fund will segregate an

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amount of cash and/or liquid securities equal to the full value of the option. OTC options settling with physical delivery, or with an election of either physical delivery or cash settlement, will be treated the same as other options settling with physical delivery.

In the case of a futures contract or an option on a futures contract, the Fund must deposit initial margin and possible daily variation margin in addition to segregating cash and/or liquid securities sufficient to meet its obligation to purchase or provide securities or currencies, or to pay the amount owed at the expiration of an index-based futures contract.

With respect to swaps, the Fund will accrue the net amount of the excess, if any, of its obligations over its entitlements with respect to each swap on a daily basis and will segregate an amount of cash and/or liquid securities having a value equal to the accrued excess. Caps, floors and collars require segregation of cash and/or liquid securities with a value equal to the Fund's net obligation, if any.

Strategic Transactions may be covered by other means when consistent with applicable regulatory policies. The Fund also may enter into offsetting transactions so that its combined position, coupled with any segregated cash and/or liquid securities, equals its net outstanding obligation in related options and Strategic Transactions. For example, the Fund could purchase a put option if the strike price of that option is the same or higher than the strike price of a put option sold by the Fund. Moreover, instead of segregating cash and/or liquid securities if the Fund held a futures contract or forward

contract, it could purchase a put option on the same futures contract or forward contract with a strike price as high or higher than the price of the contract held. Other Strategic Transactions also may be offset in combinations. If the offsetting transaction terminates at the time of or after the primary transaction no segregation is required, but if it terminates prior to such time, cash and/or liquid securities equal to any remaining obligation would need to be segregated.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund has adopted the following fundamental investment restrictions which may not be changed without shareholder approval by the vote of a majority of its outstanding voting securities which is defined by the 1940 Act as the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the Fund's voting securities present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. The percentage limitations contained in the restrictions and policies set forth herein apply at the time of purchase of securities. With respect to the limitations on illiquid securities and borrowings, the percentage limitations apply at the time of purchase and on an ongoing basis. These restrictions provide that the Fund shall not:

1. Purchase any securities (other than obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or by its instrumentalities) if, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund's total assets (taken at current value) would then be invested in securities of a single issuer or, if, as a result, the Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer; except that up to 25% of the Fund's total assets may be invested without regard to such limitations, and except that the Fund may purchase securities of other investment companies without regard

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to such limitations to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.

2. Invest more than 25% of its assets in a single industry. (Neither the U.S. government nor any of its agencies or instrumentalities will be considered an industry for purposes of this restriction.)
3. Borrow money, except for temporary purposes from banks or in reverse repurchase transactions as described in the Statement of Additional Information and then in amounts not in excess of 5% of the total asset value of the Fund, or mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any assets except in connection with a borrowing and in amounts not in excess of 10% of the total asset value of the Fund. Borrowings may not be made for investment leverage, but only to enable the Fund to satisfy redemption requests where liquidation of portfolio securities is considered disadvantageous or inconvenient. In this connection, the Fund will not purchase portfolio securities during any period that such borrowings exceed 5% of the total asset value of the Fund. Notwithstanding this investment restriction, the Fund may enter into "when-issued" and "delayed delivery" transactions as described in the Prospectus or herein.
4. Make loans, except that the Fund may purchase or hold debt obligations in accordance with the investment restrictions set forth in paragraph 1 above, may enter into repurchase agreements, and may

lend its portfolio securities against collateral consisting of cash or of securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies, which collateral is equal at all times to at least 100% of the value of the securities loaned, including accrued interest.

5. Sell any securities "short", unless at all times when a short position is open the Fund owns an equal amount of the securities or of securities convertible into, or exchangeable without further consideration for, securities of the same issue as the securities sold short.
6. Write, purchase, or sell puts, calls or combinations thereof, or purchase or sell interest rate futures contracts or related options, except that the Fund may write covered call options with respect to its portfolio securities and enter into closing purchase transactions with respect to such options, to a maximum of 25% of its net assets and except that the Fund may invest in hedging instruments as described in the Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information from time to time.
7. Act as an underwriter of securities, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the sale of securities held in its portfolio.
8. Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or management, except that the Fund may purchase securities of other investment companies to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended

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from time to time or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.

9. Invest in securities issued by other investment companies except as part of a merger, reorganization or other acquisition and extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.
10. Invest in interests in oil, gas, or other mineral exploration or development programs.
11. Purchase or sell real estate, commodities, or commodity contracts, except for investments in hedging instruments as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information from time to time.

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TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Fund's officers appointed by the Board of Trustees. The tables below list the trustees and executive officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during the last five years, other directorships held by trustees and their affiliations, if any, with Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"), Van Kampen Asset Management ("Asset Management"

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or the "Adviser"), Van Kampen Funds Inc. (the "Distributor"), Van Kampen Advisors Inc., Van Kampen Exchange Corp. and Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services"). The term "Fund Complex" includes each of the investment companies advised by the Adviser or its affiliates as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information. Trustees serve until reaching their retirement age or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Officers are annually elected by the trustees.

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER FUNDS FUND COMPLE OVERSE BY TRUS
David C. Arch (59) Blistex Inc. 1800 Swift Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523	Trustee	+	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blistex Inc., a consumer health care products manufacturer. Director of the Heartland Alliance, a nonprofit organization serving human needs based in Chicago. Director of St. Vincent de Paul Center, a Chicago based day care facility serving the children of low income families. Board Member of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association.	88
J. Miles Branagan (72) 1632 Morning Mountain Road Raleigh, NC 27614	Trustee	+	Private investor. Co-founder, and prior to August 1996, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, MDT Corporation (now known as Getinge/Castle, Inc., a subsidiary of Getinge Industrier AB), a company which develops, manufactures, markets and services medical and scientific equipment.	86
Jerry D. Choate (65) 33971 Selva Road Suite 130 Dana Point, CA 92629	Trustee	+	Prior to January 1999, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Allstate Corporation ("Allstate") and Allstate Insurance Company. Prior to January 1995, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allstate. Prior to August 1994, various management positions at Allstate.	86

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Rod Dammeyer (63) CAC, L.L.C. 4350 LaJolla Village Drive Suite 980 San Diego, CA 92122-6223	Trustee	+	President of CAC, L.L.C., a private company offering capital investment and management advisory services. Prior to February 2001, Vice Chairman and Director of Anixter International, Inc., a global distributor of wire, cable and communications connectivity products, and IMC Global Inc., an international company that mines, manufactures and sells essential crop nutrients and feed ingredients to farmers. Prior to July 2000, Managing Partner of Equity Group Corporate Investment (EGI), a company that makes private investments in other companies.	88
Linda Hutton Heagy (56) Heidrick & Struggles 233 South Wacker Drive Suite 7000 Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee	+	Managing Partner of Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm. Trustee on the University of Chicago Hospitals Board, Vice Chair of the Board of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and a member of the Women's Board of the University of Chicago. Prior to 1997, Partner of Ray & Berndtson, Inc., an	86

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executive recruiting firm.
Prior to 1996, Trustee of The International House Board, a fellowship and housing organization for international graduate students. Prior to 1995, Executive Vice President of ABN AMRO, N.A., a bank holding company. Prior to 1992, Executive Vice President of La Salle National Bank.

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER FUNDS FUND COMPLE OVERSE BY TRUS
R. Craig Kennedy (52) 1744 R Street, NW Washington, DC 20009	Trustee	+	Director and President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, an independent U.S. foundation created to deepen understanding, promote collaboration and stimulate exchanges of practical experience between Americans and Europeans. Formerly, advisor to the Dennis Trading Group Inc., a managed futures and option company that invests money for individuals and institutions. Prior to 1992, President and Chief Executive Officer, Director and member of the Investment Committee of the Joyce Foundation, a private foundation.	86
Howard J Kerr (68) 736 North Western Avenue P.O. Box 317 Lake Forest, IL 60045	Trustee	+	Prior to 1998, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pocklington Corporation, Inc., an investment holding company.	88
Jack E. Nelson (68) 423 Country Club Drive Winter Park, FL 32789	Trustee	+	President of Nelson Investment Planning Services, Inc., a financial planning company and registered investment adviser in the State of Florida. President of Nelson Invest	86

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Brokerage Services Inc., a member of the NASD, Securities Investors Protection Corp. and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. President of Nelson Sales and Services Corporation, a marketing and services company to support affiliated companies.

Hugo F. Sonnenschein (63) 1126 E. 59th Street Chicago, IL 60637	Trustee	+	President Emeritus and Honorary Trustee of the University of Chicago and the Adam Smith Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. Prior to July 2000, President of the University of Chicago. Trustee of the University of Rochester and a member of its investment committee. Member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.	88
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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER FUNDS FUND COMPLE OVERSE BY TRUS
Suzanne H. Woolsey, Ph.D. (62) 815 Cumberstone Road Harwood, MD 20776	Trustee	+	Previously Chief Communications Officer of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, an independent, federally chartered policy institution, from 2001 to November 2003 and Chief Operating Officer from 1993 to 2001. Director of the Institute for Defense Analyses, a federally funded research and development center, Director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Director of the Rocky Mountain Institute and Trustee of Colorado College. Prior to 1993, Executive Director of the Commission on Behavioral	86

and Social Sciences and Education at the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council. From 1980 through 1989, Partner of Coopers & Lybrand.

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INTERESTED TRUSTEES*

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INTERESTED TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER OF FUNDS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE
Mitchell M. Merin* (50) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Trustee, President and Chief Executive Officer	+; President and Chief Executive Officer since 2002	President and Chief Executive Officer of funds in the Fund Complex. Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Adviser and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. since December 2002. Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Van Kampen Investments since December 2002. Director of Van Kampen Investments since December 1999. Chairman and Director of Van Kampen Funds Inc. since December 2002. President, Director and Chief Operating Officer of Morgan Stanley Investment Management since December 1998. President and Director since April 1997 and Chief Executive Officer since June 1998 of Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc. and Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Morgan Stanley Distributors Inc. since June 1998. Chairman since June 1998, and Director since January 1998 of Morgan Stanley Trust. Director of various Morgan Stanley subsidiaries. President of the Morgan Stanley Funds since May 1999. Previously Chief Executive Officer of Van Kampen Funds Inc. from December 2002 to July 2003, Chief Strategic Officer of Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc. and Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. and Executive Vice President	86

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of Morgan Stanley Distributors Inc. from April 1997 to June 1998. Chief Executive Officer from September 2002 to April 2003 and Vice President from May 1997 to April 1999 of the Morgan Stanley Funds.

Richard F. Powers, III* (58) 1 Parkview Plaza P.O. Box 5555 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Trustee +	Advisory Director of Morgan Stanley. Prior to December 2002, Chairman, Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Van Kampen Investments and its investment advisory, distribution and other subsidiaries. Prior to December 2002, President and Chief Executive Officer of funds in the Fund Complex. Prior to May 1998, Executive Vice President and Director of Marketing at Morgan Stanley and Director of Dean Witter, Discover & Co. and Dean Witter Realty. Prior to 1996, Director of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.	88
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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INTERESTED TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS	NUMBER OF FUNDS IN FUND COMPLEX OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE
Wayne W. Whalen* (64) 333 West Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee	+	Partner in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, legal counsel to funds in the Fund Complex.	88

 + See Table D below.

* Such trustee is an "interested person" (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act). Mr. Whalen is an interested person of certain funds in the Fund Complex by reason of his firm currently acting as legal counsel to such funds in the Fund Complex. Messrs. Merin and Powers are interested persons of funds in the Fund Complex and the Adviser by reason of their current or former positions with Morgan Stanley or its affiliates.

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OFFICERS

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Stefanie V. Chang (37) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Vice President and Secretary	++	Executive Director of Morgan Stanley Vice President of funds in the Fund
Joseph J. McAlinden (61) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer	++	Managing Director and Chief Investment Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., M Management Inc. and Morgan Stanley Director of Morgan Stanley Trust fo Vice President and Chief Investment Fund Complex. Managing Director and of Van Kampen Investments, the Advi Advisors Inc. since December 2002.
Ronald E. Robison (65) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Executive Vice President and Principal Executive Officer	++	Chief Executive Officer and Chairma Executive Vice President and Princi funds in the Fund Complex. Chief Ad Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Director of Morgan Stanley Investme Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc and Director of Morgan Stanley Trus President and Principal Executive O Stanley Funds. Director of Morgan S Chief Global Operations Officer and Morgan Stanley Investment Managemen
John L. Sullivan (48) 1 Parkview Plaza P.O. Box 5555 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	++	Director and Managing Director of V the Adviser, Van Kampen Advisors In subsidiaries of Van Kampen Investme Chief Financial Officer and Treasur Complex. Head of Fund Accounting fo Investment Management. Prior to Dec Director of Van Kampen Investments, Kampen Advisors Inc.

++ See Table E below.

COMPENSATION

Each trustee/director who is not an affiliated person (as defined in the 1940 Act) of Van Kampen Investments, the Adviser or the Distributor (each a "Non-Affiliated Trustee") is compensated by an annual retainer and meeting fees for services to the funds in the Fund Complex. Each fund in the Fund Complex (except Van Kampen Exchange Fund) provides a deferred compensation plan to its Non-Affiliated Trustees that allows trustees/directors to defer receipt of their compensation until retirement and earn a return on such deferred amounts. Amounts deferred are retained by the Fund and earn a rate of return determined by reference to the return on the common shares of the Fund or other funds in the Fund Complex as selected by the respective Non-Affiliated Trustee. To the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest in securities of those funds selected by the Non-Affiliated Trustees in order to match the deferred

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compensation obligation. The deferred compensation plan is not funded and obligations thereunder represent general unsecured claims against the general assets of the Fund. Deferring compensation has the same economic effect as if the Non-Affiliated Trustee reinvested his or her compensation into the funds. Each fund in the Fund Complex (except Van Kampen Exchange Fund) provides a retirement plan to its Non-Affiliated Trustees that provides

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Non-Affiliated Trustees with compensation after retirement, provided that certain eligibility requirements are met. Under the retirement plan, a Non-Affiliated Trustee who is receiving compensation from the Fund prior to such Non-Affiliated Trustee's retirement, has at least 10 years of service (including years of service prior to adoption of the retirement plan) and retires at or after attaining the age of 60, is eligible to receive a retirement benefit per year for each of the ten years following such retirement from the Fund. Non-Affiliated Trustees retiring prior to the age of 60 or with fewer than 10 years but more than 5 years of service may receive reduced retirement benefits from the Fund.

Additional information regarding compensation and benefits for trustees is set forth below for the periods described in the notes accompanying the table.

COMPENSATION TABLE

Name (1)	Aggregate Compensation from the Trust (2)	Aggregate Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Expenses (3)	Fund Complex	
			Aggregate Estimated Maximum Annual Benefits from the Fund Complex Upon Retirement (4)	Total Compensation before Deferral from Fund Complex (5)
David C. Arch	\$ 993	\$18,589	\$147,500	\$193,811
J. Miles Branagan	1,472	78,011	60,000	173,290
Jerry D. Choate	1,472	31,482	126,000	173,290
Rod Dammeyer	833	31,814	147,500	177,971
Linda Hutton Heagy	1,311	9,233	142,500	173,290
R. Craig Kennedy	1,472	6,424	142,500	173,290
Howard J Kerr	993	58,713	147,500	193,811
Jack E. Nelson	1,472	40,711	109,500	173,290
Hugo F. Sonnenschein	993	32,178	147,500	193,811
Wayne W. Whalen(1)	1,477	63,604	147,500	251,811
Suzanne H. Woolsey	1,472	20,086	142,500	173,290

(1) Trustees not eligible for compensation are not included in the Compensation Table. Mr. Whalen is an "interested person" (within the meaning of section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) of the Fund and certain other funds in the Fund Complex.

(2) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate compensation before deferral from all operating series of the Trust during the fiscal year ended

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March 31, 2004. Messrs. Arch, Dammeyer, Kerr and Sonnenschein were appointed to the Board of the Trust on July 23, 2003, and thus the amounts above reflect compensation from the Trust for the period July 23, 2003 until the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. The details of aggregate compensation before deferral for each operating series of the Trust during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 are shown in Table A below. The details of compensation deferred for each operating series of the Trust during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004 are shown in Table B below. The details of cumulative deferred compensation (including interest) for each operating series of the Trust as of March 31, 2004 are shown in Table C below. The deferred compensation plan is described above the Compensation Table.

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- (3) The amounts shown in this column represent the sum of the retirement benefits accrued by the operating funds in the Fund Complex for each of the trustees for the funds' respective fiscal years ended in 2003. The retirement plan is described above the Compensation Table. In 2003, the boards of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex were combined. Prior to 2003, only Messrs. Whalen and Powers served as trustees/directors/managing general partners of all of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex; and during 2003, other trustees/directors/managing general partners are being elected or appointed, as appropriate, to most of the respective boards of the underlying Van Kampen-related funds. The amounts in this column represent amounts for each trustee based on funds he/she oversaw for the period mentioned above; and thus it is anticipated that the amounts will increase in future compensation tables based on the increased number of funds overseen by such trustees going forward.
- (4) For each trustee, this is the sum of the estimated maximum annual benefits payable by the funds in the Fund Complex for each year of the 10-year period commencing in the year of such trustee's anticipated retirement. The retirement plan is described above the Compensation Table. Each trustee has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since the year set forth in Table D below.
- (5) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate compensation paid by all of the funds in the Fund Complex as of December 31, 2003 before deferral by the trustees under the deferred compensation plan. Because the funds in the Fund Complex have different fiscal year ends, the amounts shown in this column are presented on a calendar year basis. In 2003, the boards of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex were combined. Prior to 2003, only Messrs. Whalen and Powers served as trustees/directors/managing general partners of all of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex; and during 2003, other trustees/directors/managing general partners are being elected or appointed, as appropriate, to most of the respective boards of the underlying Van Kampen-related funds. The amounts in this column represent amounts for each trustee based on funds he/she oversaw for the period mentioned above; and thus it is anticipated that the amounts will increase in future compensation tables based on the increased number of funds overseen by such trustees going forward.

TABLE A
2004 AGGREGATE COMPENSATION FROM THE TRUST AND EACH SERIES

FUND NAME	FISCAL YEAR-END	TRUSTEE				
		ARCH	BRANAGAN	CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY

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High Yield Fund.....	3/31	\$993	\$1,472	\$1,472	\$833	\$1,311
Managed Short-Term Income Fund*.....	3/31	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Total.....		\$993	\$1,472	\$1,472	\$833	\$1,311

TRUSTEE

FUND NAME	KENNEDY	KERR	NELSON	SONNENSCH	WHALEN	WOOLSEY
High Yield Fund.....	\$1,472	\$933	\$1,472	\$933	\$1,477	\$1,472
Managed Short-Term Income Fund*.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Total.....	\$1,472	\$933	\$1,472	\$933	\$1,477	\$1,472

* The Managed Short-Term Income Fund had not commenced investment operations as of March 31, 2004.

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TABLE B

2004 AGGREGATE COMPENSATION DEFERRED FROM
THE TRUST AND EACH SERIES

FUND NAME	FISCAL YEAR-END	TRUSTEE				
		CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY	NELSON	SOMMENSCH
High Yield Fund.....	3/31	\$1,472	\$833	\$1,311	\$1,472	\$993
Managed Short-Term Income Fund*.....	3/31	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Total.....		\$1,472	\$833	\$1,311	\$1,472	\$993

* The Managed Short-Term Income Fund had not commenced investment operations as of March 31, 2004.

TABLE C

2004 CUMULATIVE COMPENSATION DEFERRED
(PLUS INTEREST) FROM THE TRUST AND EACH SERIES

		CURRENT TRUSTEES						
FUND NAME	FISCAL YEAR-END	BRANAGAN	CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY	KENNEDY	NELSON	S

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High Yield Fund.....	3/31	\$15,681	\$6,376	\$948	\$10,298	\$16,364	\$33,424
Managed Short-Term Income Fund*.....	3/31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Total.....		\$15,681	\$6,376	\$948	\$10,298	\$16,364	\$33,424

FORMER TRUSTEES

FUND NAME	MILLER	REES	ROBINSON	ROONEY	SISTO
High Yield Fund.....	\$2,950	\$2,478	\$5,128	\$4,077	\$4,829
Managed Short-Term Income Fund*.....	0	0	0	0	0
Trust Total.....	\$2,950	\$2,478	\$5,128	\$4,077	\$4,829

* The Managed Short-Term Income Fund had not commenced investment operations as of March 31, 2004.

TABLE D

YEAR OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST

FUND NAME	TRUSTEE							
	ARCH	BRANAGAN	CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY	KENNEDY	KERR	ME
High Yield Fund.....	2003	1996	1999	2003	1996	1996	2003	19
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	2003	1995	1999	2003	1995	1995	2003	19

TRUSTEE

FUND NAME	SONNENSCHNEIN	WHALEN	WOOLSEY
High Yield Fund.....	2003	1996	1999
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	2003	1995	1999

TABLE E

YEAR OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT TO EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST

FUND NAME	OFFICER			
	CHANG	MCALINDEN	MERIN	ROBISON

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High Yield Fund.....	2003	2002	2002	2003
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	2003	2002	2002	2003

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board of Trustees has three standing committees (an audit committee, a brokerage and services committee and a governance committee). Each committee is comprised solely of "Independent Trustees", which is defined for purposes herein as trustees who: (1) are not "interested persons" of the Fund as defined by the 1940 Act and

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(2) are "independent" of the Fund as defined by the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange listing standards.

The Board's audit committee consists of J. Miles Branagan, Jerry D. Choate and R. Craig Kennedy. In addition to being Independent Trustees as defined above, each of these trustees also meets the additional independence requirements for audit committee members as defined by the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange listing standards. The audit committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the selection of the Fund's independent public auditors, reviews with such auditors the scope and results of the Fund's annual audit and considers any comments which the auditors may have regarding the Fund's financial statements, books of account or internal controls. The Board of Trustees has adopted a formal written charter for the audit committee which sets forth the audit committee's responsibilities. The audit committee has reviewed and discussed the financial statements of each Fund with management as well as with the independent auditors of each Fund, and discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed under the Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61. The audit committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required under Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 and has discussed with the independent auditors their independence. Based on this review, the audit committee recommended to the Board of Trustees of each Fund that each Fund's audited financial statements be included in each Fund's annual report to shareholders for the most recent fiscal year for filing with the SEC.

The Board's brokerage and services committee consists of Linda Hutton Heagy, Hugo F. Sonnenschein and Suzanne H. Woolsey. The brokerage and services committee reviews the Fund's allocation of brokerage transactions and soft-dollar practices and reviews the transfer agency and shareholder servicing arrangements with Investor Services.

The Board's governance committee consists of David C. Arch, Rod Dammeyer, Howard J Kerr and Jack E. Nelson. In addition to being Independent Trustees as defined above, each of these trustees also meets the additional independence requirements for nominating committee members as defined by the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange and Chicago Stock Exchange listing standards. The governance committee identifies individuals qualified to serve as Independent Trustees on the Board and on committees of the Board, advises the Board with respect to Board composition, procedures and committees, develops and recommends to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Fund, monitors corporate governance matters and makes recommendations to the Board, and acts as the administrative committee with respect to Board policies and procedures, committee policies and procedures and codes of ethics. The Independent Trustees of the Fund select and nominate any other nominee Independent Trustees for the Fund. While the Independent Trustees of the Fund expect to be able to continue to identify from their own resources an ample

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number of qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees as they deem appropriate, they will consider nominations from shareholders to the Board. Nominations from shareholders should be in writing and sent to the Independent Trustees as described below.

During the Fund's last fiscal year, the Board of Trustees held 10 meetings. During the Fund's last fiscal year, the audit committee of the Board held 5 meetings and the brokerage and services committee of the Board held 4 meetings. The governance committee was recently organized and held 4 meetings during the Fund's last fiscal year.

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SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Shareholders may send communications to the Board of Trustees. Shareholders should send communications intended for the Board by addressing the communication directly to the Board (or individual Board members) and/or otherwise clearly indicating in the salutation that the communication is for the Board (or individual Board members) and by sending the communication to either the Fund's office or directly to such Board member(s) at the address specified for such trustee above. Other shareholder communications received by the Fund not directly addressed and sent to the Board will be reviewed and generally responded to by management, and will be forwarded to the Board only at management's discretion based on the matters contained therein.

SHARE OWNERSHIP

Excluding deferred compensation balances as described in the Compensation Table, as of December 31, 2003, the most recently completed calendar year prior to the date of this Statement of Additional Information, each trustee of the Trust beneficially owned equity securities of each series of the Trust and of all of the funds in the Fund Complex overseen by the trustee in the dollar range amounts specified below.

2003 TRUSTEE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

	TRUSTEE						
	ARCH	BRANAGAN	CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY	KENNEDY	
DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST							
High Yield Fund.....	none	\$1- \$10,000	none	none	none	none	
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none	none	none	none	none	none	
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND							
COMPLEX.....	\$50,001- \$100,000	over \$100,000	\$50,001- \$100,000	over \$100,000	\$10,001- \$50,000	over \$100,000	\$1-

TRUSTEE		
	SONNENSCHNEIN	WOOLSEY
DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST		
High Yield Fund.....	none	none
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none	none
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND COMPLEX.....	\$10,001- \$50,000	\$1-\$10,000

INTERESTED TRUSTEES

	TRUSTEE		
	MERIN	POWERS	WHALEN
DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST			
High Yield Fund.....	none	none	\$10,001- \$50,000
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none	none	none
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND COMPLEX.....	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000

Including deferred compensation balances (which are amounts deferred and thus retained by the Fund as described in the Compensation Table), as of December 31, 2003, the most recently completed calendar year prior to the date of this Statement of

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Additional Information, each Trustee of the Trust had in the aggregate, combining beneficially owned equity securities and deferred compensation of each series of the Trust and of all of the funds in the Fund Complex overseen by the Trustee, the dollar range of amounts specified below.

2003 TRUSTEE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE

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	ARCH -----	BRANAGAN -----	CHOATE -----	DAMMEYER -----	HEAGY -----	KENNEDY -----
DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST						
High Yield Fund.....	none	\$10,001- \$50,000	\$1- \$10,000	\$1- \$10,000	\$10,001- \$50,000	\$10,001- \$50,000
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none	none	none	none	none	none
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN FUND COMPLEX.....	\$50,001- \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000

TRUSTEE

WOOLSEY

DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST	
High Yield Fund.....	none
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN FUND COMPLEX.....	\$1-\$10,000

INTERESTED TRUSTEES

	TRUSTEE -----		
	MERIN -----	POWERS -----	WHALEN -----
DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN EACH SERIES OF THE TRUST			
High Yield Fund.....	none	none	\$10,001- \$50,000
Managed Short-Term Income Fund.....	none	none	none
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEES IN THE FUND COMPLEX.....	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000

As of July 1, 2004, the trustees and officers of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the shares of the Fund.

CODE OF ETHICS

The Fund, the Adviser and the Distributor have adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code of Ethics") that sets forth general and specific standards relating to the securities trading activities of their employees. The Code of Ethics does not prohibit employees from acquiring securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund, but is intended to ensure that all employees conduct their personal transactions in a manner that does not interfere with the portfolio transactions of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds, or that such employees take unfair advantage of their relationship with the Fund. Among other things, the Code of Ethics prohibits certain types of transactions absent prior approval, imposes various trading restrictions (such as time periods during which personal transactions may or may not be made) and requires quarterly reporting of securities transactions and other

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reporting matters. All reportable securities transactions and other required reports are to be reviewed by appropriate personnel for compliance with the Code of Ethics. Additional restrictions apply to portfolio managers, traders, research analysts and others who may have access to nonpublic information about the trading activities of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds or who otherwise are involved in the investment advisory process. Exceptions to these and other provisions of the Code of Ethics may be granted in particular circumstances after review by appropriate personnel.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

The Fund and the Adviser are parties to an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). Under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund retains the Adviser to manage the investment of the Fund's assets, including the placing of orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities. The Adviser obtains and evaluates economic, statistical and financial information to formulate strategy and implement the Fund's investment objectives. The Adviser also furnishes offices, necessary facilities and equipment, provides administrative services to the Fund renders periodic reports to the Fund's Board of Trustees and permits its officers and employees to serve without compensation as trustees of the Trust or officers of the Fund if elected to such positions. The Fund, however, bears the costs of its day-to-day operations, including service fees, distribution fees, custodian fees, legal and independent accountant fees, the costs of reports and proxies to shareholders, compensation of trustees of the Fund (other than those who are affiliated persons of the Adviser, Distributor or Van Kampen Investments), and all other ordinary business expenses not specifically assumed by the Adviser. The Advisory Agreement also provides that the Adviser shall not be liable to the Fund for any error of judgement or of law, or for any loss suffered by the Fund in connection with the matters to which the Advisory Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of the Adviser in the performance of its obligations and duties, or by reason of its reckless disregard of its obligations and duties under the Advisory Agreement.

The Advisory Agreement also provides that, in the event the expenses of the Fund for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable in any jurisdiction in which the Fund's shares are qualified for offer and sale (excluding any expenses permitted to be excluded from the computation under applicable law or regulation), the compensation due the Adviser will be reduced by the amount of such excess and that, if a reduction in and refund of the advisory fee is insufficient, the Adviser will pay the Fund monthly an amount sufficient to make up the deficiency, subject to readjustment during the fiscal year.

The Advisory Agreement may be continued from year to year if specifically approved at least annually (a) (i) by the Fund's Board of Trustees or (ii) by a vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by a vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the agreement or interested persons of any such party by votes cast in person at a meeting called for such purpose. The Advisory Agreement provides that it shall terminate automatically if assigned and that it may be terminated without penalty by either party on 60 days' written notice.

In approving the Advisory Agreement, the Board of Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees, considered the nature, quality and scope of the services provided by

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the Adviser, the performance, fees and expenses of the Fund compared to other similar investment companies, the Adviser's expenses in providing the services and the profitability of the Adviser and its affiliated companies. The Board of Trustees also reviewed the benefit to the Adviser of receiving research paid for by Fund assets and the propriety of such an arrangement and evaluated other benefits the Adviser derives from its relationship with the Fund. The Board of Trustees considered the extent to which any economies of scale experienced by the Adviser are shared with the Fund's shareholders, and the propriety of existing and alternative breakpoints in the Fund's advisory fee schedule. The Board of Trustees considered comparative advisory fees of the Fund and other investment companies at different asset levels, and considered the trends in the industry versus historical and projected sales and redemptions of the Fund. The Board of Trustees reviewed reports from third parties about the foregoing factors and considered changes, if any, in such items since its previous approval. The Board of Trustees discussed the financial strength of the Adviser and its affiliated companies and the capability of the personnel of the Adviser. The Board of Trustees reviewed the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval of advisory agreements. The Board of Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees, evaluated all of the foregoing and determined, in the exercise of its business judgment, that approval of the Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

LITIGATION INVOLVING THE ADVISER

The Adviser, certain affiliates of the Adviser, and certain investment companies advised by the Adviser or its affiliates, including the Fund, are named as defendants in a number of similar class action complaints which were recently consolidated. The consolidated action also names as defendants certain individual Trustees and Directors of certain investment companies advised by affiliates of the Adviser; the complaint does not, however, name the individual Trustees of any Van Kampen funds. The consolidated amended complaint generally alleges that defendants violated their statutory disclosure obligations and fiduciary duties by failing properly to disclose (i) that the Adviser and certain affiliates of the Adviser allegedly offered economic incentives to brokers and others to steer investors to the funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates rather than funds managed by other companies, and (ii) that the funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates, including the Fund, allegedly paid excessive commissions to brokers in return for their alleged efforts to steer investors to these funds. The complaint seeks, among other things, unspecified compensatory damages, rescissory damages, fees and costs.

The Adviser and certain affiliates of the Adviser are also named as defendants in a derivative suit which additionally names as defendants certain individual Trustees of certain Van Kampen funds; the named investment companies, including the Fund, are listed as nominal defendants. The complaint alleges that

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defendants caused the Van Kampen funds to pay economic incentives to a proprietary sales force to promote the sale of proprietary mutual funds. The complaint also alleges that the Van Kampen funds paid excessive commissions to Morgan Stanley and its affiliates in connection with the sales of the funds. The complaint seeks, among other things, the removal of the current Trustees of the funds, rescission of the management contracts for the funds, disgorgement of profits by Morgan Stanley and its affiliates and monetary damages. This complaint has been coordinated with the consolidated complaint described in the preceding paragraph.

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The Adviser and one of the investment companies advised by the Adviser are named as defendants in a recently filed class action complaint generally alleging that the defendants breached their duties of care to long-term shareholders of the investment company by valuing portfolio securities at the closing prices of the foreign exchanges on which they trade without accounting for significant market information that became available after the close of the foreign exchanges but before calculation of net asset value. As a result, the complaint alleges, short-term traders were able to exploit stale pricing information to capture arbitrage profits that diluted the value of shares held by long-term investors. The complaint seeks unspecified compensatory damages, punitive damages, fees and costs.

The defendants have moved to dismiss each of these actions and otherwise intend to defend them vigorously. While the defendants believe that they have meritorious defenses, the ultimate outcome of these matters is not presently determinable at this early stage of litigation, and no provision has been made in the Fund's financial statements for the effect, if any, of these matters.

ADVISORY FEES

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
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Adviser received the approximate advisory fees net of fee waivers.....	\$2,105,000	\$1,913,000	\$2,129,000
Adviser waived the approximate advisory fees from the Fund.....	\$ 323,900	\$ 255,100	\$ 283,900

OTHER AGREEMENTS

ACCOUNTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Fund has entered into an accounting services agreement pursuant to which Asset Management provides accounting services to the Fund supplementary to those provided by the custodian. Such services are expected to enable the Fund to more closely monitor and maintain its accounts and records. The Fund pays all costs and expenses related to such services, including all salary and related benefits of accounting personnel, as well as the overhead and expenses of office space and the equipment necessary to render such services. The Fund shares together with the other Van Kampen funds in the cost of providing such services with 25% of such costs shared proportionately based on the respective number of classes of securities issued per fund and the remaining 75% of such costs based proportionately on the respective net assets per fund.

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ACCOUNTING SERVICES FEES

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
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The Adviser received the approximate accounting services fees of.....	\$37,500	\$36,900	\$37,300

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LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Fund and certain other Van Kampen funds have entered into legal services agreements pursuant to which Van Kampen Investments provides legal services, including without limitation: accurate maintenance of each fund's minute books and records, preparation and oversight of each fund's regulatory reports and other information provided to shareholders, as well as responding to day-to-day legal issues on behalf of the funds. Payment by the funds for such services is made on a cost basis for the salary and salary-related benefits, including but not limited to bonuses, group insurance and other regular wages for the employment of personnel. Other funds distributed by the Distributor also receive legal services from Van Kampen Investments. Of the total costs for legal services provided to funds distributed by the Distributor, one half of such costs are allocated equally to each fund and the remaining one half of such costs are allocated to specific funds based on monthly time records.

LEGAL SERVICES FEES

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31,		
	2004	2003	2002
	----	----	----
Van Kampen Investments received the approximate legal services fees of.....	\$19,400	\$18,600	\$37,800

DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE

The Distributor acts as the principal underwriter of the Fund's shares pursuant to a written agreement (the "Distribution and Service Agreement"). The Distributor has the exclusive right to distribute shares of the Fund through authorized dealers on a continuous basis. The Distributor's obligation is an agency or "best efforts" arrangement under which the Distributor is required to take and pay for only such shares of the Fund as may be sold to the public. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any stated number of shares. The Distributor bears the cost of printing (but not typesetting) prospectuses used in connection with this offering and certain other costs including the cost of supplemental sales literature and advertising. The Distribution and Service Agreement is renewable from year to year if approved (a) (i) by the Fund's Board of Trustees or (ii) by a vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by a vote of a majority of Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution and Service Agreement or interested persons of any party, by votes cast in person at a meeting called for such purpose. The Distribution and

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Service Agreement provides that it will terminate if assigned, and that it may be terminated without penalty by either party on 90 days' written notice. Total underwriting commissions on the sale of shares of the Fund for the last three fiscal years are shown in the chart below.

	Total Underwriting Commissions -----	Amounts Retained by Distributor -----
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.....	\$1,105,903	\$108,058
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.....	795,381	\$ 40,921
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.....	\$ 728,131	\$ 75,366

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With respect to sales of Class A Shares of the Fund, the total sales charges and concessions reallocated to authorized dealers at the time of purchase are as follows:

CLASS A SHARES SALES CHARGE TABLE

Size of Investment	Total Sales Charge -----		Reallocated To Dealers As a % of Offering Price
	As % of Offering Price	As % of Net Amount Invested	
Less than \$100,000.....	4.75%	4.99%	4.25%
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000.....	3.75%	3.90%	3.25%
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2.75%	2.83%	2.25%
\$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	2.00%	2.04%	1.75%
\$1,000,000 or more.....	*	*	*

* No sales charge is payable at the time of purchase on investments of \$1 million or more, although the Fund may impose a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% on certain redemptions made within one year of the purchase. The one-year period ends on the first business day of the thirteenth month after the purchase date. A commission or transaction fee will be paid by the Distributor at the time of purchase directly out of the Distributor's assets (and not out of the Fund's assets) to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for purchases of \$1 million or more computed on a percentage of the dollar value of such shares sold as follows: 1.00% on sales to \$2 million, plus 0.80% on the next \$1 million and 0.50% on the excess over \$3 million.

With respect to sales of Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund, a commission or transaction fee generally will be paid by the Distributor at the time of purchase directly out of the Distributor's assets (and not out of the Fund's assets) to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for such purchases computed based on a percentage of the dollar value of such shares sold of 4.00% on Class B Shares and 1.00% on Class C Shares.

Proceeds from any contingent deferred sales charge and any distribution

fees on Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund are paid to the Distributor and are used by the Distributor to defray its distribution related expenses in connection with the sale of the Fund's shares, such as the payment to authorized dealers for selling such shares. With respect to Class C Shares, the authorized dealers generally receive from the Distributor the ongoing distribution fees of up to 0.75% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Class C Shares annually, commencing in the second year after purchase.

In addition to reallowances or commissions described above, the Distributor may from time to time implement programs under which an authorized dealer's sales force may be eligible to win nominal awards for certain sales efforts or under which the Distributor will reallow to any authorized dealer that sponsors sales contests or recognition programs conforming to criteria established by the Distributor, or participates in sales programs sponsored by the Distributor, an amount not exceeding the total applicable sales charges on the sales generated by the authorized dealer at the public offering price during such programs. Also, the Distributor in its discretion may from time to time, pursuant to objective criteria established by the Distributor, pay fees to, and sponsor business seminars for, qualifying authorized dealers for certain services or activities which are primarily

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intended to result in sales of shares of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds. Fees may include payment for travel expenses, including lodging, incurred in connection with trips taken by invited registered representatives for meetings or seminars of a business nature. In some instances additional compensation or promotional incentives may be offered to brokers, dealers or financial intermediaries that have sold or may sell significant amounts of shares during specified periods of time. The Distributor may provide additional compensation to Edward D. Jones & Co. or an affiliate thereof based on a combination of its quarterly sales of shares of the Fund and other Van Kampen funds and increases in net assets of the Fund and other Van Kampen funds over specified thresholds. All of the foregoing payments are made by the Distributor out of its own assets. Such fees paid for such services and activities with respect to the Fund will not exceed in the aggregate 1.25% of the average total daily net assets of the Fund on an annual basis. These programs will not change the price an investor will pay for shares or the amount that a Fund will receive from such sale.

The Fund has adopted a distribution plan (the "Distribution Plan") with respect to each of its Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Fund also adopted a service plan (the "Service Plan") with respect to each of its Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. The Distribution Plan and the Service Plan sometimes are referred to herein as the "Plans". The Plans provide that the Fund may spend a portion of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to each class of shares in connection with the distribution of the respective class of shares and in connection with the provision of ongoing services to shareholders of such class, respectively. The Distribution Plan and the Service Plan are being implemented through the Distribution and Service Agreement with the Distributor of each class of the Fund's shares, sub-agreements between the Distributor and members of the NASD who are acting as securities dealers and NASD members or eligible non-members who are acting as brokers or agents and similar agreements between the Fund and financial intermediaries who are acting as brokers (collectively, "Selling Agreements") that may provide for their customers or clients certain services or assistance, which may include, but not be limited to, processing purchase and redemption transactions, establishing and maintaining shareholder accounts regarding the Fund, and such other services as may be agreed to from time to time and as may be permitted by applicable statute, rule or regulation. Brokers, dealers and financial intermediaries that have entered into sub-agreements with the Distributor and sell shares of the

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Fund are referred to herein as "financial intermediaries."

Certain financial intermediaries may be prohibited under law from providing certain underwriting or distribution services. If a financial intermediary was prohibited from acting in any capacity or providing any of the described services, the Distributor would consider what action, if any, would be appropriate. The Distributor does not believe that termination of a relationship with a financial intermediary would result in any material adverse consequences to the Fund.

The Distributor must submit quarterly reports to the Fund's Board of Trustees setting forth separately by class of shares all amounts paid under the Distribution Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were made, together with such other information as from time to time is reasonably requested by the Trustees. The Plans provide that they will continue in full force and effect from year to year so long as such continuance is

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specifically approved by a vote of the Trustees, and also by a vote of the disinterested Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Plans. Each of the Plans may not be amended to increase materially the amount to be spent for the services described therein with respect to any class of shares without approval by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of such class, and all material amendments to either of the Plans must be approved by the Trustees and also by the disinterested Trustees. Each of the Plans may be terminated with respect to any class of shares at any time by a vote of a majority of the disinterested Trustees or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of such class.

For Class A Shares in any given year in which the Plans are in effect, the Plans generally provide for the Fund to pay the Distributor the lesser of (i) the amount of the Distributor's actual expenses incurred during such year less any deferred sales charges (if any) it received during such year (the "actual net expenses") or (ii) the distribution and service fees at the rates specified in the Prospectus (the "plan fees"). Therefore, to the extent the Distributor's actual net expenses in a given year are less than the plan fees for such year, the Fund only pays the actual net expenses. Alternatively, to the extent the Distributor's actual net expenses in a given year exceed the plan fees for such year, the Fund only pays the plan fees for such year. For Class A Shares, there is no carryover of any unreimbursed actual net expenses to succeeding years.

The Plans for Class B Shares and Class C Shares are similar to the Plans for Class A Shares, except that any actual net expenses which exceed plan fees for a given year are carried forward and are eligible for payment in future years by the Fund so long as the Plans remain in effect. Thus, for each of the Class B Shares and Class C Shares, in any given year in which the Plans are in effect, the Plans generally provide for the Fund to pay the Distributor the lesser of (i) the applicable amount of the Distributor's actual net expenses incurred during such year for such class of shares plus any actual net expenses from prior years that are still unpaid by the Fund for such class of shares or (ii) the applicable plan fees for such class of shares. Except as may be mandated by applicable law, the Fund does not impose any limit with respect to the number of years into the future that such unreimbursed actual net expenses may be carried forward (on a Fund level basis). These unreimbursed actual net expenses may or may not be recovered through plan fees or contingent deferred sales charges in future years.

Because of fluctuations in net asset value, the plan fees with respect to a particular Class B Share or Class C Share may be greater or less than the amount of the initial commission (including carrying cost) paid by the Distributor with

respect to such share. In such circumstances, a shareholder of a share may be deemed to incur expenses attributable to other shareholders of such class.

As of March 31, 2004, there were approximately \$1,297,000 and \$34,000 of unreimbursed distribution-related expenses with respect to Class B Shares and Class C Shares, respectively, representing approximately 2% and less than 1% of the Fund's net assets attributable to Class B Shares and Class C Shares, respectively. If the Plans are terminated or not continued, the Fund would not be contractually obligated to pay the Distributor for any expenses not previously reimbursed by the Fund or recovered through contingent deferred sales charges.

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Because the Fund is a series of the Trust, amounts paid to the Distributor as reimbursement for expenses of one series of the Trust may indirectly benefit the other funds which are series of the Trust. The Distributor will endeavor to allocate such expenses among such funds in an equitable manner. The Distributor will not use the proceeds from the contingent deferred sales charge applicable to a particular class of shares to defray distribution-related expenses attributable to any other class of shares.

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for Class A Shares were \$494,411 or 0.25% of the Class A Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for payments made to financial intermediaries for servicing Class A shareholders and for administering the Class A Share Plans. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for Class B Shares were \$931,196 or 1.00% of the Class B Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for the following payments: \$701,343 for commissions and transaction fees paid to financial intermediaries in respect of sales of Class B Shares of the Fund and \$229,853 for fees paid to financial intermediaries for servicing Class B shareholders and administering the Class B Share Plans. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for Class C Shares were \$270,085 or 1.00% of the Class C Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for the following payments: \$133,208 for commissions and transaction fees paid to financial intermediaries in respect of sales of Class C Shares of the Fund and \$136,877 for fees paid to financial intermediaries for servicing Class C shareholders and administering the Class C Share Plans.

The Distributor has entered into agreements with the following firms whereby certain shares of the Fund will be offered pursuant to such firm's retirement plan alliance program(s): (i) Morgan Stanley DW Inc., (ii) Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc., (iii) First Union National Bank, (iv) Huntington Bank, (v) Invesco Retirement and Benefit Services, Inc., (vi) Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, (vii) National Deferred Compensation, Inc., (viii) Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. on behalf of itself and its Affiliated Banks, (ix) The Prudential Insurance Company of America, (x) Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., (xi) Union Bank of California, N.A., (xii) Buck Consultants, Inc., (xiii) Vanguard Marketing Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc.) (xiv) American Century Retirement Plan Services Inc., (xv) Fidelity Brokerage Services, Inc. & National Financial Services Corporation, (xvi) Franklin Templeton Investor Services, Inc., (xvii) Smith Barney, Inc., (xviii) SunGard Investment Products Inc. (xix) GoldK Investment Services, Inc., (xx) ABN Amro Trust Services Co., (xxi) AMVESCAP Retirement, Inc. and (xxii) Northern Trust Retirement Consulting, LLC. Trustees and other fiduciaries of retirement plans seeking to invest in multiple fund families through a broker-dealer retirement plan alliance program should contact the firms mentioned above for further information concerning the program(s) including, but not limited to,

minimum size and operational requirements.

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TRANSFER AGENT

The Fund's transfer agent, shareholder service agent and dividend disbursing agent is Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. The transfer agency fees are determined through negotiations with the Fund and are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The transfer agency fees are based on competitive benchmarks.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE ALLOCATION

The Adviser is responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund, the selection of brokers and dealers to effect the transactions and the negotiation of prices and any brokerage commissions on such transactions. While the Adviser will be primarily responsible for the placement of the Fund's portfolio business, the policies and practices in this regard are subject to review by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

As most transactions made by the Fund are principal transactions at net prices, the Fund generally incurs little or no brokerage costs. The portfolio securities in which the Fund invests are normally purchased directly from the issuer or in the over-the-counter market from an underwriter or market maker for the securities. Purchases from underwriters of portfolio securities include a commission or concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and purchases from dealers serving as market makers include a spread or markup to the dealer between the bid and asked price. Sales to dealers are effected at bid prices. The Fund may also purchase certain money market instruments directly from an issuer, in which case no commissions or discounts are paid, or may purchase and sell listed securities on an exchange, which are effected through brokers who charge a commission for their services.

The Adviser is responsible for placing portfolio transactions and does so in a manner deemed fair and reasonable to the Fund and not according to any formula. The primary consideration in all portfolio transactions is prompt execution of orders in an effective manner at the most favorable price. In selecting broker-dealers and in negotiating prices and any brokerage commissions on such transactions, the Adviser considers the firm's reliability, integrity and financial condition and the firm's execution capability, the size and breadth of the market for the security, the size of and difficulty in executing the order, and the best net price. There are many instances when, in the judgment of the Adviser, more than one firm can offer comparable execution services. In selecting among such firms, consideration may be given to those firms which supply research and other services in addition to execution services. The Adviser is authorized to pay higher commissions to brokerage firms that provide it with investment and research information than to firms which do not provide such services if the Adviser determines that such commissions are reasonable in relation to the overall services provided. No specific value can be assigned to such research services which are furnished without cost to the Adviser. Since statistical and other research information is only supplementary to the research efforts of the Adviser to the Fund and still must be analyzed and reviewed by its staff, the receipt of research information is not expected to reduce its expenses materially. The investment advisory fee is not reduced as a result of the Adviser's receipt of such research services. Services provided may include (a) furnishing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (b) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts; and (c) effecting securities

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transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement and custody). Research services furnished by firms through which the Fund effects its securities transactions may be used by the Adviser in servicing all of its advisory accounts; not all of such services may be used by the Adviser in connection with the Fund.

The Adviser also may place portfolio transactions, to the extent permitted by law, with brokerage firms affiliated with the Fund, the Adviser or the Distributor and with brokerage firms participating in the distribution of the Fund's shares if it reasonably believes that the quality of execution and the commission are comparable to that available from other qualified firms. Similarly, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the same considerations on quality of execution and comparable commission rates, the Adviser may direct an executing broker to pay a portion or all of any commissions, concessions or discounts to a firm supplying research or other services.

The Adviser may place portfolio transactions at or about the same time for other advisory accounts, including other investment companies. The Adviser seeks to allocate portfolio transactions equitably whenever concurrent decisions are made to purchase or sell securities for the Fund and another advisory account. In some cases, this procedure could have an adverse effect on the price or the amount of securities available to the Fund. In making such allocations among the Fund and other advisory accounts, the main factors considered by the Adviser are the respective sizes of the Fund and other advisory accounts, the respective investment objectives, the relative size of portfolio holdings of the same or comparable securities, the availability of cash for investment, the size of investment commitments generally held and opinions of the persons responsible for recommending the investment.

Certain broker-dealers, through which the Fund may effect securities transactions, are affiliated persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or affiliated persons of such affiliates, including Morgan Stanley or its subsidiaries. The Fund's Board of Trustees has adopted certain policies incorporating the standards of Rule 17e-1 issued by the SEC under the 1940 Act which require that the commissions paid to affiliates of the Fund must be reasonable and fair compared to the commissions, fees or other remuneration received or to be received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities during a comparable period of time. The rule and procedures also contain review requirements and require the Adviser to furnish reports to the trustees and to maintain records in connection with such reviews. After consideration of all factors deemed relevant, the trustees will consider from time to time whether the advisory fee for the Fund will be reduced by all or a portion of the brokerage commission paid to affiliated brokers.

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Unless otherwise disclosed below, the Fund paid no commissions to affiliated brokers during the last three fiscal years. The Fund paid the following commissions to brokers during the fiscal years shown:

Commissions paid:

Affiliated
Brokers

	All Brokers	Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2004.....	\$13,419	\$0
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.....	\$ 22	\$0
Fiscal year ended March 31, 2002.....	\$ 688	\$0
Fiscal year 2004 Percentages:		
Commissions with affiliate to total commissions.....		0%
Value of brokerage transactions with affiliate to total transactions.....		0%

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, the Fund paid no brokerage commissions to brokers selected primarily on the basis of research services provided to the Adviser.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

The Fund offers a number of shareholder services designed to facilitate investment in its shares at little or no extra cost to the investor. Below is a description of such services. The following information supplements the section in the Fund's Prospectus captioned "Shareholder Services."

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Each shareholder has an investment account under which the investor's shares of the Fund are held by Investor Services, the Fund's transfer agent. Investor Services performs bookkeeping, data processing and administrative services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts. Except as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, after each share transaction in an account, the shareholder receives a statement showing the activity in the account. Each shareholder who has an account in any of the Van Kampen funds will receive statements quarterly from Investor Services showing any reinvestments of dividends and capital gain dividends and any other activity in the account since the preceding statement. Such shareholders also will receive separate confirmations for each purchase or sale transaction other than reinvestment of dividends and capital gain dividends and systematic purchases or redemptions. Additional shares may be purchased at any time through authorized dealers or by mailing a check and detailed instructions directly to Investor Services.

SHARE CERTIFICATES

Generally, the Fund will not issue share certificates. However, upon written or telephone request to the Fund, a share certificate will be issued representing shares (with

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the exception of fractional shares) of the Fund. A shareholder will be required to surrender such certificates upon an exchange or redemption of the shares represented by the certificate. In addition, if such certificates are lost the shareholder must write to Van Kampen Funds Inc., c/o Investor Services, PO Box 947, Jersey City, New Jersey 07303-0947, requesting an "Affidavit of Loss" and obtain a Surety Bond in a form acceptable to Investor Services. On the date the letter is received, Investor Services will calculate the fee for replacing the lost certificate equal to no more than 1.50% of the net asset value of the

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issued shares, and bill the party to whom the replacement certificate was mailed.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Eligible investors may establish individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"); SEP; 401(k) plans; 403(b)(7) plans in the case of employees of public school systems and certain non-profit organizations; or other pension or profit sharing plans. Documents and forms containing detailed information regarding these plans are available from the Distributor.

AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE("ACH") DEPOSITS

Shareholders can use ACH to have redemption proceeds up to \$50,000 deposited electronically into their bank accounts. Redemption proceeds transferred to a bank account via the ACH plan are available to be credited to the account on the second business day following normal payment. To utilize this option, the shareholder's bank must be a member of ACH. In addition, the shareholder must fill out the appropriate section of the account application form. The shareholder must also include a voided check or deposit slip from the bank account into which redemption proceeds are to be deposited together with the completed application. Once Investor Services has received the application and the voided check or deposit slip, such shareholder's designated bank account, following any redemption, will be credited with the proceeds of such redemption. Once enrolled in the ACH plan, a shareholder may terminate participation at any time by writing Investor Services or by calling (800) 847-2424 ((800)421-2833 for the hearing impaired).

DIVIDEND DIVERSIFICATION

A shareholder may elect, by completing the appropriate section of the account application form or by calling (800) 847-2424 ((800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired), to have all dividends and capital gain dividends paid on a class of shares of the Fund invested into shares of the same class of any of the Participating Funds (as defined in the Prospectus) so long as the investor has a pre-existing account for such class of shares of the other fund. Both accounts must be of the same type, either non-retirement or retirement. If the accounts are retirement accounts, they must both be for the same class and of the same type of retirement plan (e.g. IRA, 403(b)(7), 401(k), Money Purchase and Profit Sharing Keogh plans) and for the benefit of the same individual. If a qualified, pre-existing account does not exist, the shareholder must establish a new account subject to any requirements of the Participating Fund into which distributions will be invested. Distributions are invested into the selected Participating Fund, provided that shares of such Participating Fund are available for sale, at its net asset value per share as of the payable date of the distribution from the Fund.

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SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

A shareholder may establish a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual withdrawal plan if the shareholder owns shares in a single account valued at \$10,000 or more at the next determined net asset value per share at the time the plan is established. If a shareholder owns shares in a single account valued at \$5,000 or more at the next determined net asset value per share at the time the plan is established, the shareholder may establish a quarterly, semiannual or annual withdrawal plan. This plan provides for the orderly use of the entire account, not only the income but also the capital, if necessary. Each payment represents the proceeds of a redemption of shares on which any capital gain or loss will be recognized. The planholder may arrange for periodic checks in any

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amount not less than \$25. Such a systematic withdrawal plan may also be maintained by an investor purchasing shares for a retirement plan and may be established on a form made available by the Fund. See "Shareholder Services -- Retirement Plans."

Class B Shareholders and Class C Shareholders who establish a systematic withdrawal plan may redeem up to 12% annually of the shareholder's initial account balance without incurring a contingent deferred sales charge. Initial account balance means the amount of the shareholder's investment at the time the election to participate in the plan is made.

Under the plan, sufficient shares of the Fund are redeemed to provide the amount of the periodic withdrawal payment. Dividends and capital gain dividends on shares held in accounts with systematic withdrawal plans are reinvested in additional shares at the next determined net asset value per share. If periodic withdrawals continuously exceed reinvested dividends and capital gain dividends, the shareholder's original investment will be correspondingly reduced and ultimately exhausted. Redemptions made concurrently with the purchase of additional shares ordinarily will be disadvantageous to the shareholder because of the duplication of sales charges. Any gain or loss realized by the shareholder upon redemption of shares is a taxable event. The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the systematic withdrawal program upon 30 days' notice to its shareholders.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE

A Class A Shareholder or Class B Shareholder who has redeemed shares of the Fund may reinstate any portion or all of the net proceeds of such redemption (and may include that amount necessary to acquire a fractional share to round off his or her purchase to the next full share) in Class A Shares of the Fund. A Class C Shareholder who has redeemed shares of the Fund may reinstate any portion or all of the net proceeds of such redemption (and may include that amount necessary to acquire a fractional share to round off his or her purchase to the next full share) in Class C Shares of the Fund with credit given for any contingent deferred sales charge paid upon such redemption, provided that such shareholder has not previously exercised this reinstatement privilege with respect to Class C Shares of the Fund. Shares acquired in this manner will be deemed to have the original cost and purchase date of the redeemed shares for purposes of applying the CDSC-Class C (defined below) to subsequent redemptions. Reinstatements are made at the net asset value per share (without a sales charge) next determined after the order is received, which must be made within 180 days after the date of the redemption, provided that shares of the Fund are available for sale. Reinstatement at net asset value per share is also offered to participants in eligible retirement plans for repayment of principal (and

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interest) on their borrowings on such plans, provided that shares of the Fund are available for sale.

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Redemptions are not made on days during which the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") is closed. The right of redemption may be suspended and the payment therefor may be postponed for more than seven days during any period when (a) the Exchange is closed for other than customary weekends or holidays; (b) the SEC determines trading on the Exchange is restricted; (c) the SEC determines an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to fairly determine the value of its net assets; or (d) the SEC, by order, so permits.

In addition, if the Fund's Board of Trustees determines that payment wholly or partly in cash would be detrimental to the best interests of the remaining shareholders of the Fund, the Fund may pay the redemption proceeds in whole or in part by a distribution-in-kind of portfolio securities held by the Fund in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC. A distribution-in-kind may result in recognition by the shareholder of a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes when such securities are distributed, and the shareholder may have brokerage costs and a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes upon the shareholder's disposition of such securities.

CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE-CLASS A

As described in the Fund's Prospectus under "Purchase of Shares -- Class A Shares," there is no sales charge payable on Class A Shares at the time of purchase on investments of \$1 million or more, but a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC -- Class A") may be imposed on certain redemptions made within one year of purchase. For purposes of the CDSC-Class A, when shares of a Participating Fund are exchanged for shares of another Participating Fund, the purchase date for the shares acquired by exchange will be assumed to be the date on which shares were purchased in the fund from which the exchange was made. If the exchanged shares themselves are acquired through an exchange, the purchase date is assumed to carry over from the date of the original election to purchase shares subject to a CDSC-Class A rather than a front-end load sales charge. In determining whether a CDSC-Class A is payable, it is assumed that shares being redeemed first are any shares in the shareholder's account not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge, followed by shares held the longest in the shareholder's account. The contingent deferred sales charge is assessed on an amount equal to the lesser of the then current market value or the cost of the shares being redeemed. Accordingly, no sales charge is imposed on increases in net asset value above the initial purchase price. In addition, no sales charge is assessed on shares derived from reinvestment of dividends or capital gain dividends.

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WAIVER OF CLASS B AND CLASS C CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGES

As described in the Fund's Prospectus under "Redemption of Shares," redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares will be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC-Class B and C"). The CDSC-Class B and C is waived on redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares in the circumstances described below:

REDEMPTION UPON DEATH OR DISABILITY

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C on redemptions following the death or disability of a Class B shareholder and Class C shareholder. An individual will be considered disabled for this purpose if he or she meets the definition thereof in Section 72(m)(7) of the Code, which in pertinent part defines a person as disabled if such person "is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration." While the Fund does not specifically adopt the balance of the Code's definition which pertains to furnishing the Secretary of Treasury with such proof as he or she may require, the Distributor will require satisfactory proof of death or disability before it determines to waive the CDSC-Class B and C.

In cases of death or disability, the CDSC-Class B and C will be waived

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where the decedent or disabled person is either an individual shareholder or owns the shares as a joint tenant with right of survivorship or is the beneficial owner of a custodial or fiduciary account, and where the redemption is made within one year of the death or initial determination of disability. This waiver of the CDSC-Class B and C applies to a total or partial redemption, but only to redemptions of shares held at the time of the death or initial determination of disability.

REDEMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT PLANS

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C when a total or partial redemption is made in connection with certain distributions from retirement plans. The CDSC-Class B and C will be waived upon the tax-free rollover or transfer of assets to another retirement plan invested in one or more Participating Funds; in such event, as described below, the Fund will "tack" the period for which the original shares were held on to the holding period of the shares acquired in the transfer or rollover for purposes of determining what, if any, CDSC-Class B and C is applicable in the event that such acquired shares are redeemed following the transfer or rollover. The charge also will be waived on any redemption which results from the return of an excess contribution or other contribution pursuant to Code Section 408(d)(4) or (5), the return of excess contributions or excess deferral amounts pursuant to Code Section 401(k)(8) or 402(g)(2), the financial hardship of the employee pursuant to U.S. Treasury regulation Section 1.401(k)-1(d)(2) or the death or disability of the employee (see Code Section 72(m)(7) and 72(t)(2)(A)(ii)). In addition, the charge will be waived on any minimum distribution required to be distributed in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9).

The Fund does not intend to waive the CDSC-Class B and C for any distributions from IRAs or other retirement plans not specifically described above.

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REDEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE FUND'S SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

A shareholder may elect to participate in a systematic withdrawal plan with respect to the shareholder's investment in the Fund. Under the systematic withdrawal plan, a dollar amount of a participating shareholder's investment in the Fund will be redeemed systematically by the Fund on a periodic basis, and the proceeds sent to the designated payee of record. The amount to be redeemed and frequency of the systematic withdrawals will be specified by the shareholder upon his or her election to participate in the systematic withdrawal plan.

The amount of the shareholder's investment in the Fund at the time the election to participate in the systematic withdrawal plan is made with respect to the Fund is hereinafter referred to as the "initial account balance." The amount to be systematically redeemed from the Fund without the imposition of a CDSC-Class B and C may not exceed a maximum of 12% annually of the shareholder's initial account balance. The Fund reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of the systematic withdrawal plan and the ability to offer the systematic withdrawal plan.

NO INITIAL COMMISSION OR TRANSACTION FEE

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C in circumstances under which no commission or transaction fee is paid to authorized dealers at the time of purchase of shares. See "Purchase of Shares -- Waiver of Contingent Deferred Sales Charge" in the Prospectus.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTIONS OF SHARES

The Fund reserves the right to redeem shareholder accounts with balances of less than a specified dollar amount as set forth in the Prospectus. Prior to such redemptions, shareholders will be notified in writing and allowed a specified period of time to purchase additional shares to bring the value of the account up to the required minimum balance. The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C upon such involuntary redemption.

REDEMPTION BY ADVISER

The Fund may waive the CDSC-Class B and C when a total or partial redemption is made by the Adviser with respect to its investments in the Fund.

TAXATION

FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF THE FUND

The Trust and each of its series, including the Fund, are treated as separate corporations for federal income tax purposes. The Fund has elected and qualified, and intends to continue to qualify each year, to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. To qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must comply with certain requirements of the Code relating to, among other things, the sources of its income and diversification of its assets.

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If the Fund so qualifies and distributes each year to its shareholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (generally including ordinary income and net short-term capital gain, but not net capital gain, which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), and meets certain other requirements, it will not be required to pay federal income taxes on any income it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute at least the minimum amount necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement. The Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on any net capital gain distributed to shareholders and designated as capital gain dividends.

To avoid a 4% excise tax, the Fund will be required to distribute, by December 31st of each year, at least an amount equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income for such year and (ii) 98% of its capital gain net income (the latter of which generally is computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31st of such year), plus any amounts that were not distributed in previous taxable years. For purposes of the excise tax, any ordinary income or capital gain net income retained by, and subject to federal income tax in the hands of, the Fund will be treated as having been distributed.

If the Fund failed to qualify as a regulated investment company or failed to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement in any taxable year, the Fund would be taxed as an ordinary corporation on its taxable income (even if such income were distributed to its shareholders) and all distributions out of earnings and profits would be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income. In addition, the Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay taxes and make distributions (which could be subject to interest charges) before requalifying for taxation as a regulated investment company.

Some of the Fund's investment practices are subject to special provisions of the Code that, among other things, may (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the

deductibility of which is more limited) and/or (iv) cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and the distribution requirements for avoiding income and excise taxes. The Fund will monitor its transactions and may make certain tax elections to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of the Fund as a regulated investment company.

Investments of the Fund in securities issued at a discount or providing for deferred interest or payment of interest in kind are subject to special tax rules that will affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. For example, with respect to securities issued at a discount, such as zero coupon securities, the Fund will be required to accrue as income each year a portion of the discount and to distribute such income each year to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and to avoid income and excise taxes. To generate sufficient cash to make distributions necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid income and excise taxes, the Fund may have to dispose of securities that it would otherwise have continued to hold.

The Fund may invest in debt securities of companies that are in default or are in bankruptcy or reorganization. Investments in debt securities that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues for the Fund. Federal income tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as when the Fund may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount or

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market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless securities, how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income and whether exchanges of debt obligations in a bankruptcy or workout context are taxable. These and other issues will be addressed by the Fund, in the event it invests in such securities, in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its status as a regulated investment company and does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise tax.

PASSIVE FOREIGN INVESTMENT COMPANIES

The Fund may invest in non-U.S. corporations that could be classified as "passive foreign investment companies" as defined for federal income tax purposes. For federal income tax purposes, such an investment may, among other things, cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, to incur an interest charge on taxable income that is deemed to have been deferred and/or to recognize ordinary income that would otherwise have been treated as capital gain.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Distributions of the Fund's investment company taxable income are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gains designated as capital gain dividends, if any, are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains regardless of the length of time shares of the Fund have been held by such shareholders. Tax-exempt shareholders not subject to federal income tax on their income generally will not be taxed on distributions from the Fund. Distributions in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a shareholder's shares and, after such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such shareholder (assuming such shares are held as a capital asset).

The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (the "2003 Tax Act") contains provisions that reduce the U.S. federal income tax rates on (1) long-term capital gains received by individuals and (2) "qualified dividend income" received by individuals from certain domestic and foreign corporations. The reduced rate for capital gains generally applies to long-term capital gains from sales or exchanges on or after May 6, 2003, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The reduced rate for dividends generally applies to "qualified dividend income" received in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. Because the Fund intends to invest primarily in debt securities, ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund generally will not be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to "qualified dividend income." To the extent that distributions from the Fund are designated as capital gain dividends, such distributions will be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to long-term capital gains. No assurance can be given that Congress will not repeal the reduced U.S. federal income tax rate on long-term capital gains prior to its scheduled expiration under the 2003 Tax Act. For a summary of the maximum tax rates applicable to capital gain (including capital gain dividends), see "Capital Gains Rates" below.

Shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares issued by the Fund will be treated for federal income tax purposes as receiving a distribution in an

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amount equal to the fair market value of the shares received, determined as of the distribution date. The basis of such shares will equal their fair market value on the distribution date.

The Fund will inform shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year. Distributions from the Fund generally will not be eligible for the corporate dividends received deduction.

Although dividends generally will be treated as distributed when paid, dividends declared in October, November or December, payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such month and paid during January of the following year will be treated as having been distributed by the Fund and received by the shareholders on the December 31st prior to the date of payment. In addition, certain other distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the Fund may be "spilled back" and treated as paid by the Fund (except for purposes of the 4% excise tax) during such taxable year. In such case, shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distribution was actually made.

Income from investments in foreign securities received by the Fund may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and U.S. possessions. Such taxes will not be deductible or creditable by shareholders. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes.

Certain foreign currency gains or losses attributable to currency exchange rate fluctuations are treated as ordinary income or loss. Such income or loss may increase or decrease (or possibly eliminate) the Fund's income available for distribution. If, under the rules governing the tax treatment of foreign currency gains and losses, the Fund's income available for distribution is decreased or eliminated, all or a portion of the dividends declared by the Fund may be treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital, or in some circumstances, as capital gains. Generally, a shareholder's tax basis in

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Fund shares will be reduced to the extent that an amount distributed to such shareholder is treated as a return of capital.

SALE OF SHARES

The sale of shares (including transfers in connection with a redemption or repurchase of shares) may be a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes. Selling shareholders will generally recognize a gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between their adjusted tax basis in the shares sold and the amount received. If the shares sold are held as a capital asset, the gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss. For a summary of the maximum tax rates applicable to capital gains, see "Capital Gains Rates" below. Any loss recognized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received with respect to such shares. For purposes of determining whether shares have been held for six months or less, the holding period is suspended for any periods during which the shareholder's risk of loss is diminished as a result of holding one or more other positions in substantially similar or related property or through certain options or short sales.

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CAPITAL GAINS RATES

As a consequence of the 2003 Tax Act, the maximum tax rate applicable to net capital gains recognized by individuals and other non-corporate taxpayers investing in the Fund is (i) the same as the maximum ordinary income tax rate for capital assets held for one year or less or (ii) for net capital gains recognized on or after May 6, 2003, 15% for capital assets held for more than one year (20% for net capital gains recognized in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008). No assurance can be given that Congress will not repeal the reduced U.S. federal income tax rate on long-term capital gains prior to its scheduled expiration under the 2003 Tax Act. The maximum long-term capital gains rate for corporations is 35%.

WITHHOLDING ON PAYMENTS TO NON-U.S. SHAREHOLDERS

For purposes of this and the following paragraphs, a "Non-U.S. Shareholder" shall include any shareholder who is not:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation or partnership created or organized under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust that (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. fiduciaries who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

A Non-U.S. Shareholder generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate (or lower applicable treaty rate), rather than backup withholding (discussed below), on dividends from the Fund (other than capital gain dividends) that are not "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by such shareholder, provided that the shareholder furnishes to the Fund a properly completed Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-8BEN certifying the shareholder's non-United States status.

Non-effectively connected capital gain dividends and gains realized from the sale of shares will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the case of (i) a Non-U.S. Shareholder that is a corporation and (ii) an individual Non-U.S. Shareholder who is not present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year (assuming that certain other conditions are met). However, certain Non-U.S. Shareholders may nonetheless be subject to backup withholding and information reporting on capital gain dividends and redemption proceeds paid to them upon the sale of their shares. See "Backup Withholding" and "Information Reporting" below.

If income from the Fund or gains realized from the sale of shares are effectively connected with a Non-U.S. Shareholder's U.S. trade or business, then such amounts will not be subject to the 30% withholding described above but rather will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the tax rates applicable to U.S. citizens and residents or domestic corporations. To establish that income from the Fund or gains realized from

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the sale of shares are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, a Non-U.S. Shareholder must provide the Fund with a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI certifying that such amounts are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Shareholder's U.S. trade or business. Non-U.S. Shareholders that are corporations may also be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" with respect to income from the Fund that is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

The tax consequences to a Non-U.S. Shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may be different from those described in this section. To claim tax treaty benefits, Non-U.S. Shareholders will be required to provide the Fund with a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN certifying their entitlement to the benefits. In addition, in certain cases where payments are made to a Non-U.S. Shareholder that is a partnership or other pass-through entity, both the entity and the persons holding an interest in the entity will need to provide certification. For example, an individual Non-U.S. Shareholder who holds shares in the Fund through a non-U.S. partnership must provide an IRS Form W-8BEN to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty. Non-U.S. Shareholders are advised to consult their advisers with respect to the tax implications of purchasing, holding and disposing of shares of the Fund.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING

The Fund may be required to withhold federal income tax at a rate of 28% ("backup withholding") from dividends and redemption proceeds paid to non-corporate shareholders. This tax may be withheld from dividends paid to a shareholder (other than a Non-U.S. Shareholder) if (i) the shareholder fails to properly furnish the Fund with its correct taxpayer identification number, (ii) the IRS notifies the Fund that the shareholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect or (iii) when required to do so, the shareholder fails to certify that the taxpayer identification number provided is correct, that the shareholder is not subject to backup withholding and that the shareholder is a U.S. person (as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes). Redemption proceeds may be subject to backup withholding under the circumstances described in (i) above.

Generally, dividends paid to Non-U.S. Shareholders that are subject to the 30% federal income tax withholding described above under "Withholding on Payments to Non-U.S. Shareholders" are not subject to backup withholding. To avoid backup withholding on capital gain dividends and redemption proceeds from the sale of shares, Non-U.S. Shareholders must provide a properly completed IRS

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Form W-8BEN certifying their non-United States status.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from payments made to a shareholder may be refunded or credited against such shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

INFORMATION REPORTING

The Fund must report annually to the IRS and to each shareholder (other than a Non-U.S. Shareholder) the amount of dividends, capital gain dividends or redemption proceeds paid to such shareholder and the amount, if any, of tax withheld pursuant to

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backup withholding rules with respect to such amounts. In the case of a Non-U.S. Shareholder, the Fund must report to the IRS and such shareholder the amount of dividends, capital gain dividends or redemption proceeds paid that are subject to withholding (including backup withholding, if any) and the amount of tax withheld with respect to such amounts. This information may also be made available to the tax authorities in the Non-U.S. Shareholder's country of residence.

GENERAL

The federal income tax discussion set forth above is for general information only. Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their advisers regarding the specific federal tax consequences of purchasing, holding and disposing of shares of the Fund, as well as the effects of state, local and foreign tax laws and any proposed tax law changes.

FUND PERFORMANCE

From time to time the Fund may advertise its total return for prior periods. Any such advertisement would include at least average annual total return quotations for one-year, five-year and ten-year periods (or life of the Fund, if shorter). Other total return quotations, aggregate or average, over other time periods may also be included.

The total return of the Fund for a particular period represents the increase (or decrease) in the value of a hypothetical investment in the Fund from the beginning to the end of the period. Total return is calculated by subtracting the value of the initial investment from the ending value and showing the difference as a percentage of the initial investment; the calculation assumes the initial investment is made at the current maximum public offering price (which includes the maximum sales charge for Class A Shares); that all income dividends or capital gain dividends during the period are reinvested in Fund shares at net asset value; and that any applicable contingent deferred sales charge has been paid. The Fund's total return will vary depending on market conditions, the securities comprising the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and unrealized net capital gains or losses during the period. Total return is based on historical earnings and asset value fluctuations and is not intended to indicate future performance. No adjustments are made to reflect any income taxes payable by shareholders on dividends or capital gain dividends paid by the Fund or to reflect that 12b-1 fees may have changed over time.

Average annual total return quotations are computed by finding the average annual compounded rate of return over the period that would equate the initial amount invested to the ending redeemable value.

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The after-tax returns of the Fund may also be advertised or otherwise reported. This is generally calculated in a manner similar to the computation of average annual total returns discussed above, except that the calculation also reflects the effect of taxes on returns.

The Fund may, in supplemental sales literature, advertise non-standardized total return figures representing the cumulative, non-annualized total return of each class of shares of the Fund from a given date to a subsequent given date. Cumulative non-standardized total return is calculated by measuring the value of an initial investment in a given class of shares of the Fund at a given time, deducting the maximum initial sales charge, if any, determining the value of all subsequent reinvested distributions, and dividing

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the net change in the value of the investment as of the end of the period by the amount of the initial investment and expressing the result as a percentage. Non-standardized total return will be calculated separately for each class of shares.

Non-standardized total return calculations do not reflect the imposition of a contingent deferred sales charge, and if any contingent deferred sales charge imposed at the time of redemption were reflected, it would reduce the performance quoted.

In addition to total return information, the Fund may also advertise its current "yield." Yield figures are based on historical earnings and are not intended to indicate future performance. Yield is determined by analyzing the Fund's net income per share for a 30-day (or one-month) period (which period will be stated in the advertisement) and dividing by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. A "bond equivalent" annualization method is used to reflect a semiannual compounding.

For purposes of calculating yield quotations, net income is determined by a standard formula prescribed by the SEC to facilitate comparison with yields quoted by other investment companies. Net income computed for this formula differs from net income reported by the Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and from net income computed for federal income tax reporting purposes. Thus the yield computed for a period may be greater or less than the Fund's then current dividend rate.

The Fund's yield is not fixed and will fluctuate in response to prevailing interest rates and the market value of portfolio securities, and as a function of the type of securities owned by the Fund, portfolio maturity and the Fund's expenses.

Yield quotations should be considered relative to changes in the net asset value of the Fund's shares, the Fund's investment policies, and the risks of investing in shares of the Fund. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Yield and total return are calculated separately for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund. Total return figures for Class A Shares include the maximum sales charge. Total return figures for Class B Shares and Class C Shares include any applicable contingent deferred sales charge. Because of the differences in sales charges and distribution fees, the total returns for each class of shares will differ.

From time to time, the Fund may include in its sales literature and shareholder reports a quotation of the current "distribution rate" for each

class of shares of the Fund. Distribution rate is a measure of the level of income and short-term capital gain dividends, if any, distributed for a specified period. Distribution rate differs from yield, which is a measure of the income actually earned by the Fund's investments, and from total return which is a measure of the income actually earned by the Fund's investments plus the effect of any realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of such investments during a stated period. Distribution rate is, therefore, not intended to be a complete measure of the Fund's performance. Distribution rate may sometimes be greater than yield since, for instance, it may not include the effect of amortization of bond premiums, and may include non-recurring short-term capital gains and premiums from futures transactions engaged in by the Fund. Distribution rates will be computed separately for each class of the Fund's shares.

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From time to time, marketing materials may provide a portfolio manager update, an Adviser update and discuss general economic conditions and outlooks. The Fund's marketing materials may also show the Fund's asset class diversification, top sector holdings and largest holdings. Materials may also mention how the Distributor believes the Fund compares relative to other Van Kampen funds. Materials may also discuss the Dalbar Financial Services study from 1984 to 1994 which studied investor cash flow into and out of all types of mutual funds. The ten-year study found that investors who bought mutual fund shares and held such shares outperformed investors who bought and sold. The Dalbar study conclusions were consistent regardless of whether shareholders purchased their fund shares in direct or sales force distribution channels. The study showed that investors working with a professional representative have tended over time to earn higher returns than those who invested directly. The performance of the funds purchased by the investors in the Dalbar study and the conclusions based therein are not necessarily indicative of future performance of such funds or conclusions that may result from similar studies in the future. The Fund may also be marketed on the internet.

In reports or other communications to shareholders or in advertising material, the Fund may compare its performance with that of other mutual funds as listed in the rankings or ratings prepared by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., CDA, Morningstar Mutual Funds or similar independent services which monitor the performance of mutual funds with the Consumer Price Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor's indices, NASDAQ Composite Index, other appropriate indices of investment securities, or with investment or savings vehicles. The performance information may also include evaluations of the Fund published by nationally recognized ranking or rating services and by nationally recognized financial publications. Such comparative performance information will be stated in the same terms in which the comparative data or indices are stated. Such advertisements and sales material may also include a yield quotation as of a current period. In each case, such total return and yield information, if any, will be calculated pursuant to rules established by the SEC and will be computed separately for each class of the Fund's shares. For these purposes, the performance of the Fund, as well as the performance of other mutual funds or indices, do not reflect sales charges, the inclusion of which would reduce the Fund's performance. The Fund will include performance data for each class of shares of the Fund in any advertisement or information including performance data of the Fund.

The Fund may also utilize performance information in hypothetical illustrations. For example, the Fund may, from time to time: (1) illustrate the benefits of tax-deferral by comparing taxable investments to investments made through tax-deferred retirement plans; (2) illustrate in graph or chart form, or otherwise, the benefits of dollar cost averaging by comparing investments made pursuant to a systematic investment plan to investments made in a rising market;

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(3) illustrate allocations among different types of mutual funds for investors at different stages of their lives; and (4) in reports or other communications to shareholders or in advertising material, illustrate the benefits of compounding at various assumed rates of return.

The Fund's Annual Report and Semiannual Report contain additional performance information. A copy of the Annual Report or Semiannual Report may be obtained without charge from our web site at www.vankampen.com or by calling or writing the Fund at the telephone number and address printed on the cover of this Statement of Additional Information.

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CLASS A SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return, assuming payment of the maximum sales charge, for Class A Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 12.71%, (ii) the five-year period ended March 31, 2004 was -0.52%, (iii) the ten-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 3.51% and (iv) the approximately seventeen-year, nine-month period since June 27, 1986 (commencement of distribution of Class A Shares of the Fund) through March 31, 2004 was 5.71%.

The Fund's yield with respect to the Class A Shares for the 30-day period ending March 31, 2004 was 5.93%. The Fund's current distribution rate with respect to Class A Shares for the month ending March 31, 2004 was 6.67%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the maximum sales charge, with respect to the Class A Shares from June 27, 1986 (commencement of distribution of Class A Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 167.88%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the maximum sales charge, with respect to the Class A Shares from June 27, 1986 (commencement of distribution of Class A Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 181.21%.

CLASS B SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return for Class B Shares listed below reflects the conversion of such shares into Class A Shares. Class B Shares purchased before June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares six years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class B Shares purchased on or after June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased.

The Fund's average annual total return, assuming payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, for Class B Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 13.62%, (ii) the five-year period ended March 31, 2004 was -0.48%, (iii) the ten-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 3.53% and (iv) the approximately ten-year, ten-month period since May 17, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class B Shares of the Fund) through March 31, 2004 was 3.96%.

The Fund's yield with respect to the Class B Shares for the 30-day period ending March 31, 2004 was 5.43%. The Fund's current distribution rate with respect to Class B Shares for the month ending March 31, 2004 was 6.22%.

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The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class B Shares from May 17, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class B Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 52.48%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class B Shares from May 17, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class B Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 52.48%.

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CLASS C SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return for Class C Shares listed below reflects the conversion of such shares into Class A Shares. Class C Shares purchased before January 1, 1997, including Class C Shares received reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares ten years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class C Shares purchased on or after January 1, 1997, including Class C Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, do not possess a conversion feature.

The Fund's average annual total return, assuming payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, for Class C Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 16.65%, (ii) the five-year, period ended March 31, 2004 was -0.30%, (iii) the ten-year period ended March 31, 2004 was 3.22% and (iv) the approximately ten-year, seven-month period since August 13, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class C Shares of the Fund) through March 31, 2004 was 3.35%.

The Fund's yield with respect to the Class C Shares for the 30-day period ending March 31, 2004 was 5.44%. The Fund's current distribution rate with respect to Class C Shares for the month ending March 31, 2004 was 6.23%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class C Shares from August 13, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class C Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 41.89%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class C Shares from August 13, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class C Shares of the Fund) to March 31, 2004 was 41.89%.

These results are based on historical earnings and asset value fluctuations and are not intended to indicate future performance. Such information should be considered in light of the Fund's investment objective and policies as well as the risks incurred in the Fund's investment practices.

OTHER INFORMATION

CUSTODY OF ASSETS

Except for segregated assets held by a futures commission merchant pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated under the 1940 Act, all securities owned by the Fund and all cash, including proceeds from the sale of shares of the Fund and of securities in the Fund's investment portfolio, are held by State Street Bank and Trust Company, 225 West Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110,

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as custodian. The custodian also provides accounting services to the Fund.

SHAREHOLDER REPORTS

Semiannual statements are furnished to shareholders, and annually such statements are audited by the independent auditors.

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INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

An independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund performs an annual audit of the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's Board of Trustees has engaged Ernst & Young LLP, located at 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, to be the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Counsel to the Fund is Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The audited financial statements of the Fund are incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report to shareholders for the Fund dated March 31, 2004. The Annual Report may be obtained by following the instructions on the cover of this Statement of Additional Information. The Annual Report is included as part of the Trust's filing on Form N-CSR as filed with the SEC on May 27, 2004 and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC or on the EDGAR database on the SEC's internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-202-942-8090. You can also request copies of these materials, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the SEC's e-mail address (publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing the Public Reference section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0102.

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APPENDIX A

MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction -- Morgan Stanley Investment Management's ("MSIM") policies and procedures for voting proxies with respect to securities held in the accounts of clients applies to those MSIM entities that provide discretionary Investment Management services and for which a MSIM entity has the authority to vote their proxies. The policies and procedures and general guidelines in this section will be reviewed and, as necessary, updated periodically to address new or revised proxy voting issues. The MSIM entities covered by these policies and procedures currently include the following: Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners, L.P., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Group Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company, Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Co., Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Private Limited, Morgan Stanley Investments LP, Morgan Stanley Hedge Fund Partners GP LP, Morgan Stanley Hedge Fund Partners LP, Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp., Van Kampen Asset Management Inc., and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. (each a "MSIM Affiliate" and collectively referred to as the "MSIM Affiliates").

Each MSIM Affiliate will vote proxies as part of its authority to manage, acquire and dispose of account assets. With respect to the MSIM registered management investment companies (Van Kampen, Institutional and Advisor Funds)(collectively referred to as the "MSIM Funds"), each MSIM Fund will vote proxies pursuant to authority granted under its applicable investment advisory agreement or, in the absence of such authority, as authorized by its Board of Directors or Trustees. A MSIM Affiliate will not vote proxies if the "named fiduciary" for an ERISA account has reserved the authority for itself, or in the case of an account not governed by ERISA, the Investment Management Agreement does not authorize the MSIM Affiliate to vote proxies. MSIM Affiliates will, in a prudent and diligent manner, vote proxies in the best interests of clients, including beneficiaries of and participants in a client's benefit plan(s) for which we manage assets, consistent with the objective of maximizing long-term investment returns ("Client Proxy Standard"). In certain situations, a client or its fiduciary may provide a MSIM Affiliate with a statement of proxy voting policy. In these situations, the MSIM Affiliate will comply with the client's policy unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable laws or regulations or the MSIM Affiliate's fiduciary responsibility.

Proxy Research Services -- To assist the MSIM Affiliates in their responsibility for voting proxies and the overall global proxy voting process, Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") and the Investor Responsibility Research Center ("IRRC") have been retained as experts in the proxy voting and corporate governance area. ISS and IRRC are independent advisers that specialize in providing a variety of fiduciary-level proxy-related services to institutional investment managers, plan sponsors, custodians, consultants, and other institutional investors. The services provided to MSIM Affiliates include in-depth research, global issuer analysis, and voting recommendations. In addition to research, ISS provides vote execution, reporting, and recordkeeping. MSIM's Proxy Review Committee

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(see Section IV.A. below) will carefully monitor and supervise the services provided by the proxy research services.

Voting Proxies for certain Non-US Companies -- While the proxy voting process is well established in the United States and other developed markets with a number of tools and services available to assist an investment manager, voting proxies of non-US companies located in certain jurisdictions, particularly emerging markets, may involve a number of problems that may restrict or prevent a MSIM Affiliate's ability to vote such proxies. These problems include, but are not limited to: (i) proxy statements and ballots being written in a language other than English; (ii) untimely and/or inadequate notice of shareholder meetings; (iii) restrictions on the ability of holders outside the issuer's jurisdiction of organization to exercise votes; (iv) requirements to vote proxies in person, (v) the imposition of restrictions on the sale of the securities for a period of time in proximity to the shareholder meeting; and (vi) requirements to provide local agents with power of attorney to facilitate the MSIM Affiliate's voting instructions. As a result, clients' non-U.S. proxies will be voted on a best efforts basis only, consistent with the Client Proxy Standard. ISS has been retained to provide assistance to the MSIM Affiliates in connection with voting their clients' non-US proxies.

II. GENERAL PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

To ensure consistency in voting proxies on behalf of its clients, MSIM Affiliates will follow (subject to any exception set forth herein) these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, including the guidelines set forth below. These guidelines address a broad range of issues, including board size and

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composition, executive compensation, anti-takeover proposals, capital structure proposals and social responsibility issues and are meant to be general voting parameters on issues that arise most frequently. The MSIM Affiliates, however, may vote in a manner that is contrary to the following general guidelines, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section IV. below, provided the vote is consistent with the Client Proxy Standard.

III. GUIDELINES

A. MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

1. When voting on routine ballot items the following proposals are generally voted in support of management, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.
 - Selection or ratification of auditors.
 - Approval of financial statements, director and auditor reports.
 - Election of Directors.
 - Limiting Directors' liability and broadening indemnification of Directors.
 - Requirement that a certain percentage (up to 66 2/3%) of its Board's members be comprised of independent and unaffiliated Directors.
 - Requirement that members of the company's compensation, nominating and audit committees be comprised of independent or unaffiliated Directors.
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- Recommendations to set retirement ages or require specific levels of stock ownership by Directors.
 - General updating/corrective amendments to the charter.
 - Elimination of cumulative voting.
 - Elimination of preemptive rights.
 - Provisions for confidential voting and independent tabulation of voting results.
 - Proposals related to the conduct of the annual meeting except those proposals that relate to the "transaction of such other business which may come before the meeting."
 2. The following non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a substantive financial or best interest impact on a shareholder, are generally voted in support of management, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.

CAPITALIZATION CHANGES

- Capitalization changes that eliminate other classes of stock and voting rights.
- Proposals to increase the authorization of existing classes of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) if: (i) a

clear and legitimate business purpose is stated; (ii) the number of shares requested is reasonable in relation to the purpose for which authorization is requested; and (iii) the authorization does not exceed 100% of shares currently authorized and at least 30% of the new authorization will be outstanding.

- Proposals to create a new class of preferred stock or for issuances of preferred stock up to 50% of issued capital.
- Proposals for share repurchase plans.
- Proposals to reduce the number of authorized shares of common or preferred stock, or to eliminate classes of preferred stock.
- Proposals to effect stock splits.
- Proposals to effect reverse stock splits if management proportionately reduces the authorized share amount set forth in the corporate charter. Reverse stock splits that do not adjust proportionately to the authorized share amount will generally be approved if the resulting increase in authorized shares coincides with the proxy guidelines set forth above for common stock increases.

COMPENSATION

- Director fees, provided the amounts are not excessive relative to other companies in the country or industry.

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- Employee stock purchase plans that permit discounts up to 15%, but only for grants that are part of a broad based employee plan, including all non-executive employees.
- Establishment of Employee Stock Option Plans and other employee ownership plans.

ANTI-TAKEOVER MATTERS

- Modify or rescind existing supermajority vote requirements to amend the charters or bylaws.
 - Adoption of anti-greenmail provisions provided that the proposal:
 - (i) defines greenmail; (ii) prohibits buyback offers to large block holders not made to all shareholders or not approved by disinterested shareholders; and (iii) contains no anti-takeover measures or other provisions restricting the rights of shareholders.
3. The following non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a substantive financial or best interest impact on the shareholder, are generally voted against (notwithstanding management support), subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.
- Capitalization changes that add classes of stock that which substantially dilute the voting interests of existing shareholders.
 - Proposals to increase the authorized number of shares of existing classes of stock that carry preemptive rights or supervoting rights.

- Creation of "blank check" preferred stock.
 - Changes in capitalization by 100% or more.
 - Compensation proposals that allow for discounted stock options that have not been offered to employees in general.
 - Amendments to bylaws that would require a supermajority shareholder vote to pass or repeal certain provisions.
 - Proposals to indemnify auditors.
4. The following types of non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a potential financial or best interest impact on an issuer, are voted as determined by the Proxy Review Committee.

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

- Mergers, acquisitions and other special corporate transactions (i.e., takeovers, spin-offs, sales of assets, reorganizations, restructurings and recapitalizations) will be examined on a case-by-case basis. In all cases, ISS and IRR research and analysis will be used along with MSIM Affiliates' research and analysis, based on, among other things, MSIM internal company-specific knowledge.

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- Change-in-control provisions in non-salary compensation plans, employment contracts, and severance agreements that benefit management and would be costly to shareholders if triggered.
- Shareholders rights plans that allow appropriate offers to shareholders to be blocked by the board or trigger provisions that prevent legitimate offers from proceeding.
- Executive/Director stock option plans. Generally, stock option plans should meet the following criteria:
 - (i) Whether the stock option plan is incentive based;
 - (ii) For mature companies, should be no more than 5% of the issued capital at the time of approval;
 - (iii) For growth companies, should be no more than 10% of the issued capital at the time of approval.

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS

- Proposals requiring shareholder ratification of poison pills.
- Anti-takeover and related provisions that serve to prevent the majority of shareholders from exercising their rights or effectively deter the appropriate tender offers and other offers.

B. SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

1. The following shareholder proposals are generally supported, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate:

- Requiring auditors to attend the annual meeting of shareholders.
 - Requirement that members of the company's compensation, nominating and audit committees be comprised of independent or unaffiliated Directors.
 - Requirement that a certain percentage of its Board's members be comprised of independent and unaffiliated Directors.
 - Confidential voting.
 - Reduction or elimination of supermajority vote requirements.
2. The following shareholder proposals will be voted as determined by the Proxy Review Committee.
- Proposals that limit tenure of directors.
 - Proposals to limit golden parachutes.
 - Proposals requiring directors to own large amounts of stock to be eligible for election.
 - Restoring cumulative voting in the election of directors.

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- Proposals that request or require disclosure of executive compensation in addition to the disclosure required by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regulations.
 - Proposals that limit retirement benefits or executive compensation.
 - Requiring shareholder approval for bylaw or charter amendments.
 - Requiring shareholder approval for shareholder rights plan or poison pill.
 - Requiring shareholder approval of golden parachutes.
 - Elimination of certain anti-takeover related provisions.
 - Prohibit payment of greenmail.
3. The following shareholder proposals are generally not supported, subject to the review and approval of the Committee, as appropriate.
- Requirements that the issuer prepare reports that are costly to provide or that would require duplicative efforts or expenditures that are of a non-business nature or would provide no pertinent information from the perspective of institutional shareholders.
 - Restrictions related to social, political or special interest issues that impact the ability of the company to do business or be competitive and that have a significant financial or best interest impact to the shareholders.
 - Proposals that require inappropriate endorsements or corporate actions.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF PROXY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. PROXY REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. The MSIM Proxy Review Committee ("Committee") is responsible for creating and implementing MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures and, in this regard, has expressly adopted them. Following are some of the functions and responsibilities of the Committee.
 - (a) The Committee, which will consist of members designated by MSIM's Chief Investment Officer, is responsible for establishing MSIM's proxy voting policies and guidelines and determining how MSIM will vote proxies on an ongoing basis.
 - (b) The Committee will periodically review and have the authority to amend as necessary MSIM's proxy voting policies and guidelines (as expressed in these Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures) and establish and direct voting positions consistent with the Client Proxy Standard.
 - (c) The Committee will meet at least monthly to (among other matters):
 - (1) address any outstanding issues relating to MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures; and
 - (2) generally review proposals at upcoming shareholder meetings of MSIM portfolio companies in accordance with this Policy and Procedures including, as appropriate, the voting results of prior shareholder

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meetings of the same issuer where a similar proposal was presented to shareholders. The Committee, or its designee, will timely communicate to ISS MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures (and any amendments to them and/or any additional guidelines or procedures it may adopt).

- (d) The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis to (among other matters):
 - (1) authorize "split voting" (i.e., allowing certain shares of the same issuer that are the subject of the same proxy solicitation and held by one or more MSIM portfolios to be voted differently than other shares) and/or "override voting" (i.e., voting all MSIM portfolio shares in a manner contrary to the Procedures);
 - (2) review and approve upcoming votes, as appropriate, for matters for which specific direction has been provided in Sections I, II, and III above; and
 - (3) determine how to vote matters for which specific direction has not been provided in Sections I, II and III above. Split votes will generally not be approved within a single Global Investor Group team. The Committee may take into account ISS recommendations and the research provided by IRRC as well as any other relevant information they may request or receive.
 - (e) In addition to the procedures discussed above, if the Committee determines that an issue raises a potential material conflict of interest, or gives rise to the appearance of a potential material conflict of interest, the Committee will designate a special committee to review, and recommend a course of action with respect to, the conflict(s) in question ("Special Committee"). The Special Committee may request the assistance of the Law and Compliance Departments and will have sole discretion to cast a vote. In addition to the research provided by ISS and IRRC, the Special Committee may request analysis from MSIM Affiliate investment professionals and outside sources to the extent it deems

appropriate.

- (f) The Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s), will document in writing all of their decisions and actions, which documentation will be maintained by the Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s) for a period of at least 6 years. To the extent these decisions relate to a security held by a MSIM U.S. registered investment company, the Committee and Special Committee, or their designee(s), will report their decisions to each applicable Board of Trustees/Directors of those investment companies at each Board's next regularly Scheduled Board meeting. The report will contain information concerning decisions made by the Committee and Special Committee during the most recently ended calendar quarter immediately preceding the Board meeting.
- (g) The Committee and Special Committee, or their designee(s), will timely communicate to applicable PMs, the Compliance Departments and, as necessary to ISS, decisions of the Committee and Special Committee so that, among other things, ISS will vote proxies consistent with their decisions.

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APPENDIX C

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
OF VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND

Dated December 30, 2003

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

VAN KAMPEN
HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND

Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund's (the "Fund") investment objective is to seek to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective which is sought only when consistent with the Fund's primary investment objective. The Fund's investment adviser seeks to achieve the Fund's investment objectives by investing primarily in a portfolio of high-yielding, high-risk bonds and other income securities, such as convertible securities and preferred stock.

The Fund is organized as a diversified series of the Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund, an open-end, management investment company (the "Trust").

This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with the Fund's prospectus (the "Prospectus") dated as of the same date as this Statement of Additional Information. This Statement of Additional Information does not include all the information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing shares of the Fund. Investors should obtain and read the Prospectus prior to purchasing shares of the Fund. A Prospectus may be obtained without charge from our web site at www.vankampen.com or by writing or calling Van Kampen Funds Inc. at 1 Parkview Plaza, PO Box 5555, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555 or (800) 847-2424 (or (800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired).

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THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS DATED DECEMBER 30, 2003.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Fund was originally incorporated in Texas on July 11, 1978 organized under the name American Capital High Yield Investments, Inc. The Fund was reincorporated by merger into a Maryland corporation on July 2, 1992, under the name American Capital High Income Corporate Bond Fund, Inc. As of August 5, 1995, the Fund was reorganized as a series of the Trust, under the name Van Kampen American Capital High Income Corporate Bond Fund. The Trust is a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. On July 14, 1998, the Fund and the Trust adopted their present names.

Van Kampen Asset Management (the "Adviser" or "Asset Management"), Van Kampen Funds Inc. (the "Distributor"), and Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services") are wholly owned subsidiaries of Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley. The principal office of the Trust and the Fund is located at 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois 60181-5555. The principal office of the Adviser, the Distributor and Van Kampen Investments is located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020. The principal office of Investor Services is located at Harborside Financial Center, Plaza 2, Jersey City, New Jersey 07303-0947.

The authorized capitalization of the Trust consists of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.01 per share, which can be divided into series, such as the Fund, and further subdivided into classes of each series. Each share represents an equal proportionate interest in the assets of the series with each other share in such series and no interest in any other

series. No series is subject to the liabilities of any other series. The Declaration of Trust provides that shareholders are not liable for any liabilities of the Trust or any of its series, requires inclusion of a clause to that effect in every agreement entered into by the Trust or any of its series and indemnifies shareholders against any such liability.

The Fund currently offers three classes of shares, designated as Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Other classes may be established from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Trust. Each class of shares of the Fund generally is identical in all respects except that each class of shares is subject to its own sales charge schedule and its own distribution and service expenses. Each class of shares also has exclusive voting rights with respect to its distribution and service fees.

Shares of the Trust entitle their holders to one vote per share; however, separate votes are taken by each series on matters affecting an individual series and separate votes are taken by each class of a series on matters affecting an individual class of such series. For example, a change in investment policy for a series would be voted upon by shareholders of only the series involved and a change in the distribution or service fee for a class of a series would be voted upon by shareholders of only the class of such series involved. Except as otherwise described in the Prospectus or herein, shares do not have cumulative voting rights, preemptive rights or any conversion, subscription or exchange rights.

The Trust does not contemplate holding regular meetings of shareholders to elect Trustees or otherwise. However, the holders of 10% or more of the outstanding shares may by written request require a meeting to consider the removal of Trustees by a vote of a majority of the shares then outstanding cast in person or by proxy at such meeting. The Fund will assist such holders in communicating with other shareholders of the Fund to the extent required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), or rules or regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

In the event of liquidation, each of the shares of the Fund is entitled to its portion of all of the Fund's net assets after all debts and expenses of the Fund have been paid. The liquidation proceeds to holders of classes of shares with higher distribution fees and transfer agency costs are likely to be less than the liquidation proceeds to holders of classes of shares with lower distribution fees and transfer agency costs.

The Trustees may amend the Declaration of Trust (including with respect to any series) in any manner without shareholder approval, except that the Trustees may not adopt any amendment adversely affecting the rights of shareholders of any series without approval by a majority of the shares of each affected series outstanding and entitled to vote (or such higher vote as may be required by the 1940 Act or other applicable law) and except that the Trustees cannot amend the Declaration of Trust to impose any liability on

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shareholders, make any assessment on shares or impose liabilities on the Trustees without approval from each affected shareholder or Trustee, as the case may be.

Statements contained in this Statement of Additional Information as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this Statement of Additional Information forms a part, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

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As of December 1, 2003, no person was known by the Fund to own beneficially or to hold of record 5% or more of the outstanding Class A Shares, Class B Shares or Class C Shares of the Fund, except as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF HOLDER -----	CLASS OF SHARES -----	PERCENTAGE OWNERSHIP -----
Edward Jones & Co.	A	15.52%
Attn: Mutual Fund	B	7.50%
Shareholder Accounting	C	8.96%
201 Progress Pkwy		
Maryland Hts, MO 63043-3009		
Morgan Stanley DW Inc.	A	7.27%
825 3rd Avenue	B	10.40%
New York, NY 10022	C	9.90%
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	B	7.73%
00109801250	C	13.32%
Attn: Cindy Tempesta, 7th Floor		
333 West 34th Street		
New York, NY 10001-2402		
MLPF&S for the Sole Benefit of its Customers.....	C	7.65%
Attn: Fund Administration 97BY5		
4800 Dear Lake Dr. East, 2nd Floor		
Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484		

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND RISKS

The following disclosure supplements the disclosure set forth under the same caption in the Prospectus and does not, standing alone, present a complete or accurate explanation of the matters disclosed. Readers must refer also to this caption in the Prospectus for a complete presentation of the matters disclosed below.

CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES

A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock, warrant or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock or other security of the same or a different issuer or into cash within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security generally entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt securities or the dividend paid on preferred stock until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Before conversion, convertible securities generally have characteristics similar to both debt and equity securities. The value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates rise and, because of the conversion feature, tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying equity securities. Convertible securities ordinarily provide a stream of income with generally higher yields than those of common stock of the same or similar issuers. Convertible securities generally rank senior to common stock in a corporation's capital structure but are usually subordinated to comparable nonconvertible securities. Convertible securities generally do not participate directly in any dividend increases or decreases of the underlying securities although the market prices of convertible securities may be affected by any such dividend changes or other changes in the underlying securities.

Equity-linked securities are instruments whose value is based upon the value of one or more underlying equity securities, a reference rate or an index. Equity-linked securities come in many forms and may include features, among others, such as the following: (i) may be issued by the issuer of the underlying equity security or by a company other than the one to which the instrument is linked (usually an investment bank), (ii) may convert into equity securities, such as common stock, within a stated period from the issue date or may be redeemed for cash or some combination of cash and the linked security at a value based upon the value of the underlying equity security within a stated period from the issue date, (iii) may have various conversion features prior to maturity at the option of the holder or the issuer or both, (iv) may limit the appreciation value with caps or collars of the value of the underlying equity security and (v) may have fixed, variable or no interest payments during the life of the security which reflect the actual or a structured return relative to the underlying dividends of the linked equity security. Generally these securities are designed to give investors enhanced yield opportunities to the equity securities of an issuer, but these securities may involve a limited appreciation potential, downside exposure, or a finite time in which to capture the yield advantage. For example, certain securities may provide a higher current dividend income than the dividend income on the underlying security while capping participation in the capital appreciation of such security. Other securities may involve arrangements with no interest or dividend payments made until maturity of the security or an enhanced principal amount received at maturity based on the yield and value of the underlying equity security during the security's term or at maturity. Besides enhanced yield opportunities, another advantage of using such securities is that they may be used for portfolio management or hedging purposes to reduce the risk of investing in a more volatile underlying equity security. There may be additional types of convertible securities with features not specifically referred to herein in which the Fund may invest consistent with its investment objective and policies.

Investments in equity-linked securities may subject the Fund to additional risks not ordinarily associated with investments in other equity securities. Because equity-linked securities are sometimes issued by a third party other than the issuer of the linked security, the Fund is subject to risks if the underlying stock underperforms and if the issuer defaults on the payment of the dividend or the common stock at maturity. In addition, the trading market for particular equity-linked securities may be less liquid, making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of a particular security when necessary and reduced liquidity in the secondary market for any such securities may make it more difficult to obtain market quotations for valuing the Fund's portfolio.

PREFERRED STOCKS

Preferred stock generally has a preference as to dividends and upon liquidation over an issuer's common stock but ranks junior to other income securities in an issuer's capital structure. Preferred stock generally pays dividends in cash (or additional shares of preferred stock) at a defined rate but, unlike interest payments on other income securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Dividends on preferred stock may be cumulative, meaning that, in the event the issuer fails to make one or more dividend payments on the preferred stock, no dividends may be paid on the issuer's common stock until all unpaid preferred stock dividends have been paid. Preferred stock also may provide that, in the event the issuer fails to make a specified number of dividend payments, the holders of the preferred stock will have the right to elect a specified number of directors to the issuer's board. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

DURATION

Duration is a measure of the expected life of an income security that was

developed as an alternative to the concept of "term to maturity." Duration incorporates an income security's yield, coupon interest payments, final maturity and call features into one measure. Traditionally an income security's "term to maturity" has been used as a proxy for the sensitivity of the security's price to changes in interest rates. However, "term to maturity" measures only the time an income security provides its final payment taking no account of the pattern of the security's payments of interest or principal prior to maturity. Duration is a measure of the expected life of an income security on a present value basis expressed in years. It measures the length of the time interval between the present and the time when the interest and principal payments are

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scheduled (or in the case of a callable bond, expected to be received), weighing them by the present value of the cash to be received at each future point in time. For any debt security with interest payments occurring prior to the payment of principal, duration is always less than maturity, and for zero coupon issues, duration and term to maturity are equal. In general, the lower the coupon rate of interest or the longer the maturity, or the lower the yield-to-maturity of an income security, the longer its duration; conversely, the higher the coupon rate of interest, the shorter the maturity or the higher the yield-to-maturity of an income security, the shorter its duration. There are some situations where even the standard duration calculation does not properly reflect the interest rate exposure of a security. For example, floating and variable rate securities often have final maturities of ten or more years; however, their interest rate exposure corresponds to the frequency of the coupon reset. Another example where the interest rate exposure is not properly captured by the duration is the case of mortgage pass-through securities. The stated final maturity of such securities is generally 30 years, but current prepayment rates are more critical in determining the securities' interest rate exposure. In these and other similar situations, the Adviser will use more sophisticated analytical techniques that incorporate the economic life of a security into the determination of its interest rate exposure.

SECURITIES OF FOREIGN ISSUERS

The Fund may purchase foreign securities in the form of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs") or other securities representing underlying shares of foreign companies. These securities are not necessarily denominated in the same currency as the underlying securities but generally are denominated in the currency of the market in which they are traded. ADRs are receipts typically issued by an American bank or trust company which evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. ADRs are publicly traded on exchanges or over-the-counter in the United States and are issued through "sponsored" or "unsponsored" arrangements. In a sponsored ADR arrangement, the foreign issuer assumes the obligation to pay some or all of the depositary's transaction fees, whereas under an unsponsored arrangement, the foreign issuer assumes no obligations and the depositary's transaction fees are paid by the ADR holders. In addition, less information is available in the United States about an unsponsored ADR than about a sponsored ADR and financial information about a company may not be as reliable for an unsponsored ADR as it is for a sponsored ADR. The Fund may invest in ADRs through both sponsored and unsponsored arrangements. EDRs are receipts issued in Europe by banks or depositories which evidence a similar ownership arrangement.

BRADY BONDS

Brady Bonds are created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to foreign entities for new obligations in connection with debt restructuring under a plan introduced by former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury

Nicholas F. Brady (the "Brady Plan"). Brady Bonds may be collateralized or uncollateralized and issued in various currencies (although most are U.S. dollar-denominated) and they are actively traded in the over-the-counter secondary market. The Fund may purchase Brady Bonds either in the primary or secondary markets. The price and yield of Brady Bonds purchased in the secondary market will reflect the market conditions at the time of purchase, regardless of the stated face amount and the stated interest rate. With respect to Brady Bonds with no or limited collateralization, the Fund will rely for payment of interest and principal primarily on the willingness and ability of the issuing government to make payment in accordance with the terms of the bonds.

U.S. dollar-denominated, collateralized Brady Bonds, which may be fixed rate par bonds or floating rate discount bonds, are generally collateralized in full as to principal due at maturity by U.S. Treasury zero coupon obligations which have the same maturity as the Brady Bonds. Interest payments on these Brady Bonds generally are collateralized by cash or securities in an amount that, in the case of fixed rate bonds, is equal to at least one year of rolling interest payments or, in the case of floating rate bonds, initially is equal to at least one year's rolling interest payments based on the applicable interest rate at that time and is adjusted at regular intervals thereafter. Certain Brady Bonds are entitled to "value recovery payments" in certain circumstances, which in effect constitute supplemental interest payments but generally are not collateralized. Brady Bonds are often viewed as having three or four valuation components: (i) the collateralized repayment

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of principal at final maturity; (ii) the collateralized interest payments; (iii) the uncollateralized interest payments; and (iv) any uncollateralized repayment of principal at maturity (these uncollateralized amounts constitute the "residual risk"). In the event of a default with respect to collateralized Brady Bonds as a result of which the payment obligations of the issuer are accelerated, the U.S. Treasury zero coupon obligations held as collateral for the payment of principal will not be distributed to investors, nor will such obligations be sold and the proceeds distributed. The collateral will be held to the scheduled maturity of the defaulted Brady Bonds by the collateral agent, at which time the face amount of the collateral will equal the principal payments which would have then been due on the Brady Bonds in the normal course. In addition, in light of the residual risk of the Brady Bonds and, among other factors, the history of defaults with respect to commercial bank loans by public and private entities of countries issuing Brady Bonds, investments in Brady Bonds should be viewed as speculative.

LENDING OF SECURITIES

Consistent with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities, in an amount up to 10% of the Fund's total assets, to broker-dealers, banks and other institutional borrowers of securities provided such loans are callable at any time and are continuously secured by collateral that is at least equal to the market value, determined daily, of the loaned securities. The advantage of such loans is that the Fund continues to receive the interest or dividends on the loaned securities, while at the same time earning interest on the collateral which is invested in short-term obligations or the Fund receives an agreed upon amount of interest from the borrower of the security. The Fund may pay reasonable finders, administrative and custodial fees in connection with loans of its securities. There is no assurance as to the extent to which securities loans can be effected.

If the borrower fails to maintain the requisite amount of collateral, the loan automatically terminates, and the Fund could use the collateral to replace the securities while holding the borrower liable for any excess of replacement

cost over collateral. As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. However, these loans of portfolio securities will only be made to firms deemed by the Adviser to be creditworthy and when the consideration which can be earned from such loans is believed to justify the attendant risks. On termination of the loan, the borrower is required to return the securities to the Fund; any gain or loss in the market price during the loan would inure to the Fund.

When voting or consent rights which accompany loaned securities pass to the borrower, the Fund will follow the policy of calling the loan in whole or in part as may be appropriate to permit the exercise of such rights if the matters involved would have a material effect on the Fund's investment in the securities which are the subject of the loan.

REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS

The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions to earn a return on temporarily available cash. A repurchase agreement is a short-term investment in which the purchaser (i.e., the Fund) acquires ownership of a security and the seller agrees to repurchase the obligation at a future time and set price, thereby determining the yield during the holding period. Repurchase agreements involve certain risks in the event of default by the other party. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions deemed to be creditworthy by the Adviser under guidelines approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The Fund will not invest in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days if any such investment, together with any other illiquid securities held by the Fund, would exceed the Fund's limitation on illiquid securities described herein. The Fund does not bear the risk of a decline in the value of the underlying security unless the seller defaults under its repurchase obligation. In the event of the bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses including: (a) possible decline in the value of the underlying security during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto; (b) possible lack of access to income on the underlying security during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

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For the purpose of investing in repurchase agreements, the Adviser may aggregate the cash that certain funds advised or subadvised by the Adviser or certain of its affiliates would otherwise invest separately into a joint account. The cash in the joint account is then invested in repurchase agreements and the funds that contributed to the joint account share pro rata in the net revenue generated. The Adviser believes that the joint account produces efficiencies and economies of scale that may contribute to reduced transaction costs, higher returns, higher quality investments and greater diversity of investments for the Fund than would be available to the Fund investing separately. The manner in which the joint account is managed is subject to conditions set forth in an exemptive order from the SEC permitting this practice, which conditions are designed to ensure the fair administration of the joint account and to protect the amounts in that account.

Repurchase agreements are fully collateralized by the underlying securities and are considered to be loans under the 1940 Act. The Fund pays for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer to the account of a custodian or bank acting as agent. The seller under a repurchase agreement will be required to maintain the value of the underlying securities marked-to-market daily at not less than the repurchase price. The underlying securities (normally securities of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities) may have maturity dates exceeding one year.

ILLIQUID SECURITIES

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, which includes securities that are not readily marketable, repurchase agreements which have a maturity of longer than seven days and generally includes securities that are restricted from sale to the public without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). However, the Fund shall not invest in such securities in excess of 10% of its net assets without prior approval of the Fund's Board of Trustees. The sale of such securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of liquid securities trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities are often purchased at a discount from the market price of unrestricted securities of the same issuer reflecting the fact that such securities may not be readily marketable without some time delay. Investments in securities for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Ordinarily, the Fund would invest in restricted securities only when it receives the issuer's commitment to register the securities without expense to the Fund. However, registration and underwriting expenses (which typically range from 7% to 15% of the gross proceeds of the securities sold) may be paid by the Fund. Restricted securities which can be offered and sold to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act ("144A Securities") and are determined to be liquid under guidelines adopted by and subject to the supervision of the Fund's Board of Trustees are not subject to the limitation on illiquid securities. Such 144A Securities are subject to monitoring and may become illiquid to the extent qualified institutional buyers become, for a time, uninterested in purchasing such securities. Factors used to determine whether 144A Securities are liquid include, among other things, a security's trading history, the availability of reliable pricing information, the number of dealers making quotes or making a market in such security and the number of potential purchasers in the market for such security. For purposes hereof, investments by the Fund in securities of other investment companies will not be considered investments in restricted securities to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief (such as "no action" letters issued by the staff of the SEC interpreting or providing guidance on the 1940 Act or regulations thereunder) from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.

STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS

The Fund may, but is not required to, use various investment strategies as described below to earn income, facilitate portfolio management and mitigate risks. Techniques and instruments may change over time as new instruments and strategies are developed or regulatory changes occur. Although the Adviser seeks to use such transactions to further the Fund's investment objectives, no assurance can be given that the use of these transactions will achieve this result.

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SELLING CALL AND PUT OPTIONS

Purpose. The principal reason for selling options is to obtain, through receipt of premiums, a greater current return than would be realized on the underlying securities alone. Such current return could be expected to fluctuate because premiums earned from an option selling program and dividend or interest income yields on portfolio securities vary as economic and market conditions change. Selling options on portfolio securities is likely to result in a higher

portfolio turnover rate.

Selling Options. The purchaser of a call option pays a premium to the seller (i.e., the writer) for the right to buy the underlying security from the seller at a specified price during a certain period. The Fund would write call options only on a covered basis or for cross-hedging purposes. A call option is covered if, at all times during the option period, the Fund owns or has the right to acquire securities of the type that it would be obligated to deliver if any outstanding option were exercised. An option is for cross-hedging purposes if it is not covered by the security subject to the option, but is designed to provide a hedge against another security which the Fund owns or has the right to acquire. In such circumstances, the Fund collateralizes the option by segregating cash and/or liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the underlying security, marked to market daily, while the option is outstanding.

The purchaser of a put option pays a premium to the seller (i.e., the writer) for the right to sell the underlying security to the writer at a specified price during a certain period. The Fund would sell put options only on a secured basis, which means that, at all times during the option period, the Fund would segregate cash and/or liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the exercise price of the option, or would hold a put on the same underlying security at an equal or greater exercise price.

Closing Purchase Transactions and Offsetting Transactions. To terminate its position as a writer of a call or put option, the Fund could enter into a "closing purchase transaction," which is the purchase of a call (put) on the same underlying security and having the same exercise price and expiration date as the call (put) previously sold by the Fund. The Fund would realize a gain (loss) if the premium plus commission paid in the closing purchase transaction is lesser (greater) than the premium it received on the sale of the option. The Fund would also realize a gain if an option it has written lapses unexercised.

The Fund could sell options that are listed on an exchange as well as options which are privately negotiated in over-the-counter transactions. The Fund could close out its position as a seller of an option only if a liquid secondary market exists for options of that series, but there is no assurance that such a market will exist, particularly in the case of over-the-counter options, since they can be closed out only with the other party to the transaction. Alternatively, the Fund could purchase an offsetting option, which would not close out its position as a seller, but would provide an asset of equal value to its obligation under the option sold. If the Fund is not able to enter into a closing purchase transaction or to purchase an offsetting option with respect to an option it has sold, it will be required to maintain the securities subject to the call or the collateral securing the option until a closing purchase transaction can be entered into (or the option is exercised or expires) even though it might not be advantageous to do so.

Risks of Writing Options. By selling a call option, the Fund loses the potential for gain on the underlying security above the exercise price while the option is outstanding; by selling a put option the Fund might become obligated to purchase the underlying security at an exercise price that exceeds the then current market price.

PURCHASING CALL AND PUT OPTIONS

The Fund could purchase call options to protect against anticipated increases in the prices of securities it wishes to acquire. Alternatively, call options could be purchased for capital appreciation. Since the premium paid for a call option is typically a small fraction of the price of the underlying security, a given amount of funds will purchase call options covering a much larger quantity of such security than could be purchased directly. By purchasing

call options, the Fund could benefit from any significant increase in the price of the underlying security to a greater extent than had it invested the same amount in the security directly. However, because of the very high volatility of option premiums, the Fund would bear a significant risk of losing the

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entire premium if the price of the underlying security did not rise sufficiently, or if it did not do so before the option expired.

Put options may be purchased to protect against anticipated declines in the market value of either specific portfolio securities or of the Fund's assets generally. Alternatively, put options may be purchased for capital appreciation in anticipation of a price decline in the underlying security and a corresponding increase in the value of the put option. The purchase of put options for capital appreciation involves the same significant risk of loss as described above for call options.

In any case, the purchase of options for capital appreciation would increase the Fund's volatility by increasing the impact of changes in the market price of the underlying securities on the Fund's net asset value.

OVER THE COUNTER OPTIONS

The Fund is authorized to purchase and sell over-the-counter options ("OTC Options"). OTC Options are purchased from or sold to securities dealers, financial institutions or other parties ("Counterparties") through direct bilateral agreement with the Counterparty. The Fund will sell only OTC Options (other than OTC currency options) that are subject to a buy-back provision permitting the Fund to require the Counterparty to sell the option back to the Fund at a formula price within seven days. The staff of the SEC currently takes the position that, in general, OTC Options on securities other than U.S. Government securities purchased by the Fund, and portfolio securities covering OTC Options sold by the Fund, are illiquid securities subject to the Fund's limitation on illiquid securities.

FUTURES CONTRACTS

The Fund may engage in transactions involving futures contracts and options on futures contracts in accordance with the rules and interpretations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") under which the Fund would be exempt from registration as a "commodity pool."

An index futures contract is an agreement pursuant to which a party agrees to take or make delivery of an amount of cash equal to a specified dollar amount multiplied by the difference between the index value at a specified time and the price at which the futures contract originally was struck. No physical delivery of the underlying securities in the index is made.

Currently, securities index futures contracts can be purchased with respect to several indices on various exchanges. Differences in the securities included in the indices may result in differences in correlation of the futures contracts with movements in the value of the securities being hedged.

An interest rate futures contract is an agreement pursuant to which a party agrees to take or make delivery of a specified debt security (such as U.S. Treasury bonds or notes), or to take or make delivery of cash based upon the change in value of a basket or index of securities at a specified future time and at a specified price.

Initial and Variation Margin. In contrast to the purchase or sale of a

security, no price is paid or received upon the purchase or sale of a futures contract. Initially, the Fund is required to deposit an amount of cash and/or liquid securities equal to a percentage (which will normally range between 1% and 10%) of the contract amount with either a futures commission merchant pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated under the 1940 Act or with its custodian in an account in the broker's name. This amount is known as initial margin. The nature of initial margin in futures contract transactions is different from that of margin in securities transactions in that futures contract margin does not involve the borrowing of funds by the customer to finance the transaction. Rather, the initial margin is in the nature of a performance bond or good faith deposit on the contract, which is returned to the Fund upon termination of the futures contract and satisfaction of its contractual obligations. Subsequent payments to and from the initial margin account, called variation margin, are made on a daily basis as the price of the underlying securities or index fluctuates, making the long and short positions in the futures contract more or less valuable, a process known as marking to market.

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For example, when the Fund purchases a futures contract and the price of the underlying security or index rises, that position increases in value, and the Fund receives a variation margin payment equal to that increase in value. Conversely, where the Fund purchases a futures contract and the value of the underlying security or index declines, the position is less valuable, and the Fund is required to make a variation margin payment.

At any time prior to expiration of the futures contract, the Fund may elect to terminate the position by taking an opposite position. A final determination of variation margin is then made, additional cash is required to be paid by or released to the Fund, and the Fund realizes a loss or a gain.

Futures Contract Strategies. When the Fund anticipates a significant market or market sector advance, the purchase of a futures contract affords a hedge against not participating in the advance at a time when the Fund is otherwise fully invested ("anticipatory hedge"). Such purchase of a futures contract would serve as a temporary substitute for the purchase of individual securities, which may be purchased in an orderly fashion once the market has stabilized. As individual securities are purchased, an equivalent amount of futures contracts could be terminated by offsetting sales. The Fund may sell futures contracts in anticipation of or in a general market or market sector decline that may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's securities ("defensive hedge"). To the extent that the Fund's portfolio of securities changes in value in correlation with the underlying security or index, the sale of futures contracts would substantially reduce the risk to the Fund of a market decline and, by so doing, provides an alternative to the liquidation of securities positions in the Fund. Ordinarily transaction costs associated with futures contract transactions are lower than transaction costs that would be incurred in the purchase and sale of the underlying securities.

Special Risks Associated with Futures Contract Transactions. There are several risks connected with the use of futures contracts. These include the risk of imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the futures contracts and of the underlying securities or index; the risk of market distortion; the risk of illiquidity; and the risk of error in anticipating price movement.

There may be an imperfect correlation (or no correlation) between movements in the price of the futures contracts and of the securities being hedged. The risk of imperfect correlation increases as the composition of the securities being hedged diverges from the securities upon which the futures contract is

based. If the price of the futures contract moves less than the price of the securities being hedged, the hedge will not be fully effective. To compensate for the imperfect correlation, the Fund could buy or sell futures contracts in a greater dollar amount than the dollar amount of securities being hedged if the historical volatility of the securities being hedged is greater than the historical volatility of the securities underlying the futures contract. Conversely, the Fund could buy or sell futures contracts in a lesser dollar amount than the dollar amount of securities being hedged if the historical volatility of the securities being hedged is less than the historical volatility of the securities underlying the futures contracts. It is also possible that the value of futures contracts held by the Fund could decline at the same time as portfolio securities being hedged; if this occurred, the Fund would lose money on the futures contract in addition to suffering a decline in value in the portfolio securities being hedged.

There is also the risk that the price of futures contracts may not correlate perfectly with movements in the securities or index underlying the futures contract due to certain market distortions. First, all participants in the futures contract market are subject to margin depository and maintenance requirements. Rather than meet additional margin depository requirements, investors may close futures contracts through offsetting transactions, which could distort the normal relationship between the futures contract market and the securities or index underlying the futures contract. Second, from the point of view of speculators, the deposit requirements in the futures contract market are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities markets. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the futures contract markets may cause temporary price distortions. Due to the possibility of price distortion in the futures contract markets and because of the imperfect correlation between movements in futures contracts and movements in the securities underlying them, a correct forecast of general market trends by the Adviser may still not result in a successful hedging transaction.

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There is also the risk that futures contract markets may not be sufficiently liquid. Futures contracts may be closed out only on an exchange or board of trade that provides a market for such futures contracts. Although the Fund intends to purchase or sell futures contract only on exchanges and boards of trade where there appears to be an active secondary market, there can be no assurance that an active secondary market will exist for any particular contract or at any particular time. In the event of such illiquidity, it might not be possible to close a futures contract position and, in the event of adverse price movement, the Fund would continue to be required to make daily payments of variation margin. Since the securities being hedged would not be sold until the related futures contract is sold, an increase, if any, in the price of the securities may to some extent offset losses on the related futures contract. In such event, the Fund would lose the benefit of the appreciation in value of the securities.

Successful use of futures contracts is also subject to the Adviser's ability to correctly predict the direction of movements in the market. For example, if the Fund hedges against a decline in the market, and market prices instead advance, the Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increase in value of its securities holdings because it will have offsetting losses in futures contracts. In such cases, if the Fund has insufficient cash, it may have to sell portfolio securities at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so to meet the daily variation margin.

Although the Fund intends to enter into futures contracts only if there is an active market for such contracts, there is no assurance that an active market will exist for the contracts at any particular time. Most U.S. futures contract

exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day. Once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit. It is possible that futures contract prices would move to the daily limit for several consecutive trading days with little or no trading, thereby preventing prompt liquidation of futures contract positions and subjecting some futures contract traders to substantial losses. In such event, and in the event of adverse price movements, the Fund would be required to make daily cash payments of variation margin. In such circumstances, an increase in the value of the portion of the portfolio being hedged, if any, may partially or completely offset losses on the futures contract. However, there is no guarantee that the price of the securities being hedged will, in fact, correlate with the price movements in a futures contract and thus provide an offset to losses on the futures contract.

The Fund will not enter into futures contracts or options transactions (except for closing transactions) other than for bona fide hedging purposes if, immediately thereafter, the sum of its initial margin and premiums on open futures contracts and options exceed 5% of the fair market value of the Fund's assets; however, in the case of an option that is in-the-money at the time of purchase, the in-the-money amount may be excluded in calculating the 5% limitation. To prevent leverage in connection with the purchase of futures contracts by the Fund, the Fund will segregate cash and/or liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the market value of the obligation under the futures contracts (less any related margin deposits).

OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

The Fund could also purchase and write options on futures contracts. An option on a futures contract gives the purchaser the right, in return for the premium paid, 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) at a specified exercise price at any time during the option period. As a writer of an option on a futures contract, the Fund would be subject to initial margin and maintenance requirements similar to those applicable to futures contracts. In addition, net option premiums received by the Fund are required to be included as initial margin deposits. When an option on a futures contract is exercised, delivery of the futures contract position is accompanied by cash representing the difference between the current market price of the futures contract and the exercise price of the option. The Fund could purchase put options on futures contracts in lieu of, and for the same purposes as the sale of a futures contract; at the same time, it could write put options at a lower strike price (a "put bear spread") to offset part of the cost of the strategy to the Fund. The purchase of call options on futures contracts is intended to serve the same purpose as the actual purchase of the futures contracts.

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Risks of Transactions in Options on Futures Contracts. In addition to the risks described above which apply to all options transactions, there are several special risks relating to options on futures contracts. The Adviser will not purchase options on futures contracts on any exchange unless in the Adviser's opinion, a liquid secondary exchange market for such options exists. Compared to the use of futures contracts, the purchase of options on futures contracts involves less potential risk to the Fund because the maximum amount at risk is the premium paid for the options (plus transaction costs). However, there may be circumstances, such as when there is no movement in the price of the underlying security or index, when the use of an option on a future contract would result in a loss to the Fund when the use of a future contract would not.

ADDITIONAL RISKS OF OPTIONS, FUTURES CONTRACTS AND OPTIONS ON FUTURES CONTRACTS

Each of the exchanges has established limitations governing the maximum number of call or put options on the same underlying security or futures contract (whether or not covered) which may be 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). Option positions of all investment companies advised by the Adviser are combined for purposes of these limits. An exchange may order the liquidation of positions found to be in violation of these limits and it may impose other sanctions or restrictions. These position limits may restrict the number of listed options which the Fund may write.

In the event of the bankruptcy of a broker through which the Fund engages in transactions in options, futures contracts or options on futures contracts, the Fund could experience delays and/or losses in liquidating open positions purchased or incur a loss of all or part of its margin deposits. Transactions are entered into by the Fund only with brokers or financial institutions deemed creditworthy by the Adviser.

USE OF SEGREGATED AND OTHER SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Many derivative transactions, in addition to other requirements, require that the Fund segregate cash and/or liquid securities to the extent the Fund's obligations are not otherwise "covered" as described above. In general, either the full amount of any obligation by the Fund to pay or deliver securities or assets must be covered at all times by the securities, instruments or currency required to be delivered (or securities convertible into the needed securities without additional consideration), or, subject to applicable regulatory restrictions, the Fund must segregate cash and/or liquid securities in an amount at least equal to the current amount of the obligation. In the case of a futures contract or an option on a futures contract, the Fund must deposit initial margin and possible daily variation margin in addition to segregating cash and/or liquid securities sufficient to meet its obligation to purchase or provide securities or currencies, or to pay the amount owed at the expiration of an index-based futures contract. Derivative transactions may be covered by other means when consistent with applicable regulatory policies. The Fund also may enter into offsetting transactions so that its combined position, coupled with any segregated cash and/or liquid securities, equals its net outstanding obligation.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund has adopted the following fundamental investment restrictions which may not be changed without shareholder approval by the vote of a majority of its outstanding voting securities, which is defined by the 1940 Act as the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the Fund's voting securities present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. The percentage limitations contained in the restrictions and policies set forth herein apply at the time of purchase of securities. With respect to the limitations on illiquid securities and borrowings, the percentage limitations apply at the time of purchase and on an ongoing basis. These restrictions provide that the Fund shall not:

1. Borrow money, except that the Fund may borrow for temporary purposes in amounts not exceeding 5% of the market or other fair value (taken at the lower of cost or current value) of its total assets (not including the amount borrowed). Secured temporary borrowings may take the form of reverse

repurchase agreements, pursuant to which the Fund would sell portfolio securities for cash and simultaneously agree to repurchase such securities at a specified date for the same amount of cash plus an interest component. Pledge its assets or assign or otherwise encumber them in excess of 3.25% of its net assets (taken at market value at the time of pledging) and then only to secure borrowings effected within the limitations set forth in the preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund may engage in transactions in options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts and make margin deposits and payments in connection therewith.

2. Engage in the underwriting of securities except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the 1933 Act in disposing of a portfolio security.
3. Make short sales of securities, but it may engage in transactions in options, futures contracts, and options on futures contracts.
4. Purchase securities on margin, except for such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities, and it may engage in transactions in options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts and make margin deposits and payments in connection therewith.
5. Purchase or sell real estate, although it may purchase securities of issuers which engage in real estate operations, securities which are secured by interests in real estate, or securities representing interests in real estate.
6. Purchase or sell commodities or commodity futures contracts, except that the Fund may enter into transactions in futures contracts and options on futures contracts.
7. Make loans of money or securities, except (a) by the purchase of debt obligations in which the Fund may invest consistent with its investment objectives and policies; (b) by investment in repurchase agreements or (c) by lending its portfolio securities, subject to limitations described elsewhere in this Statement of Additional Information.
8. Purchase oil, gas or other mineral leases, rights or royalty contracts or exploration or development programs, except that the Fund may invest in the securities of companies which invest in or sponsor such programs.
9. Invest in securities issued by other investment companies except as part of a merger, reorganization or other acquisition and except to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.
10. Invest for the purpose of exercising control or management of another company, except that the Fund may purchase securities of other investment companies to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.
11. Invest in securities of any company if, to the knowledge of the Fund,

any officer or director of the Fund or of the Adviser owns more than 1/2 of 1% of the outstanding securities of such company, and such officers and directors who own more than 1/2 of 1% own in the aggregate more than 5% of the outstanding securities of such company.

12. Invest more than 5% of the market or other fair value of its assets in warrants, or more than 2% of such value in warrants which are not listed on the New York or American Stock Exchanges. Warrants attached to other securities are not subject to these limitations.
13. Invest more than 15% of its net assets (determined at the time of investment) in illiquid securities and repurchase agreements which have a maturity of longer than seven days.

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14. With respect to 75% of its assets, invest more than 5% of its assets in the securities of any one issuer (except the U.S. government) or purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer, except that the Fund may purchase securities of other investment companies to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time.
15. Invest more than 25% of the value of its total assets in securities of issuers in any particular industry (except obligations of the U.S. government).
16. Issue senior securities, as defined in the 1940 Act, except that this restriction shall not be deemed to prohibit the Fund from (i) making and collateralizing any permitted borrowings, (ii) making any permitted loans of its portfolio securities, or (iii) entering into repurchase agreements, utilizing options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and other investment strategies and instruments that would be considered "senior securities" but for the maintenance by the Fund of a segregated account with its custodian or some other form of "cover."

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees and the Fund's officers appointed by the Board of Trustees. The tables below list the trustees and executive officers of the Fund and their principal occupations during the last five years, other directorships held by trustees and their affiliations, if any, with Van Kampen Investments Inc. ("Van Kampen Investments"), Van Kampen Asset Management ("Asset Management" or the "Adviser"), Van Kampen Funds Inc. (the "Distributor"), Van Kampen Advisors Inc., Van Kampen Exchange Corp. and Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services"). The term "Fund Complex" includes each of the investment companies advised by the Adviser or its affiliates as of the date of this Statement of Additional Information. Trustees serve until reaching their retirement age or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Officers are annually elected by the trustees.

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
David C. Arch (58) Blistex Inc. 1800 Swift Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523	Trustee	Trustee since 2003	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Blistex Inc., a consumer health care products manufacturer. Former Director of the World Presidents Organization-Chicago Chapter. Director of the Heartland Alliance, a nonprofit organization serving human needs based in Chicago.
J. Miles Branagan (71) 1632 Morning Mountain Road Raleigh, NC 27614	Trustee	Trustee since 1991	Private investor. Co-founder, and prior to August 1996, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President, MDT Corporation (now known as Getinge/ Castle, Inc., a subsidiary of Getinge Industrier AB), a company which develops, manufactures, markets and services medical and scientific equipment.

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY TRUSTEE
David C. Arch (58) Blistex Inc. 1800 Swift Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523	Trustee/Director/ Managing General Partner of funds in the Fund Complex.
J. Miles Branagan (71) 1632 Morning Mountain Road Raleigh, NC 27614	Trustee/Director/ Managing General Partner of funds in the Fund Complex.

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Jerry D. Choate (65) 33971 Selva Road Suite 130 Dana Point, CA 92629	Trustee	Trustee since 1999	Prior to January 1999, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Allstate Corporation ("Allstate") and Allstate Insurance Company. Prior to January 1995, President and Chief Executive Officer of Allstate. Prior to August 1994, various management positions at Allstate.
Rod Dammeyer (63) CAC, llc. 4350 LaJolla Village Drive Suite 980 San Diego, CA 92122-6223	Trustee	Trustee since 2003	President of CAC, llc., a private company offering capital investment and management advisory services. Prior to July 2000, Managing Partner of Equity Group Corporate Investment (EGI), a company that makes private investments in other companies.
Linda Hutton Heagy (55) Heidrick & Struggles 233 South Wacker Drive Suite 7000 Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee	Trustee since 1995	Managing Partner of Heidrick & Struggles, an executive search firm. Trustee on the University of Chicago Hospitals Board, Vice Chair of the Board of the YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago and a member of the Women's Board of

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the University of Chicago. Prior to 1997, Partner of Ray & Berndtson, Inc., an executive recruiting firm. Prior to 1996, Trustee of The International House Board, a fellowship and housing organization for international graduate students. Prior to 1995, Executive Vice President of ABN AMRO, N.A., a bank holding company. Prior to 1992, Executive Vice President of La Salle National Bank.

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY TRUSTEE
Jerry D. Choate (65) 33971 Selva Road Suite 130 Dana Point, CA 92629	Trustee/Director/ Managing General Partner of funds in the Fund Complex. Director of Amgen Inc., a biotechnological company, and Director of Valero Energy Corporation, an independent refining company.
Rod Dammeyer (63) CAC, llc. 4350 LaJolla Village Drive Suite 980 San Diego, CA 92122-6223	Trustee/Director/ Managing General Partner of funds in the Fund Complex. Director of TeleTech Holdings Inc., Stericycle, Inc., TheraSense, Inc., GATX Corporation, Arris Group, Inc. and Trustee of the University of Chicago Hospitals and Health Systems. Prior to May 2002, Director of Peregrine Systems Inc. Prior to February 2001, Vice Chairman and Director of Anixter International, Inc. and IMC Global Inc. Prior to July 2000, Director of Allied Riser Communications Corp., Matria Healthcare Inc., Transmedia Networks, Inc., CNA Surety, Corp. and Grupo Azcarero Mexico (GAM). Prior to April 1999, Director of Metal Management, Inc.

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Linda Hutton Heagy (55) Heidrick & Struggles 233 South Wacker Drive Suite 7000 Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee/Director/ Managing General Partner of funds in the Fund Complex.
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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
R. Craig Kennedy (51) 11 DuPont Circle, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016	Trustee	Trustee since 1995	Director and President of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, an independent U. foundation created to deepen understanding, promote collaboration and stimulate exchange of practical experience between Americans and Europeans. Formerly, advisor to the Dennis Trading Group Inc., a managed futures and option company that invests money for individuals and institutions. Prior to 1992, President and Chief Executive Officer, Director and member of the Investment Committee of the Joyce Foundation, a private foundation.
Howard J Kerr (68) 736 North Western Avenue P.O. Box 317 Lake Forest, IL 60045	Trustee	Trustee since 2003	Prior to 1998, President and Chief Executive Officer of Pocklington Corporation, Inc., an investment holding company. Director of the Marrow Foundation
Jack E. Nelson (67) 423 Country Club Drive Winter Park, FL 32789	Trustee	Trustee since 1995	President of Nelson Investment Planning Services, Inc., a financial planning company and registered investment adviser in the State of Florida. President of Nelson Invest Broker Services Inc., a member of the NASD, Securities Investors Protection Corp. and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. President of Nelson Sales and Services Corporation, a marketing and services company to support affiliated companies.
Hugo F. Sonnenschein (63) 1126 E. 59th Street Chicago, IL 60637	Trustee	Trustee since 2003	President Emeritus and Honorary Trustee of the University of Chicago and the Adam Smith Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. Prior to July 2000, President of the University of Chicago. Trustee of the University of Rochester and a member of its investment committee. Member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Philosophical Society and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.
Suzanne H. Woolsey, P.H.D. (62) 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue	Trustee	Trustee since 1999	Currently with Paladin Capital Group-Paladin Homeland Security Fund since November 2003. Previously, Chief Communications Officer of

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Washington, D.C. 20006

National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council, an independent, federally chartered policy institution, since 2001 and Chief Operating Officer from 1993 to 2001. Director of the Institute for Defense Analyses, a federally funded research and development center, Director of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Trustee of Colorado College. Prior to 1993, Executive Director of the Commission on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education at the National Academy of Sciences/ National Research Council. From 1980 through 1989, Partner of Coopers & Lybrand.

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS
OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEE

OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS
HELD BY TRUSTEE

R. Craig Kennedy (51)
11 DuPont Circle, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.

Howard J Kerr (68)
736 North Western Avenue
P.O. Box 317
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.
Director of the Lake
Forest Bank & Trust.

Jack E. Nelson (67)
423 Country Club Drive
Winter Park, FL 32789

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.

Hugo F. Sonnenschein (63)
1126 E. 59th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.
Director of Winston
Laboratories, Inc.

Suzanne H. Woolsey, P.H.D.
(62)
2001 Pennsylvania Avenue
Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20006

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.
Director of Neurogen
Corporation, a
pharmaceutical
company, since
January 1998.

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INTERESTED TRUSTEES*

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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INTERESTED TRUSTEE	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Mitchell M. Merin* (50) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Trustee; President and Chief Executive Officer	Trustee since 1999; President and Chief Executive Officer since 2002	President and Chief Executive Officer of fund in the Fund Complex. Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Adviser and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. since December 2002. Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Van Kampen Investments since December 2002. Director of Van Kampen Investments since December 1999. Chairman and Director of Van Kampen Funds Inc. since December 2002. President, Director and Chief Operating Officer of Morgan Stanley Investment Management since December 1998. President and Director since April 1997 and Chief Executive Officer since June 1998 of Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc. and Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Morgan Stanley Distributors Inc. since June 1998. Chairman since June 1998, and Director since January 1998 of Morgan Stanley Trust. Director of various Morgan Stanley subsidiaries. President of the Morgan Stanley Funds since May 1999. Previously Chief Executive Officer of Van Kampen Funds Inc. from December 2002 to July 2003, Chief Strategic Officer of Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc. and Morgan Stanley Services Company Inc. and Executive Vice President of Morgan Stanley Distributors Inc. from April 1997 to June 1998. Chief Executive Officer from September 2002 to April 2003 and Vice President from May 1997 to April 1999 of the Morgan Stanley Funds.
Richard F. Powers, III* (57) 1 Parkview Plaza P.O. Box 5555 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Trustee	Trustee since 1999	Advisory Director of Morgan Stanley. Prior to December 2002, Chairman, Director, President, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Van Kampen Investments and its investment advisory, distribution and other subsidiaries. Prior to December 2002, President and Chief Executive Officer of funds in the Fund Complex. Prior to May 1998, Executive Vice President, Director of Marketing at Morgan Stanley and Director of Dean Witter, Discover & Co. and Dean Witter Realty. Prior to 1996, Director of Dean Witter Reynolds Inc.
Wayne W. Whalen* (64) 333 West Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Trustee	Trustee since 1995	Partner in the law firm of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois), legal counsel to funds in the Fund Complex.
NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF INTERESTED TRUSTEE	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY TRUSTEE		
Mitchell M. Merin* (50) 1221 Avenue of the	Trustee/Director/ Managing General		

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Americas
New York, NY 10020

Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.

Richard F. Powers, III*
(57)
1 Parkview Plaza
P.O. Box 5555
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.

Wayne W. Whalen* (64)
333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Trustee/Director/
Managing General
Partner of funds in
the Fund Complex.

* Such trustee is an "interested person" (within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act). Mr. Whalen is an interested person of certain funds in the Fund Complex by reason of his firm currently acting as legal counsel to such funds in the Fund Complex. Messrs. Merin and Powers are interested persons of funds in the Fund Complex and the Adviser by reason of their current or former positions with Morgan Stanley or its affiliates.

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OFFICERS

NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER	POSITION(S) HELD WITH FUND	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Stephen L. Boyd (63) 2800 Post Oak Blvd. 45th Floor Houston, TX 77056	Vice President	Officer since 1998	Managing Director of Global Research Vice President of funds in the Fund December 2002, Chief Investment Off Investments and President and Chief the Adviser and Van Kampen Advisors Executive Vice President and Chief funds in the Fund Complex. Prior to Director and Chief Investment Offic Investments, and Managing Director Adviser and Van Kampen Advisors Inc Executive Vice President and Chief Kampen Investments, and President a Officer of the Adviser. Prior to Ap President and Chief Investment Offi Investments of the Adviser. Prior t President and Senior Portfolio Mana Management, Inc. Prior to February President and Portfolio Manager of Capital Asset Management, Inc., Van Investment Advisory Corp. and Van K Management, Inc.
Stefanie V. Chang (37) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Vice President	Officer since 2003	Executive Director of Morgan Stanle Vice President of funds in the Fund

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Joseph J. McAlinden (60) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer	Officer since 2002	Managing Director and Chief Investment Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Management Inc. and Morgan Stanley Director of Morgan Stanley Trust for Vice President and Chief Investment Fund Complex. Managing Director and of Van Kampen Investments, the Adviser Advisors Inc. since December 2002.
John R. Reynoldson (50) 1 Parkview Plaza P.O. Box 5555 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Vice President	Officer since 2000	Executive Director and Portfolio Manager and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. Vice President Fund Complex. Prior to July 2001, President the Fixed Income Department of the Advisors Inc. Prior to December 2000, of the Adviser and Van Kampen Advisors 2000, Senior Vice President of the group for the Adviser. Prior to June 2000, President of the government securities Management.
Ronald E. Robison (64) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Executive Vice President and Principal Executive Officer	Officer since 2003	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman Executive Vice President and Principal funds in the Fund Complex. Chief Global and Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Management Inc. Managing Director of Managing Director and Director of Morgan Advisors Inc. and Morgan Stanley Securities Executive Officer and Director of Morgan President of the Morgan Stanley Fund Managing Director of Morgan Stanley Director of Van Kampen Investments, Van Kampen Advisors Inc., the Distributor and certain other subsidiaries of Van Managing Director and General Counsel Stanley Investment Advisors, Inc. Vice Secretary of funds in the Fund Complex Managing Director, General Counsel, of Van Kampen Investments, the Adviser Investor Services, and certain other Kampen Investments. Prior to December President, General Counsel, Secretary Kampen Investments, the Adviser, Van the Distributor, Investor Services subsidiaries of Van Kampen Investments 1999, Vice President and Associate York Life Insurance Company ("New York March 1997, Associate General Counsel Prior to December 1993, Assistant General Dreyfus Corporation. Prior to August Willkie Farr & Gallagher. Prior to Attorney at the Securities and Exchange of Investment Management, Office of
A. Thomas Smith III (47) 1221 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020	Vice President and Secretary	Officer since 1999	

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POSITION(S)	TERM OF OFFICE AND LENGTH OF
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NAME, AGE AND ADDRESS OF OFFICER	HELD WITH FUND	TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
John L. Sullivan (48) 1 Parkview Plaza P.O. Box 5555 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Officer since 1996	Director and Managing Director of V the Adviser, Van Kampen Advisors In subsidiaries of Van Kampen Investme Chief Financial Officer and Treasur Complex. Head of Fund Accounting fo Investment Management. Prior to Dec Director of Van Kampen Investments, Kampen Advisors Inc.

Each trustee/director who is not an affiliated person (as defined in the 1940 Act) of Van Kampen Investments, the Adviser or the Distributor (each a "Non-Affiliated Trustee") is compensated by an annual retainer and meeting fees for services to funds in the Fund Complex. Each fund in the Fund Complex (except Van Kampen Exchange Fund) provides a deferred compensation plan to its Non-Affiliated Trustees that allows trustees/directors to defer receipt of their compensation until retirement and earn a return on such deferred amounts. Amounts deferred are retained by the Fund and earn a rate of return determined by reference to the return on the common shares of the Fund or other funds in the Fund Complex as selected by the respective Non-Affiliated Trustee. To the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest in securities of those funds selected by the Non-Affiliated Trustees in order to match the deferred compensation obligation. The deferred compensation plan is not funded and obligations thereunder represent general unsecured claims against the general assets of the Fund. Deferring compensation has the same economic effect as if the Non-Affiliated Trustee reinvested his or her compensation into the funds. Each fund in the Fund Complex (except Van Kampen Exchange Fund) provides a retirement plan to its Non-Affiliated Trustees that provides Non-Affiliated Trustees with compensation after retirement, provided that certain eligibility requirements are met. Under the retirement plan, a Non-Affiliated Trustee who is receiving compensation from the Fund prior to such Non-Affiliated Trustee's retirement, has at least 10 years of service (including years of service prior to adoption of the retirement plan) and retires at or after attaining the age of 60, is eligible to receive a retirement benefit per year for each of the ten years following such retirement from the Fund. Non-Affiliated Trustees retiring prior to the age of 60 or with fewer than 10 years but more than 5 years of service may receive reduced retirement benefits from the Fund.

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Additional information regarding compensation and benefits for trustees is set forth below for the periods described in the notes accompanying the table.

COMPENSATION TABLE

	Fund Complex	
	Aggregate Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of	Aggregate Estimated Maximum Annual Benefits from the Fund Complex Upon
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Name (1) -----	Fund (2) -----	Expenses (3) -----	Retirement (4) -----	Comple -----
David C. Arch	\$ 289	\$14,694	\$147,500	\$138,
J. Miles Branagan	1,764	64,907	60,000	107,
Jerry D. Choate	1,764	24,774	130,000	107,
Rod Dammeyer	289	26,231	147,500	138,
Linda Hutton Heagy	1,764	6,858	147,500	107,
R. Craig Kennedy	1,764	4,617	147,500	107,
Howard J Kerr	289	50,408	147,500	138,
Jack E. Nelson	1,764	33,020	112,500	107,
Hugo F. Sonnenschein	289	26,282	147,500	138,
Wayne W. Whalen	1,766	51,855	147,500	245,
Suzanne H. Woolsey	1,764	15,533	147,500	107,

(1) Trustees not eligible for compensation are not included in the Compensation Table.

(2) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate compensation before deferral with respect to the Fund's fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. Messrs. Arch, Dammeyer, Kerr and Sonnenschein were appointed to the Board of the Fund on July 23, 2003, and thus the amounts above reflect compensation from the Fund for the period July 23, 2003 until the end of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003. The following Trustees deferred compensation from the Fund during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003: Mr. Branagan, \$548; Mr. Choate, \$1,764; Mr. Dammeyer, \$289; Ms. Heagy, \$1,764; Mr. Nelson, \$1,764; Mr. Sonnenschein, \$289; and Mr. Whalen, \$1,766. The cumulative deferred compensation (including interest) accrued with respect to each trustee, including former trustees, from the Fund as of the Fund's fiscal year ended August 31, 2003 is as follows: Mr. Branagan, \$17,304; Mr. Choate, \$7,427; Mr. Dammeyer, \$289; Ms. Heagy, \$10,109; Mr. Kennedy, \$7,975; Mr. Nelson, \$19,259; Mr. Sonnenschein, \$289; Mr. Miller, \$973; Mr. Rees, \$23,467; Mr. Robinson, \$1,937; Mr. Rooney, \$5,760; Mr. Sisto, \$32,622 and Mr. Whalen, \$14,793. The deferred compensation plan is described above the Compensation Table.

(3) The amounts shown in this column represent the sum of the retirement benefits accrued by the operating funds in the Fund Complex for each of the trustees for the funds' respective fiscal years ended in 2002. The retirement plan is described above the Compensation Table. In 2003, efforts have been under way to combine the trustees/directors/managing general partners of the boards of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex. Prior to 2003, only Messrs. Whalen and Powers served as trustees/directors/managing general partners of all of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex; and during 2003, other trustees/directors/managing general partners are being elected or appointed, as appropriate, to most of the respective boards of the underlying Van Kampen-related funds. The amounts in this column represent amounts for each trustee based on funds he/she oversaw for the period mentioned above; and thus it is anticipated that the amounts will increase in future compensation tables based on the increased number of funds overseen by such trustees going forward.

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(4) For each trustee, this is the sum of the estimated maximum annual benefits payable by the funds in the Fund Complex for each year of the 10-year period commencing in the year of such trustee's anticipated retirement. The retirement plan is described above the Compensation Table.

(5) The amounts shown in this column represent the aggregate compensation paid by all of the funds in the Fund Complex as of December 31, 2002 before deferral by the trustees under the deferred compensation plan. Because the funds in the Fund Complex have different fiscal year ends, the amounts shown in this column are presented on a calendar year basis. In 2003, efforts have been under way to combine the trustees/directors/managing general partners of the boards of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex. Prior to 2003, only Messrs. Whalen and Powers served as trustees/directors/managing general partners of all of the various Van Kampen-related funds in the Fund Complex; and during 2003, other trustees/directors/managing general partners are being elected or appointed, as appropriate, to most of the respective boards of the underlying Van Kampen-related funds. The amounts in this column represent amounts for each trustee based on funds he/she oversaw for the period mentioned above; and thus it is anticipated that the amounts will increase in future compensation tables based on the increased number of funds overseen by such trustees going forward.

The Board of Trustees has three standing committees (an audit committee, a brokerage and services committee and a governance committee). Each committee is comprised of trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (as defined by the 1940 Act) (referred to herein as "Independent Trustees" or "non-interested trustees").

The Board's audit committee consists of J. Miles Branagan, Jerry D. Choate and R. Craig Kennedy. The audit committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the selection of the Fund's independent public auditors, reviews with such auditors the scope and results of the Fund's annual audit and considers any comments which the auditors may have regarding the Fund's financial statements, books of account or internal controls.

The Board's brokerage and services committee consists of Linda Hutton Heagy, Hugo F. Sonnenschein and Suzanne H. Woolsey. The brokerage and services committee reviews the Fund's allocation of brokerage transactions and soft-dollar practices and reviews the transfer agency and shareholder servicing arrangements with Investor Services.

The Board's governance committee consists of David C. Arch, Rod Dammeyer, Howard J Kerr and Jack E. Nelson. The governance committee identifies individuals qualified to serve on the Board that are independent as defined in the 1940 Act and on committees of the Board, advises the Board with respect to Board composition, procedures and committees, develops and recommends to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Fund, monitors corporate governance matters and makes recommendations to the Board, and acts as the administrative committee with respect to Board policies and procedures, committee policies and procedures and codes of ethics.

During the Fund's last fiscal year, the audit committee of the Board held 5 meetings and the brokerage and services committee of the Board held 5 meetings. The governance committee was recently organized and had only 1 meeting during the Fund's last fiscal year.

The non-interested trustees of the Fund select and nominate any other non-interested trustees of the Fund. While the non-interested trustees of the Fund expect to be able to continue to identify from their own resources an ample number of qualified candidates for the Board of Trustees as they deem appropriate, they will review nominations from shareholders to fill any vacancies. Nominations from shareholders should be in writing and addressed to the non-interested trustees at the Fund's office.

In addition to deferred compensation balances as described in the

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Compensation Table, as of December 31, 2002, the most recently completed calendar year prior to the date of this Statement of Additional

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Information, each trustee of the Fund beneficially owned equity securities of the Fund and of all of the funds in the Fund Complex overseen by the trustee in the dollar range amounts specified below.

2002 TRUSTEE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

	ARCH	BRANAGAN	CHOATE	DAMMEYER	HEAGY
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DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND	none	\$50,001-\$100,000	none	none	\$1-\$10,000
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND COMPLEX	\$50,001-\$100,000	over \$100,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	over \$100,000	\$10,001-\$50,000
	NELSON	SONNENSCHNEIN	WOOLSEY		
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DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND	none	none	none		
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND COMPLEX	none	over \$100,000	\$10,001-\$50,000		

INTERESTED TRUSTEES

	TRUSTEE		
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	MERIN	POWERS	WHALEN
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DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN THE FUND	none	none	\$1-\$10,000
AGGREGATE DOLLAR RANGE OF EQUITY SECURITIES IN ALL REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES OVERSEEN BY TRUSTEE IN THE FUND COMPLEX	over \$100,000	over \$100,000	over \$100,000

As of December 1, 2003, the trustees and officers of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the shares of the Fund.

The Fund, the Adviser and the Distributor have adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code of Ethics") that sets forth general and specific standards relating to the securities trading activities of their employees. The Code of Ethics does not prohibit employees from acquiring securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund, but is intended to ensure that all employees conduct their personal transactions in a manner that does not interfere with the portfolio transactions of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds, or that such employees take unfair advantage of their relationship with the Fund. Among other things, the Code of Ethics prohibits certain types of transactions absent prior approval, imposes various trading restrictions (such as time periods during which personal transactions may or may not be made) and requires quarterly reporting of securities transactions and other reporting matters. All reportable securities transactions and other required reports are to be reviewed by appropriate personnel for compliance with the Code of Ethics. Additional restrictions apply to portfolio managers, traders, research analysts and others who may have access to nonpublic information about the trading activities of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds or who otherwise are involved in the investment advisory process. Exceptions to these and other provisions of the Code of Ethics may be granted in particular circumstances after review by appropriate personnel.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

The Fund and the Adviser are parties to an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). Under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund retains the Adviser to manage the investment of the Fund's assets, including the placing of orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities. The Adviser obtains and evaluates economic, statistical and financial information to formulate strategy and implement the Fund's investment objectives. The Adviser also furnishes offices, necessary facilities and equipment, provides administrative services to the Fund, renders periodic reports to the Fund's Board of Trustees, and permits its officers and employees to serve without compensation as trustees of the Trust or officers of the Fund if elected to such positions. The Fund, however, bears the costs of its day-to-day operations, including service fees, distribution fees, custodian fees, legal and independent accountant fees, the costs of reports and proxies to shareholders, compensation of trustees of the Fund (other than those who are affiliated persons of the Adviser, Distributor or Van Kampen Investments) and all other ordinary business expenses not specifically assumed by the Adviser. The Advisory Agreement also provides that the Adviser shall not be liable to the Fund for any

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actions or omissions if it acted without willful misfeasance, bad faith, negligence or reckless disregard of its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

The fee payable to the Adviser is reduced by any commissions, tender solicitation and other fees, brokerage or similar payments received by the Adviser or any other direct or indirect majority owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments in connection with the purchase and sale of portfolio investments less any direct expenses incurred by such subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments, in connection with obtaining such commissions, fees, brokerage or similar payments. The Adviser agrees to use its best efforts to recapture tender solicitation fees and exchange offer fees for the Fund's benefit and to advise the Trustees of the Fund of any other commissions, fees, brokerage or similar payments which may be possible for the Adviser or any other direct or indirect majority owned subsidiary of Van Kampen Investments to receive in connection with the Fund's portfolio transactions or other arrangements which may benefit the Fund.

The Advisory Agreement also provides that, in the event the ordinary

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business expenses of the Fund for any fiscal year exceed the most restrictive expense limitation applicable in the states where the Fund's shares are qualified for sale, the compensation due the Adviser will be reduced by the amount of such excess and that, if a reduction in and refund of the advisory fee is insufficient, the Adviser will pay the Fund monthly an amount sufficient to make up the deficiency, subject to readjustment during the year. Ordinary business expenses include the investment advisory fee and other operating costs paid by the Fund except (1) interest and taxes, (2) brokerage commissions, (3) certain litigation and indemnification expenses as described in the Advisory Agreement and (4) payments made by the Fund pursuant to the distribution plans.

The Advisory Agreement may be continued from year to year if specifically approved at least annually (a) (i) by the Fund's Board of Trustees or (ii) by a vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by a vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the agreement or interested persons of any such party by votes cast in person at a meeting called for such purpose. The Advisory Agreement provides that it shall terminate automatically if assigned and that it may be terminated without penalty by either party on 60 days' written notice.

In approving the Advisory Agreement, the Board of Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees, considered the nature, quality and scope of the services provided by the Adviser, the performance, fees and expenses of the Fund compared to other similar investment companies, the Adviser's expenses in providing the services and the profitability of the Adviser and its affiliated companies. The Board of Trustees also reviewed the benefit to the Adviser of receiving third party research paid for by Fund assets and the propriety of such an arrangement and evaluated other benefits the Adviser derives from its relationship with the Fund. The Board of Trustees considered the extent to which any economies of scale experienced by the Adviser are shared with the Fund's shareholders, and the propriety of existing and alternative breakpoints in the Fund's advisory fee schedule. The Board of Trustees considered comparative advisory fees of the Fund and other investment companies at different asset levels, and considered the trends in the industry versus historical and projected sales and redemptions of the Fund. The Board of Trustees reviewed reports from third parties about the foregoing factors and considered changes, if any, in such items since its previous approval. The Board of Trustees discussed the financial strength of the Adviser and its affiliated companies and the capability of the personnel of the Adviser. The Board of Trustees reviewed the statutory and regulatory requirements for approval of advisory agreements. The Board of Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees, evaluated all of the foregoing and determined, in the exercise of its business judgment, that approval of the Advisory Agreement was in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

ADVISORY FEES

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
The Adviser received the approximate advisory fee of.....	\$3,091,000	\$3,304,200	\$3,871,800

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Accounting Services Agreement. The Fund has entered into an accounting services agreement pursuant to which Asset Management provides accounting services to the Fund supplementary to those provided by the custodian. Such services are expected to enable the Fund to more closely monitor and maintain its accounts and records. The Fund pays all costs and expenses related to such services, including all salary and related benefits of accounting personnel, as well as the overhead and expenses of office space and the equipment necessary to render such services. The Fund shares together with the other Van Kampen funds in the cost of providing such services with 25% of such costs shared proportionately based on the respective number of classes of securities issued per fund and the remaining 75% of such costs based proportionately on the respective net assets per fund.

ACCOUNTING SERVICES FEES

	FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Asset Management received the approximate accounting services fee of.....	\$47,100	\$48,300	\$47,200

DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE

The Distributor acts as the principal underwriter of the Fund's shares pursuant to a written agreement (the "Distribution and Service Agreement"). The Distributor has the exclusive right to distribute shares of the Fund through authorized dealers on a continuous basis. The Distributor's obligation is an agency or "best efforts" arrangement under which the Distributor is required to take and pay for only such shares of the Fund as may be sold to the public. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any stated number of shares. The Distributor bears the cost of printing (but not typesetting) prospectuses used in connection with this offering and certain other costs including the cost of supplemental sales literature and advertising. The Distribution and Service Agreement is renewable from year to year if approved (a) (i) by the Fund's Board of Trustees or (ii) by a vote of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (b) by a vote of a majority of Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution and Service Agreement or interested persons of any party, by votes cast in person at a meeting called for such purpose. The Distribution and Service Agreement provides that it will terminate if assigned, and that it may be terminated without penalty by either party on 90 days' written notice. Total underwriting commissions on the sale of shares of the Fund for the last three fiscal years are shown in the chart below.

	TOTAL UNDERWRITING COMMISSIONS	AMOUNTS RETAINED BY DISTRIBUTOR
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2003.....	\$1,596,882	\$142,200
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2002.....	\$1,024,923	\$102,879
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2001.....	\$1,352,973	\$154,571

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With respect to sales of Class A Shares of the Fund, the total sales charges and concessions reallocated to authorized dealers at the time of purchase are as follows:

CLASS A SHARES SALES CHARGE TABLE

SIZE OF INVESTMENT	TOTAL SALES CHARGE		REALLOCATED TO DISTRIBUTOR AS OFFERING PRICE
	AS % OF OFFERING PRICE	AS % OF NET AMOUNT INVESTED	
Less than \$100,000.....	4.75%	4.99%	
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000.....	3.75%	3.90%	
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000.....	2.75%	2.83%	
\$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000.....	2.00%	2.04%	
\$1,000,000 or more.....	*	*	

* No sales charge is payable at the time of purchase on investments of \$1 million or more, although the Fund may impose a contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% on certain redemptions made within one year of the purchase. The one-year period ends on the first business day of the thirteenth month after the purchase date. A commission or transaction fee will be paid by the Distributor at the time of purchase directly out of the Distributor's assets (and not out of the Fund's assets) to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for purchases of \$1 million or more computed on a percentage of the dollar value of such shares sold as follows: 1.00% on sales to \$2 million, plus 0.80% on the next \$1 million and 0.50% on the excess over \$3 million.

With respect to sales of Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund, a commission or transaction fee generally will be paid by the Distributor at the time of purchase directly out of the Distributor's assets (and not out of the Fund's assets) to authorized dealers who initiate and are responsible for such purchases computed based on a percentage of the dollar value of such shares sold of 4.00% on Class B Shares and 1.00% on Class C Shares.

Proceeds from any contingent deferred sales charge and any distribution fees on Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund are paid to the Distributor and are used by the Distributor to defray its distribution related expenses in connection with the sale of the Fund's shares, such as the payment to authorized dealers for selling such shares. With respect to Class C Shares, the authorized dealers generally receive from the Distributor the ongoing distribution fees of up to 0.75% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Class C Shares annually commencing in the second year after purchase.

In addition to reallocations or commissions described above, the Distributor may from time to time implement programs under which an authorized dealer's sales force may be eligible to win nominal awards for certain sales efforts or under which the Distributor will reallocate to any authorized dealer that sponsors sales contests or recognition programs conforming to criteria established by the Distributor, or participates in sales programs sponsored by the Distributor, an amount not exceeding the total applicable sales charges on the sales generated by the authorized dealer at the public offering price during such programs. Also, the Distributor in its discretion may from time to time, pursuant to

objective criteria established by the Distributor, pay fees to, and sponsor business seminars for, qualifying authorized dealers for certain services or activities which are primarily intended to result in sales of shares of the Fund or other Van Kampen funds. Fees may include payment for travel expenses, including lodging, incurred in connection with trips taken by invited registered representatives for meetings or seminars of a business nature. In some instances additional compensation or promotional incentives may be offered to brokers, dealers or financial intermediaries that have sold or may sell significant amounts of shares during specified periods of time. The Distributor may provide additional compensation to Edward D. Jones & Co. or an affiliate thereof based on a combination of its quarterly sales of shares of the Fund and other Van Kampen funds and increases in net assets of the Fund and other Van Kampen funds over specified thresholds. All of the foregoing payments are made by the Distributor out of its own assets. Such fees paid for such services and activities with respect to the Fund will not exceed in the aggregate 1.25% of the average total daily net assets of the Fund on an annual basis. These programs will not change the price an investor will pay for shares or the amount that a Fund will receive from such sale.

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The Fund has adopted a distribution plan (the "Distribution Plan") with respect to each of its Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Fund also adopted a service plan (the "Service Plan") with respect to each of its Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares. The Distribution Plan and the Service Plan sometimes are referred to herein as the "Plans." The Plans provide that the Fund may spend a portion of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to each class of shares in connection with the distribution of the respective class of shares and in connection with the provision of ongoing services to shareholders of such class, respectively. The Distribution Plan and the Service Plan are being implemented through the Distribution and Service Agreement with the Distributor of each such class of the Fund's shares, sub-agreements between the Distributor and members of the NASD who are acting as securities dealers and NASD members or eligible non-members who are acting as brokers or agents and similar agreements between the Fund and financial intermediaries who are acting as brokers (collectively, "Selling Agreements") that may provide for their customers or clients certain services or assistance, which may include, but not be limited to, processing purchase and redemption transactions, establishing and maintaining shareholder accounts regarding the Fund, and such other services as may be agreed to from time to time and as may be permitted by applicable statute, rule or regulation. Brokers, dealers and financial intermediaries that have entered into sub-agreements with the Distributor and sell shares of the Fund are referred to herein as "financial intermediaries."

Certain financial intermediaries may be prohibited under law from providing certain underwriting or distribution services. If a financial intermediary was prohibited from acting in any capacity or providing any of the described services, the Distributor would consider what action, if any, would be appropriate. The Distributor does not believe that termination of a relationship with a financial intermediary would result in any material adverse consequences to the Fund.

The Distributor must submit quarterly reports to the Fund's Board of Trustees setting forth separately by class of shares all amounts paid under the Distribution Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were made, together with such other information as from time to time is reasonably requested by the Trustees. The Plans provide that they will continue in full force and effect from year to year so long as such continuance is specifically approved by a vote of the Trustees, and also by a vote of the disinterested Trustees, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the

Plans. Each of the Plans may not be amended to increase materially the amount to be spent for the services described therein with respect to any class of shares without approval by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of such class, and all material amendments to either of the Plans must be approved by the Trustees and also by the disinterested Trustees. Each of the Plans may be terminated with respect to any class of shares at any time by a vote of a majority of the disinterested Trustees or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of such class.

For Class A Shares in any given year in which the Plans are in effect, the Plans generally provide for the Fund to pay the Distributor the lesser of (i) the amount of the Distributor's actual expenses incurred during such year less any deferred sales charges (if any) it received during such year (the "actual net expenses") or (ii) the distribution and service fees at the rates specified in the Prospectus (the "plan fees"). Therefore, to the extent the Distributor's actual net expenses in a given year are less than the plan fees for such year, the Fund only pays the actual net expenses. Alternatively, to the extent the Distributor's actual net expenses in a given year exceed the plan fees for such year, the Fund only pays the plan fees for such year. For Class A Shares, there is no carryover of any unreimbursed actual net expenses to succeeding years.

The Plans for Class B Shares and Class C Shares are similar to the Plans for Class A Shares, except that any actual net expenses which exceed plan fees for a given year are carried forward and are eligible for payment in future years by the Fund so long as the Plans remain in effect. Thus, for each of the Class B Shares and Class C Shares, in any given year in which the Plans are in effect, the Plans generally provide for the Fund to pay the Distributor the lesser of (i) the applicable amount of the Distributor's actual net expenses incurred during such year for such class of shares plus any actual net expenses from prior years that are still unpaid by the Fund for such class of shares or (ii) the applicable plan fees for such class of shares. Except as may be mandated by applicable law, the Fund does not impose any limit with respect to the number of years into the future that such unreimbursed actual net expenses may be carried forward (on a Fund level basis). These

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unreimbursed actual net expenses may or may not be recovered through plan fees or contingent deferred sales charges in future years.

Because of fluctuations in net asset value, the plan fees with respect to a particular Class B Share or Class C Share may be greater or less than the amount of the initial commission (including carrying cost) paid by the Distributor with respect to such share. In such circumstances, a shareholder of a share may be deemed to incur expenses attributable to other shareholders of such class.

As of August 31, 2003, there were approximately \$5,475,100 and \$1,800 of unreimbursed distribution-related expenses with respect to Class B Shares and Class C Shares, respectively, representing approximately 3% and less than 1% of the Fund's net assets attributable to Class B Shares and Class C Shares, respectively. If the Plans are terminated or not continued, the Fund would not be contractually obligated to pay the Distributor for any expenses not previously reimbursed by the Fund or recovered through contingent deferred sales charges.

For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for Class A Shares were \$854,823 or 0.24% of the Class A Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for payments made to financial intermediaries for servicing Class A shareholders and for administering the Class A Share Plans. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for

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Class B Shares were \$1,717,739 or 1.00% of the Class B Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for the following payments: \$1,286,305 for commissions and transaction fees paid to financial intermediaries in respect of sales of Class B Shares of the Fund and \$431,434 for fees paid to financial intermediaries for servicing Class B shareholders and administering the Class B Share Plans. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003, the Fund's aggregate expenses paid under the Plans for Class C Shares were \$403,248 or 0.97% of the Class C Shares' average daily net assets. Such expenses were paid to reimburse the Distributor for the following payments: \$88,609 for commissions and transaction fees paid to financial intermediaries in respect of sales of Class C Shares of the Fund and \$314,639 for fees paid to financial intermediaries for servicing Class C shareholders and administering the Class C Share Plans.

The Distributor has entered into agreements with the following firms whereby certain shares of the Fund will be offered pursuant to such firm's retirement plan alliance program(s): (i) The Prudential Insurance Company of America, (ii) Merrill Lynch Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Incorporated, (iii) Buck Consultants, Inc., (iv) Vanguard Marketing Corporation (a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, Inc.), (v) American Century Retirement Plan Services Inc., (vi) Fidelity Brokerage Services, Inc. & National Financial Services Corporation, (vii) First Union National Bank, (viii) Franklin Templeton, (ix) Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Company/Benefits Corp Equities, Inc., (x) GoldK Investment Services, Inc., (xi) Huntington Bank, (xii) AMVESCAP Retirement, Inc. (formerly Invesco Retirement and Benefit Services, Inc.), (xiii) Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, (xiv) Morgan Stanley DW Inc., (xv) National Deferred Compensation, (xvi) Wells Fargo, N.A. on behalf of itself and its Affiliated Banks, (xvii) Smith Barney, Inc., (xviii) SunGard Institutional Brokerage Inc., (xix) Union Bank of California, N.A., (xx) ABN AMRO Trust Services Company, (xxi) ING Financial Advisers, LLC and (xxxii) Northern Trust Retirement Consulting, LLC. Trustees and other fiduciaries of retirement plans seeking to invest in multiple fund families through a broker-dealer retirement plan alliance program should contact the firms mentioned above for further information concerning the program(s) including, but not limited to, minimum size and operational requirements.

TRANSFER AGENT

The Fund's transfer agent, shareholder service agent and dividend disbursing agent is Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. The transfer agency fees are determined through negotiations with the Fund and are approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The transfer agency fees are based on competitive benchmarks.

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PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE ALLOCATION

The Adviser is responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund, the selection of brokers and dealers to effect the transactions and the negotiation of prices and any brokerage commissions on such transactions. While the Adviser will be primarily responsible for the placement of the Fund's portfolio business, the policies and practices in this regard are subject to review by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

As most transactions made by the Fund are principal transactions at net prices, the Fund generally incurs little or no brokerage costs. The portfolio securities in which the fund invests are normally purchased directly from the issuer or in the over-the-counter market from an underwriter or market maker for the securities. Purchases from underwriters of portfolio securities include a commission or concession paid by the issuer to the underwriter and purchases from dealers serving as market makers include a spread or markup to the dealer

between the bid and asked price. Sales to dealers are effected at bid prices. The Fund may also purchase certain money market instruments directly from an issuer, in which case no commissions or discounts are paid, or may purchase and sell listed securities on an exchange, which are effected through brokers who charge a commission for their services.

The Adviser is responsible for placing portfolio transactions and does so in a manner deemed fair and reasonable to the Fund and not according to any formula. The primary consideration in all portfolio transactions is prompt execution of orders in an effective manner at the most favorable price. In selecting broker-dealers and in negotiating prices and any brokerage commissions on such transactions, the Adviser considers the firm's reliability, integrity and financial condition and the firm's execution capability, the size and breadth of the market for the security, the size of and difficulty in executing the order, and the best net price. There are many instances when, in the judgment of the Adviser, more than one firm can offer comparable execution services. In selecting among such firms, consideration may be given to those firms which supply research and other services in addition to execution services. The Adviser is authorized to pay higher commissions to brokerage firms that provide it with investment and research information than to firms which do not provide such services if the Adviser determines that such commissions are reasonable in relation to the overall services provided. No specific value can be assigned to such research services which are furnished without cost to the Adviser. Since statistical and other research information is only supplementary to the research efforts of the Adviser to the Fund and still must be analyzed and reviewed by its staff, the receipt of research information is not expected to reduce its expenses materially. The investment advisory fee is not reduced as a result of the Adviser's receipt of such research services. Services provided may include (a) furnishing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (b) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts; and (c) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement and custody). Research services furnished by firms through which the Fund effects its securities transactions may be used by the Adviser in servicing all of its advisory accounts; not all of such services may be used by the Adviser in connection with the Fund.

The Adviser also may place portfolio transactions, to the extent permitted by law, with brokerage firms affiliated with the Fund, the Adviser or the Distributor and with brokerage firms participating in the distribution of the Fund's shares if it reasonably believes that the quality of execution and the commission are comparable to that available from other qualified firms. Similarly, to the extent permitted by law and subject to the same considerations on quality of execution and comparable commission rates, the Adviser may direct an executing broker to pay a portion or all of any commissions, concessions or discounts to a firm supplying research or other services.

The Adviser may place portfolio transactions at or about the same time for other advisory accounts, including other investment companies. The Adviser seeks to allocate portfolio transactions equitably whenever concurrent decisions are made to purchase or sell securities for the Fund and another advisory account. In some cases, this procedure could have an adverse effect on the price or the amount of securities available to the Fund. In making such allocations among the Fund and other advisory accounts, the main factors considered by the Adviser are the respective sizes of the Fund and other advisory accounts, the respective

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investment objectives, the relative size of portfolio holdings of the same or comparable securities, the availability of cash for investment, the size of investment commitments generally held and opinions of the persons responsible for recommending the investment.

Certain broker-dealers, through which the Fund may effect securities transactions, are affiliated persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund or affiliated persons of such affiliates, including Morgan Stanley or its subsidiaries. The Fund's Board of Trustees has adopted certain policies incorporating the standards of Rule 17e-1 issued by the SEC under the 1940 Act which require that the commissions paid to affiliates of the Fund must be reasonable and fair compared to the commissions, fees or other remuneration received or to be received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities during a comparable period of time. The rule and procedures also contain review requirements and require the Adviser to furnish reports to the trustees and to maintain records in connection with such reviews. After consideration of all factors deemed relevant, the trustees will consider from time to time whether the advisory fee for the Fund will be reduced by all or a portion of the brokerage commission paid to affiliated brokers.

Unless otherwise disclosed below, the Fund paid no commissions to affiliated brokers during the last three fiscal years. The Fund paid the following commissions to brokers during the fiscal years shown:

	ALL BROKERS	AFFILIATED BROKERS MORGAN STANLEY DW INC.
Commissions paid:		
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2003.....	\$ 155	\$0
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2002.....	\$ 0	\$0
Fiscal year ended August 31, 2001.....	\$ 1,606	\$0
Fiscal year 2003 Percentages:		
Commissions with affiliate to total commissions.....		0%
Value of brokerage transactions with affiliate to total transactions.....		0%

During the fiscal year ended August 31, 2003, the Fund paid no brokerage commissions to brokers selected primarily on the basis of research services provided to the Adviser.

SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

The Fund offers a number of shareholder services designed to facilitate investment in its shares at little or no extra cost to the investor. Below is a description of such services. The following information supplements the section in the Fund's Prospectus captioned "Shareholder Services."

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Each shareholder has an investment account under which the investor's shares of the Fund are held by Investor Services, the Fund's transfer agent. Investor Services performs bookkeeping, data processing and administrative services related to the maintenance of shareholder accounts. Except as described in the Prospectus and this Statement of Additional Information, after each share

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transaction in an account, the shareholder receives a statement showing the activity in the account. Each shareholder who has an account in any of the Van Kampen funds will receive statements quarterly from Investor Services showing any reinvestments of dividends and capital gain dividends and any other activity in the account since the preceding statement. Such shareholders also will receive separate confirmations for each purchase or sale transaction other than reinvestment of dividends and capital gain dividends and systematic purchases or redemptions. Additional shares may be purchased at any time through authorized dealers or by mailing a check and detailed instructions directly to Investor Services.

SHARE CERTIFICATES

Generally, the Fund will not issue share certificates. However, upon written or telephone request to the Fund, a share certificate will be issued representing shares (with the exception of fractional shares) of the

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Fund. A shareholder will be required to surrender such certificates upon an exchange or redemption of the shares represented by the certificate. In addition, if such certificates are lost the shareholder must write to Van Kampen Funds Inc., c/o Investor Services, PO Box 947, Jersey City, NJ 07303-0947, requesting an "Affidavit of Loss" and obtain a Surety Bond in a form acceptable to Investor Services. On the date the letter is received, Investor Services will calculate the fee for replacing the lost certificate equal to no more than 1.50% of the net asset value of the issued shares, and bill the party to whom the replacement certificate was mailed.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Eligible investors may establish individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"); SEP; 401(k) plans; 403(b)(7) plans in the case of employees of public school systems and certain non-profit organizations; or other pension or profit sharing plans. Documents and forms containing detailed information regarding these plans are available from the Distributor.

AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE ("ACH") DEPOSITS

Shareholders can use ACH to have redemption proceeds deposited electronically into their bank accounts. Redemption proceeds transferred to a bank account via the ACH plan are available to be credited to the account on the second business day following normal payment. To utilize this option, the shareholder's bank must be a member of ACH. In addition, the shareholder must fill out the appropriate section of the account application form. The shareholder must also include a voided check or deposit slip from the bank account into which redemption proceeds are to be deposited together with the completed application. Once Investor Services has received the application and the voided check or deposit slip, such shareholder's designated bank account, following any redemption, will be credited with the proceeds of such redemption. Once enrolled in the ACH plan, a shareholder may terminate participation at any time by writing Investor Services or by calling (800) 847-2424 ((800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired).

DIVIDEND DIVERSIFICATION

A shareholder may elect, by completing the appropriate section of the account application form or by calling (800) 847-2424 ((800) 421-2833 for the hearing impaired), to have all dividends and capital gain dividends paid on a class of shares of the Fund invested into shares of the same class of any of the Participating Funds (as defined in the Prospectus) so long as the investor has a

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pre-existing account for such class of shares of the other fund. Both accounts must be of the same type, either non-retirement or retirement. If the accounts are retirement accounts, they must both be for the same class and of the same type of retirement plan (e.g. IRA, 403(b)(7), 401(k), Money Purchase and Profit Sharing Keogh plans) and for the benefit of the same individual. If a qualified, pre-existing account does not exist, the shareholder must establish a new account subject to any requirements of the Participating Fund into which distributions will be invested. Distributions are invested into the selected Participating Fund, provided that shares of such Participating Fund are available for sale, at its net asset value per share as of the payable date of the distribution from the Fund.

SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

A shareholder may establish a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual withdrawal plan if the shareholder owns shares in a single account valued at \$10,000 or more at the next determined net asset value per share at the time the plan is established. If a shareholder owns shares in a single account valued at \$5,000 or more at the next determined net asset value per share at the time the plan is established, the shareholder may establish a quarterly, semiannual or annual withdrawal plan. This plan provides for the orderly use of the entire account, not only the income but also the capital, if necessary. Each payment represents the proceeds of a redemption of shares on which any capital gain or loss will be recognized. The planholder may arrange for periodic checks in any amount not less than \$25. Such a systematic withdrawal plan may also be maintained by an investor purchasing shares for a retirement plan and may be established on a form made available by the Fund. See "Shareholder Services -- Retirement Plans."

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Class B Shareholders and Class C Shareholders who establish a systematic withdrawal plan may redeem up to 12% annually of the shareholder's initial account balance without incurring a contingent deferred sales charge. Initial account balance means the amount of the shareholder's investment at the time the election to participate in the plan is made.

Under the plan, sufficient shares of the Fund are redeemed to provide the amount of the periodic withdrawal payment. Dividends and capital gain dividends on shares held in accounts with systematic withdrawal plans are reinvested in additional shares at the next determined net asset value per share. If periodic withdrawals continuously exceed reinvested dividends and capital gain dividends, the shareholder's original investment will be correspondingly reduced and ultimately exhausted. Redemptions made concurrently with the purchase of additional shares ordinarily will be disadvantageous to the shareholder because of the duplication of sales charges. Any gain or loss realized by the shareholder upon redemption of shares is a taxable event. The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the systematic withdrawal program upon 30 days' notice to its shareholders.

REINSTATEMENT PRIVILEGE

A Class A Shareholder or Class B Shareholder who has redeemed shares of the Fund may reinstate any portion or all of the net proceeds of such redemption (and may include that amount necessary to acquire a fractional share to round off his or her purchase to the next full share) in Class A Shares of the Fund. A Class C Shareholder who has redeemed shares of the Fund may reinstate any portion or all of the net proceeds of such redemption (and may include that amount necessary to acquire a fractional share to round off his or her purchase to the next full share) in Class C Shares of the Fund with credit given for any contingent deferred sales charge paid upon such redemption, provided that such

shareholder has not previously exercised this reinstatement privilege with respect to Class C Shares of the Fund. Shares acquired in this manner will be deemed to have the original cost and purchase date of the redeemed shares for purposes of applying the CDSC-Class C (defined below) to subsequent redemptions. Reinstatements are made at the net asset value per share (without a sales charge) next determined after the order is received, which must be made within 180 days after the date of the redemption provided that shares of the Fund are available for sale. Reinstatement at net asset value per share is also offered to participants in eligible retirement plans for repayment of principal (and interest) on their borrowings on such plans, provided that shares of the Fund are available for sale.

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Redemptions are not made on days during which the New York Stock Exchange (the "Exchange") is closed. The right of redemption may be suspended and the payment therefor may be postponed for more than seven days during any period when (a) the Exchange is closed for other than customary weekends or holidays; (b) the SEC determines trading on the Exchange is restricted; (c) the SEC determines an emergency exists as a result of which disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practicable or it is not reasonably practicable for the Fund to fairly determine the value of its net assets; or (d) the SEC, by order, so permits.

In addition, if the Fund's Board of Trustees determines that payment wholly or partly in cash would be detrimental to the best interests of the remaining shareholders of the Fund, the Fund may pay the redemption proceeds in whole or in part by a distribution-in-kind of portfolio securities held by the Fund in lieu of cash in conformity with applicable rules of the SEC. A distribution-in-kind may result in recognition by the shareholder of a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes when such securities are distributed, and the shareholder may have brokerage costs and a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes upon the shareholder's disposition of such securities.

CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE-CLASS A

As described in the Fund's Prospectus under "Purchase of Shares -- Class A Shares," there is no sales charge payable on Class A Shares at the time of purchase on investments of \$1 million or more, but a

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contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC-Class A") may be imposed on certain redemptions made within one year of purchase. For purposes of the CDSC-Class A, when shares of a Participating Fund are exchanged for shares of another Participating Fund, the purchase date for the shares acquired by exchange will be assumed to be the date on which shares were purchased in the fund from which the exchange was made. If the exchanged shares themselves are acquired through an exchange, the purchase date is assumed to carry over from the date of the original election to purchase shares subject to a CDSC-Class A rather than a front-end load sales charge. In determining whether a CDSC-Class A is payable, it is assumed that shares being redeemed first are any shares in the shareholder's account not subject to a contingent deferred sales charge followed by shares held the longest in the shareholder's account. The contingent deferred sales charge is assessed on an amount equal to the lesser of the then current market value or the cost of the shares being redeemed. Accordingly, no sales charge is imposed on increases in net asset value above the initial purchase price. In addition, no sales charge is assessed on shares derived from reinvestment of dividends or capital gain dividends.

WAIVER OF CLASS B AND CLASS C CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGES

As described in the Fund's Prospectus under "Redemption of Shares," redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares will be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC-Class B and C"). The CDSC-Class B and C is waived on redemptions of Class B Shares and Class C Shares in the circumstances described below:

REDEMPTION UPON DEATH OR DISABILITY

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C on redemptions following the death or disability of a Class B shareholder and Class C shareholder. An individual will be considered disabled for this purpose if he or she meets the definition thereof in Section 72(m)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), which in pertinent part defines a person as disabled if such person "is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration." While the Fund does not specifically adopt the balance of the Code's definition which pertains to furnishing the Secretary of Treasury with such proof as he or she may require, the Distributor will require satisfactory proof of death or disability before it determines to waive the CDSC-Class B and C.

In cases of death or disability, the CDSC-Class B and C will be waived where the decedent or disabled person is either an individual shareholder or owns the shares as a joint tenant with right of survivorship or is the beneficial owner of a custodial or fiduciary account, and where the redemption is made within one year of the death or initial determination of disability. This waiver of the CDSC-Class B and C applies to a total or partial redemption, but only to redemptions of shares held at the time of the death or initial determination of disability.

REDEMPTION IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN DISTRIBUTIONS FROM RETIREMENT PLANS

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C when a total or partial redemption is made in connection with certain distributions from retirement plans. The CDSC-Class B and C will be waived upon the tax-free rollover or transfer of assets to another retirement plan invested in one or more Participating Funds; in such event, as described below, the Fund will "tack" the period for which the original shares were held on to the holding period of the shares acquired in the transfer or rollover for purposes of determining what, if any, CDSC-Class B and C is applicable in the event that such acquired shares are redeemed following the transfer or rollover. The charge also will be waived on any redemption which results from the return of an excess contribution or other contribution pursuant to Code Section 408(d)(4) or (5), the return of excess contributions or excess deferral amounts pursuant to Code Section 401(k)(8) or 402(g)(2), the financial hardship of the employee pursuant to U.S. Treasury regulation Section 1.401(k)-1(d)(2) or the death or disability of the employee (see Code Section 72(m)(7) and 72(t)(2)(A)(ii)). In addition, the charge will be waived on any minimum distribution required to be distributed in accordance with Code Section 401(a)(9).

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The Fund does not intend to waive the CDSC-Class B and C for any distributions from IRAs or other retirement plans not specifically described above.

REDEMPTION PURSUANT TO THE FUND'S SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL PLAN

A shareholder may elect to participate in a systematic withdrawal plan with respect to the shareholder's investment in the Fund. Under the systematic

withdrawal plan, a dollar amount of a participating shareholder's investment in the Fund will be redeemed systematically by the Fund on a periodic basis, and the proceeds sent to the designated payee of record. The amount to be redeemed and frequency of the systematic withdrawals will be specified by the shareholder upon his or her election to participate in the systematic withdrawal plan.

The amount of the shareholder's investment in the Fund at the time the election to participate in the systematic withdrawal plan is made with respect to the Fund is hereinafter referred to as the "initial account balance." The amount to be systematically redeemed from the Fund without the imposition of a CDSC-Class B and C may not exceed a maximum of 12% annually of the shareholder's initial account balance. The Fund reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of the systematic withdrawal plan and the ability to offer the systematic withdrawal plan.

NO INITIAL COMMISSION OR TRANSACTION FEE

The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C in circumstances under which no commission or transaction fee is paid to authorized dealers at the time of purchase of shares. See "Purchase of Shares -- Waiver of Contingent Deferred Sales Charge" in the Prospectus.

INVOLUNTARY REDEMPTIONS OF SHARES

The Fund reserves the right to redeem shareholder accounts with balances of less than a specified dollar amount as set forth in the Prospectus. Prior to such redemptions, shareholders will be notified in writing and allowed a specified period of time to purchase additional shares to bring the value of the account up to the required minimum balance. The Fund will waive the CDSC-Class B and C upon such involuntary redemption.

REDEMPTION BY ADVISER

The Fund may waive the CDSC-Class B and C when a total or partial redemption is made by the Adviser with respect to its investments in the Fund.

TAXATION

FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION OF THE FUND

The Fund has elected and qualified, and intends to continue to qualify each year, to be treated as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. To qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must comply with certain requirements of the Code relating to, among other things, the sources of its income and diversification of its assets.

If the Fund so qualifies and distributes each year to its shareholders at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (generally including ordinary income and net short-term capital gain, but not net capital gain, which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) and meets certain other requirements, it will not be required to pay federal income taxes on any income it distributes to shareholders. The Fund intends to distribute at least the minimum amount necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement. The Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on any net capital gain distributed to shareholders and designated as capital gain dividends.

To avoid a 4% excise tax, the Fund will be required to distribute, by December 31st of each year, at least an amount equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income for such year and (ii) 98% of its capital gain net

income (the latter of which generally is computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31st of such year), plus any amounts that were not distributed in previous taxable years. For purposes of the excise tax, any ordinary income or capital gain net income retained by, and subject to federal income tax in the hands of, the Fund will be treated as having been distributed.

If the Fund failed to qualify as a regulated investment company or failed to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement in any taxable year, the Fund would be taxed as an ordinary corporation on its taxable income (even if such income were distributed to its shareholders) and all distributions out of earnings and profits would be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income. In addition, the Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay taxes and make distributions (which could be subject to interest charges) before requalifying for taxation as a regulated investment company.

Some of the Fund's investment practices are subject to special provisions of the Code that, among other things, may (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income, (iii) convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited) and/or (iv) cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and the distribution requirements for avoiding income and excise taxes. The Fund will monitor its transactions and may make certain tax elections to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of the Fund as a regulated investment company.

Investments of the Fund in securities issued at a discount or providing for deferred interest or payment of interest in kind are subject to special tax rules that will affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to shareholders. For example, with respect to securities issued at a discount, the Fund will be required to accrue as income each year a portion of the discount and to distribute such income each year to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company and to avoid income and excise taxes. To generate sufficient cash to make distributions necessary to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid income and excise taxes, the Fund may have to dispose of securities that it would otherwise have continued to hold.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Distributions of the Fund's investment company taxable income are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gains designated as capital gain dividends, if any, are taxable to shareholders as long-term capital gains regardless of the length of time shares of the Fund have been held by such shareholders. Distributions in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a shareholder's shares and, after such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to such shareholder (assuming such shares are held as a capital asset). The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (the "2003 Tax Act") contains provisions that reduce the U.S. federal income tax rates on (1) long-term capital gains received by individuals and (2) "qualified dividend income" received by individuals from certain domestic and foreign corporations. The reduced rate for capital gains generally applies to long-term capital gains from sales or exchanges recognized on or after May 6, 2003, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. The reduced rate for dividends generally applies to "qualified dividend income" received in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002, and ceases to apply for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008. Because the Fund intends to invest primarily in debt securities, ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund

generally will not be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to "qualified dividend income." Distributions from the Fund designated as capital gain dividends will be eligible for the reduced rate applicable to long-term capital gains. For a summary of the maximum tax rates applicable to capital gains (including capital gain dividends), see "Capital Gains Rates" below. Tax-exempt shareholders not subject to federal income tax on their income generally will not be taxed on distributions from the Fund.

Shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares issued by the Fund will be treated for federal income tax purposes as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the fair market value of the

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shares received, determined as of the distribution date. The basis of such shares will equal their fair market value on the distribution date.

The Fund will inform shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year. Distributions from the Fund generally will not be eligible for the corporate dividends received deduction.

Although dividends generally will be treated as distributed when paid, dividends declared in October, November or December, payable to shareholders of record on a specified date in such month and paid during January of the following year will be treated as having been distributed by the Fund and received by the shareholders on the December 31st prior to the date of payment. In addition, certain other distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the Fund may be "spilled back" and treated as paid by the Fund (except for purposes of the 4% excise tax) during such taxable year. In such case, shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distribution was actually made.

Income from investments in foreign securities received by the Fund may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and U.S. possessions. Such taxes will not be deductible or creditable by shareholders. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes.

Certain foreign currency gains or losses attributable to currency exchange rate fluctuations are treated as ordinary income or loss. Such income or loss may increase or decrease (or possibly eliminate) the Fund's income available for distribution. If, under the rules governing the tax treatment of foreign currency gains and losses, the Fund's income available for distribution is decreased or eliminated, all or a portion of the dividends declared by the Fund may be treated for federal income tax purposes as a return of capital or, in some circumstances, as capital gains. Generally, a shareholder's tax basis in Fund shares will be reduced to the extent that an amount distributed to such shareholder is treated as a return of capital.

SALE OF SHARES

The sale of shares (including transfers in connection with a redemption or repurchase of shares) may be a taxable transaction for federal income tax purposes. Selling shareholders will generally recognize a gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between their adjusted tax basis in the shares sold and the amount received. If the shares are held as a capital asset, the gain or loss will be a capital gain or loss. For a summary of the maximum tax rates applicable to capital gains, see "Capital Gains Rates" below. Any loss recognized upon a taxable disposition of shares held for six months or less will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain

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dividends received with respect to such shares. For purposes of determining whether shares have been held for six months or less, the holding period is suspended for any periods during which the shareholder's risk of loss is diminished as a result of holding one or more other positions in substantially similar or related property or through certain options or short sales.

CAPITAL GAINS RATES

As a consequence of the 2003 Tax Act, the maximum tax rate applicable to net capital gains recognized by individuals and other non-corporate taxpayers investing in the Fund is (i) the same as the maximum ordinary income tax rate for capital assets held for one year or less or (ii) for net capital gains recognized on or after May 6, 2003, 15% for capital assets held for more than one year (20% for net capital gains recognized in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008). The maximum long-term capital gains rate for corporations is 35%.

WITHHOLDING ON PAYMENTS TO NON-U.S. SHAREHOLDERS

For purposes of this and the following paragraphs, a "Non-U.S. Shareholder" shall include any shareholder who is not:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;

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- a corporation or partnership created or organized under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust that (i) is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. fiduciaries who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (ii) has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person.

A Non-U.S. Shareholder generally will be subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a 30% rate (or lower applicable treaty rate), rather than backup withholding (discussed below), on dividends from the Fund (other than capital gain dividends) that are not "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by such shareholder, provided that the shareholder furnishes to the Fund a properly completed Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") Form W-8BEN certifying the shareholder's non-United States status.

Non-effectively connected capital gain dividends and gains realized from the sale of shares will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax in the case of (i) a Non-U.S. Shareholder that is a corporation and (ii) an individual Non-U.S. Shareholder who is not present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year (assuming that certain other conditions are met). However, certain Non-U.S. Shareholders may nonetheless be subject to backup withholding and information reporting on capital gain dividends and redemption proceeds paid to them upon the sale of their shares. See "Backup Withholding" and "Information Reporting" below.

If income from the Fund or gains realized from the sale of shares are effectively connected with a Non-U.S. Shareholder's U.S. trade or business, then such amounts will not be subject to the 30% withholding described above, but rather will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis at the tax rates applicable to U.S. citizens and residents or domestic corporations. To

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establish that income from the Fund or gains realized from the sale of shares are effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business, a Non-U.S. Shareholder must provide the Fund with a properly completed IRS Form W-8ECI certifying that such amounts are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Shareholder's U.S. trade or business. Non-U.S. Shareholders that are corporations may also be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" with respect to income from the Fund that is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.

The tax consequences to a Non-U.S. Shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may be different from those described in this section. To claim tax treaty benefits Non-U.S. Shareholders will be required to provide the Fund with a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN certifying their entitlement to the benefits. In addition, in certain cases where payments are made to a Non-U.S. Shareholder that is a partnership or other pass-through entity, both the entity and the persons holding an interest in the entity will need to provide certification. For example, an individual Non-U.S. Shareholder who holds shares in the Fund through a non-U.S. partnership must provide an IRS Form W-8BEN to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty. Non-U.S. Shareholders are advised to consult their advisers with respect to the tax implications of purchasing, holding and disposing of shares of the Fund.

BACKUP WITHHOLDING

The Fund may be required to withhold federal income tax ("backup withholding") at a rate of 28% from dividends and redemption proceeds paid to non-corporate shareholders. This tax may be withheld from dividends paid to a shareholder (other than a Non-U.S. Shareholder) if (i) the shareholder fails to properly furnish the Fund with its correct taxpayer identification number, (ii) the IRS notifies the Fund that the shareholder has failed to properly report certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect or (iii) when required to do so, the shareholder fails to certify that the taxpayer identification number provided is correct, that the shareholder is not subject to backup withholding and that the shareholder is a U.S. person (as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes). Redemption proceeds may be subject to backup withholding under the circumstances described in (i) above.

Generally, dividends paid to Non-U.S. Shareholders that are subject to the 30% federal income tax withholding described above under "Withholding on Payments to Non-U.S. Shareholders" are not subject to

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backup withholding. To avoid backup withholding on capital gain dividends and redemption proceeds from the sale of shares, Non-U.S. Shareholders must provide a properly completed IRS Form W-8BEN certifying their non-United States status.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from payments made to a shareholder may be refunded or credited against such shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

INFORMATION REPORTING

The Fund must report annually to the IRS and to each shareholder (other than a Non-U.S. Shareholder) the amount of dividends, capital gain dividends or redemption proceeds paid to such shareholder and the amount, if any, of tax withheld pursuant to backup withholding rules with respect to such amounts. In the case of a Non-U.S. Shareholder, the Fund must report to the IRS and such shareholder the amount of dividends, capital gain dividends or redemption proceeds paid that are subject to withholding (including backup withholding, if any) and the amount of tax withheld with respect to such amounts. This

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information may also be made available to the tax authorities in the Non-U.S. Shareholder's country of residence.

GENERAL

The federal income tax discussion set forth above is for general information only. Shareholders and prospective investors should consult their advisers regarding the specific federal tax consequences of purchasing, holding and disposing of shares of the Fund, as well as the effects of state, local and foreign tax laws and any proposed tax law changes.

FUND PERFORMANCE

From time to time the Fund may advertise its total return for prior periods. Any such advertisement would include at least average annual total return quotations for one-year, five-year and ten-year periods (or life of the Fund, if shorter). Other total return quotations, aggregate or average, over other time periods may also be included.

The total return of the Fund for a particular period represents the increase (or decrease) in the value of a hypothetical investment in the Fund from the beginning to the end of the period. Total return is calculated by subtracting the value of the initial investment from the ending value and showing the difference as a percentage of the initial investment; the calculation assumes the initial investment is made at the current maximum public offering price (which includes the maximum sales charge for Class A Shares); that all income dividends or capital gain dividends during the period are reinvested in Fund shares at net asset value; and that any applicable contingent deferred sales charge has been paid. The Fund's total return will vary depending on market conditions, the securities comprising the Fund's portfolio, the Fund's operating expenses and unrealized net capital gains or losses during the period. Since Class A Shares of the Fund were offered at a maximum sales charge of 6.75% prior to June 12, 1989, actual Fund total return would have been somewhat less than that computed on the basis of the current maximum sales charge. Total return is based on historical earnings and asset value fluctuations and is not intended to indicate future performance. No adjustments are made to reflect any income taxes payable by shareholders on dividends or capital gain dividends paid by the Fund or to reflect that 12b-1 fees may have changed over time.

Average annual total return quotations are computed by finding the average annual compounded rate of return over the period that would equate the initial amount invested to the ending redeemable value.

The after-tax returns of the Fund may also be advertised or otherwise reported. This is generally calculated in a manner similar to the computation of average annual total returns discussed above, except that the calculation also reflects the effect of taxes on returns.

The Fund may, in supplemental sales literature, advertise non-standardized total return figures representing the cumulative, non-annualized total return of each class of shares of the Fund from a given date to a

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subsequent given date. Cumulative non-standardized total return is calculated by measuring the value of an initial investment in a given class of shares of the Fund at a given time, deducting the maximum initial sales charge, if any, determining the value of all subsequent reinvested distributions, and dividing the net change in the value of the investment as of the end of the period by the amount of the initial investment and expressing the result as a percentage. Non-standardized total return will be calculated separately for each class of

shares.

Non-standardized total return calculations do not reflect the imposition of a contingent deferred sales charge, and if any contingent deferred sales charge imposed at the time of redemption were reflected, it would reduce the performance quoted.

In addition to total return information, the Fund may also advertise its current "yield." Yield figures are based on historical earnings and are not intended to indicate future performance. Yield is determined by analyzing the Fund's net income per share for a 30-day (or one-month) period (which period will be stated in the advertisement), and dividing by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. A "bond equivalent" annualization method is used to reflect a semiannual compounding.

For purposes of calculating yield quotations, net income is determined by a standard formula prescribed by the SEC to facilitate comparison with yields quoted by other investment companies. Net income computed for this formula differs from net income reported by the Fund in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and from net income computed for federal income tax reporting purposes. Thus the yield computed for a period may be greater or less than the Fund's then current dividend rate.

The Fund's yield is not fixed and will fluctuate in response to prevailing interest rates and the market value of portfolio securities, and as a function of the type of securities owned by the Fund, portfolio maturity and the Fund's expenses.

Yield quotations should be considered relative to changes in the net asset value of the Fund's shares, the Fund's investment policies, and the risks of investing in shares of the Fund. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Yield and total return are calculated separately for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund. Total return figures for Class A Shares include the maximum sales charge. Total return figures for Class B Shares and Class C Shares include any applicable contingent deferred sales charge. Because of the differences in sales charges and distribution fees, the total returns for each class of shares will differ.

From time to time, the Fund may include in its sales literature and shareholder reports a quotation of the current "distribution rate" for each class of shares of the Fund. Distribution rate is a measure of the level of income and short-term capital gain dividends, if any, distributed for a specified period. Distribution rate differs from yield, which is a measure of the income actually earned by the Fund's investments, and from total return which is a measure of the income actually earned by the Fund's investments plus the effect of any realized and unrealized appreciation or depreciation of such investments during a stated period. Distribution rate is, therefore, not intended to be a complete measure of the Fund's performance. Distribution rate may sometimes be greater than yield since, for instance, it may not include the effect of amortization of bond premiums, and may include non-recurring short-term capital gains and premiums from futures transactions engaged in by the Fund. Distribution rates will be computed separately for each class of the Fund's shares.

From time to time, marketing materials may provide a portfolio manager update, an Adviser update and discuss general economic conditions and outlooks. The Fund's marketing materials may also show the Fund's asset class diversification, top sector holdings and largest holdings. Materials may also mention how the Distributor believes the Fund compares relative to other Van

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Kampen funds. Materials may also discuss the Dalbar Financial Services study from 1984 to 1994 which studied investor cash flow into and out of all types of mutual funds. The ten-year study found that investors who bought mutual fund shares and held such shares outperformed investors who bought and sold. The Dalbar study conclusions were consistent regardless of whether shareholders purchased their fund shares in direct or sales force distribution channels. The study showed that investors working with a professional representative have tended over time to earn higher returns than those who invested directly. The performance of the funds purchased by the investors in the Dalbar study

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and the conclusions based thereon are not necessarily indicative of future performance of such funds or conclusions that may result from similar studies in the future. The Fund may also be marketed on the internet.

In reports or other communications to shareholders or in advertising material, the Fund may compare its performance with that of other mutual funds as listed in the rankings or ratings prepared by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., CDA, Morningstar Mutual Funds or similar independent services which monitor the performance of mutual funds with the Consumer Price Index, Salomon Brothers Corporate Bond Index, Shearson Lehman Corporate Bond Index, Merrill Lynch Corporate Master Index, Merrill Lynch Corporate and Government Index, Bloomberg Financial Markets Indices, other appropriate indices of investment securities, or with investment or savings vehicles. The performance information may also include evaluations of the Fund published by nationally recognized ranking or rating services and by nationally recognized financial publications. Such comparative performance information will be stated in the same terms in which the comparative data or indices are stated. Such advertisements and sales material may also include a yield quotation as of a current period. In each case, such total return and yield information, if any, will be calculated pursuant to rules established by the SEC and will be computed separately for each class of the Fund's shares. For these purposes, the performance of the Fund, as well as the performance of other mutual funds or indices, do not reflect sales charges, the inclusion of which would reduce the Fund's performance. The Fund will include performance data for each class of shares of the Fund in any advertisement or information including performance data of the Fund.

The Fund may also utilize performance information in hypothetical illustrations. For example, the Fund may, from time to time: (1) illustrate the benefits of tax-deferral by comparing taxable investments to investments made through tax-deferred retirement plans; (2) illustrate in graph or chart form, or otherwise, the benefits of dollar cost averaging by comparing investments made pursuant to a systematic investment plan to investments made in a rising market; (3) illustrate allocations among different types of mutual funds for investors at different stages of their lives; and (4) in reports or other communications to shareholders or in advertising material, illustrate the benefits of compounding at various assumed rates of return.

The Fund's Annual Report and Semiannual Report contain additional performance information. A copy of the Annual Report or Semiannual Report may be obtained without charge by calling or writing the Fund at the telephone number and address printed on the cover of this Statement of Additional Information.

CLASS A SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return assuming payment of the maximum sales charge, for Class A Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 13.49%, (ii) the five-year period ended August 31, 2003 was -1.29% and (iii) the ten-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 3.34%.

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The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the maximum sales charge, with respect to the Class A Shares from October 2, 1978 (commencement of distribution of Class A Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 441.21%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the maximum sales charge, with respect to the Class A Shares from October 2, 1978 (commencement of distribution of Class A Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 468.39%.

CLASS B SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return for Class B Shares listed below reflects the conversion of such shares into Class A Shares. Class B Shares purchased before June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, automatically convert to Class A Shares six years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased. Class B Shares purchased on or after June 1, 1996, including Class B Shares received from reinvestment of distributions through the dividend reinvestment plan on such shares, convert to Class A Shares eight years after the end of the calendar month in which the shares were purchased.

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The Fund's average annual total return, assuming payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, for Class B Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 14.27%, (ii) the five-year period ended August 31, 2003 was -1.21% and (iii) the ten-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 3.33%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class B Shares from July 2, 1992 (commencement of distribution of Class B Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 65.26%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class B Shares from July 2, 1992 (commencement of distribution of Class B Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 65.26%.

CLASS C SHARES

The Fund's average annual total return, assuming payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, for Class C Shares of the Fund for (i) the one-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 17.14%, (ii) the five-year period ended August 31, 2003 was -1.12% and (iii) ten-year period ended August 31, 2003 was 3.02%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, including payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class C Shares from July 6, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class C Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 36.30%.

The Fund's cumulative non-standardized total return, excluding payment of the contingent deferred sales charge, with respect to the Class C Shares from July 6, 1993 (commencement of distribution of Class C Shares of the Fund) to August 31, 2003 was 36.30%.

The annualized current yield for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class C Shares of the Fund for the 30-day period ending August 31, 2003 was 7.40%, 6.96% and 7.07%, respectively. The yield for Class A Shares, Class B Shares and Class

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C Shares is not fixed and will fluctuate in response to prevailing interest rates and the market value of portfolio securities, and as a function of the type of securities owned by the Fund, portfolio maturity and the Fund's expenses.

These results are based on historical earnings and asset value fluctuations and are not intended to indicate future performance. Such information should be considered in light of the Fund's investment objectives and policies as well as the risks incurred in the Fund's investment practices.

OTHER INFORMATION

CUSTODY OF ASSETS

Except for segregated assets held by a futures commission merchant pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated under the 1940 Act, all securities owned by the Fund and all cash, including proceeds from the sale of shares of the Fund and of securities in the Fund's investment portfolio, are held by State Street Bank and Trust Company, 225 West Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, as custodian. The custodian also provides accounting services to the Fund.

SHAREHOLDER REPORTS

Semiannual statements are furnished to shareholders, and annually such statements are audited by the independent auditors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Independent auditors for the Fund perform an annual audit of the Fund's financial statements. The Fund's Board of Trustees has engaged Ernst & Young LLP, located at 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, to be the Fund's independent auditors.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Counsel to the Fund is Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (Illinois).

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APPENDIX A

MORGAN STANLEY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction -- Morgan Stanley Investment Management's ("MSIM") policies and procedures for voting proxies with respect to securities held in the accounts of clients applies to those MSIM entities that provide discretionary Investment Management services and for which a MSIM entity has the authority to vote their proxies. The policies and procedures and general guidelines in this section will be reviewed and, as necessary, updated periodically to address new or revised proxy voting issues. The MSIM entities covered by these policies and procedures currently include the following: Morgan Stanley Investment Advisors Inc., Morgan Stanley Alternative Investment Partners, L.P., Morgan Stanley AIP GP LP, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Group Inc., Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Company, Morgan Stanley Asset & Investment Trust Management Co., Limited, Morgan Stanley Investment Management Private Limited, Morgan Stanley Investments LP, Morgan Stanley Hedge Fund Partners GP LP, Morgan Stanley Hedge Fund Partners LP, Van Kampen Investment Advisory Corp., Van Kampen

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Asset Management Inc., and Van Kampen Advisors Inc. (each a "MSIM Affiliate" and collectively referred to as the "MSIM Affiliates").

Each MSIM Affiliate will vote proxies as part of its authority to manage, acquire and dispose of account assets. With respect to the MSIM registered management investment companies (Van Kampen, Institutional and Advisor Funds) (collectively referred to as the "MSIM Funds"), each MSIM Fund will vote proxies pursuant to authority granted under its applicable investment advisory agreement or, in the absence of such authority, as authorized by its Board of Directors or Trustees. A MSIM Affiliate will not vote proxies if the "named fiduciary" for an ERISA account has reserved the authority for itself, or in the case of an account not governed by ERISA, the Investment Management Agreement does not authorize the MSIM Affiliate to vote proxies. MSIM Affiliates will, in a prudent and diligent manner, vote proxies in the best interests of clients, including beneficiaries of and participants in a client's benefit plan(s) for which we manage assets, consistent with the objective of maximizing long-term investment returns ("Client Proxy Standard"). In certain situations, a client or its fiduciary may provide a MSIM Affiliate with a statement of proxy voting policy. In these situations, the MSIM Affiliate will comply with the client's policy unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable laws or regulations or the MSIM Affiliate's fiduciary responsibility.

Proxy Research Services -- To assist the MSIM Affiliates in their responsibility for voting proxies and the overall global proxy voting process, Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") and the Investor Responsibility Research Center ("IRRC") have been retained as experts in the proxy voting and corporate governance area. ISS and IRRC are independent advisers that specialize in providing a variety of fiduciary-level proxyrelated services to institutional investment managers, plan sponsors, custodians, consultants, and other institutional investors. The services provided to MSIM Affiliates include in-depth research, global issuer analysis, and voting recommendations. In addition to research, ISS provides vote execution, reporting, and recordkeeping. MSIM's Proxy Review Committee (see Section IV.A. below) will carefully monitor and supervise the services provided by the proxy research services.

Voting Proxies for certain Non-US Companies -- While the proxy voting process is well established in the United States and other developed markets with a number of tools and services available to assist an investment manager, voting proxies of non-US companies located in certain jurisdictions, particularly emerging markets, may involve a number of problems that may restrict or prevent a MSIM Affiliate's ability to vote such proxies. These problems include, but are not limited to: (i) proxy statements and ballots being written in a language other than English; (ii) untimely and/or inadequate notice of shareholder meetings; (iii) restrictions on the ability of holders outside the issuer's jurisdiction of organization to exercise votes; (iv) requirements to vote proxies in person, (v) the imposition of restrictions on the sale of the securities for a period of time in proximity to the shareholder meeting; and (vi) requirements to provide local agents with power of attorney to facilitate the MSIM Affiliate's voting instructions. As a result, clients' non-U.S. proxies

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will be voted on a best efforts basis only, consistent with the Client Proxy Standard. ISS has been retained to provide assistance to the MSIM Affiliates in connection with voting their clients' non-US proxies.

II. GENERAL PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

To ensure consistency in voting proxies on behalf of its clients, MSIM Affiliates will follow (subject to any exception set forth herein) these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, including the guidelines set forth below. These

guidelines address a broad range of issues, including board size and composition, executive compensation, antitakeover proposals, capital structure proposals and social responsibility issues and are meant to be general voting parameters on issues that arise most frequently. The MSIM Affiliates, however, may vote in a manner that is contrary to the following general guidelines, pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section IV. below, provided the vote is consistent with the Client Proxy Standard.

III. GUIDELINES

A. MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

1. When voting on routine ballot items the following proposals are generally voted in support of management, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.
 - Selection or ratification of auditors.
 - Approval of financial statements, director and auditor reports.
 - Election of Directors.
 - Limiting Directors' liability and broadening indemnification of Directors.
 - Requirement that a certain percentage (up to 66 2/3%) of its Board's members be comprised of independent and unaffiliated Directors.
 - Requirement that members of the company's compensation, nominating and audit committees be comprised of independent or unaffiliated Directors.
 - Recommendations to set retirement ages or require specific levels of stock ownership by Directors.
 - General updating/corrective amendments to the charter.
 - Elimination of cumulative voting.
 - Elimination of preemptive rights.
 - Provisions for confidential voting and independent tabulation of voting results.
 - Proposals related to the conduct of the annual meeting except those proposals that relate to the "transaction of such other business which may come before the meeting."
2. The following non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a substantive financial or best interest impact on a shareholder, are generally voted in support of management, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.

CAPITALIZATION CHANGES

- Capitalization changes that eliminate other classes of stock and voting rights.
- Proposals to increase the authorization of existing classes of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) if: (i) a clear and legitimate business purpose is stated; (ii) the number

of shares requested is reasonable in relation to the purpose for which authorization is requested; and (iii) the authorization does not exceed 100% of shares currently authorized and at least 30% of the new authorization will be outstanding.

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- Proposals to create a new class of preferred stock or for issuances of preferred stock up to 50% of issued capital.
- Proposals for share repurchase plans.
- Proposals to reduce the number of authorized shares of common or preferred stock, or to eliminate classes of preferred stock.
- Proposals to effect stock splits.
- Proposals to effect reverse stock splits if management proportionately reduces the authorized share amount set forth in the corporate charter. Reverse stock splits that do not adjust proportionately to the authorized share amount will generally be approved if the resulting increase in authorized shares coincides with the proxy guidelines set forth above for common stock increases.

COMPENSATION

- Director fees, provided the amounts are not excessive relative to other companies in the country or industry.
- Employee stock purchase plans that permit discounts up to 15%, but only for grants that are part of a broad based employee plan, including all non-executive employees.
- Establishment of Employee Stock Option Plans and other employee ownership plans.

ANTI-TAKEOVER MATTERS

- Modify or rescind existing supermajority vote requirements to amend the charters or bylaws.
 - Adoption of anti-greenmail provisions provided that the proposal: (i) defines greenmail; (ii) prohibits buyback offers to large block holders not made to all shareholders or not approved by disinterested shareholders; and (iii) contains no anti-takeover measures or other provisions restricting the rights of shareholders.
3. The following non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a substantive financial or best interest impact on the shareholder, are generally voted against (notwithstanding management support), subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate.
- Capitalization changes that add classes of stock that which substantially dilute the voting interests of existing shareholders.
 - Proposals to increase the authorized number of shares of existing classes of stock that carry preemptive rights or supervoting rights.

- Creation of "blank check" preferred stock.
- Changes in capitalization by 100% or more.
- Compensation proposals that allow for discounted stock options that have not been offered to employees in general.
- Amendments to bylaws that would require a supermajority shareholder vote to pass or repeal certain provisions.
- Proposals to indemnify auditors.

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4. The following types of non-routine proposals, which potentially may have a potential financial or best interest impact on an issuer, are voted as determined by the Proxy Review Committee.

CORPORATE TRANSACTIONS

- Mergers, acquisitions and other special corporate transactions (i.e., takeovers, spin-offs, sales of assets, reorganizations, restructurings and recapitalizations) will be examined on a case-by-case basis. In all cases, ISS and IRRC research and analysis will be used along with MSIM Affiliates' research and analysis, based on, among other things, MSIM internal company-specific knowledge.
- Change-in-control provisions in non-salary compensation plans, employment contracts, and severance agreements that benefit management and would be costly to shareholders if triggered.
- Shareholders rights plans that allow appropriate offers to shareholders to be blocked by the board or trigger provisions that prevent legitimate offers from proceeding.
- Executive/Director stock option plans. Generally, stock option plans should meet the following criteria:
 - (i) Whether the stock option plan is incentive based;
 - (ii) For mature companies, should be no more than 5% of the issued capital at the time of approval;
 - (iii) For growth companies, should be no more than 10% of the issued capital at the time of approval.

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS

- Proposals requiring shareholder ratification of poison pills.
- Anti-takeover and related provisions that serve to prevent the majority of shareholders from exercising their rights or effectively deter the appropriate tender offers and other offers.

B. SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

1. The following shareholder proposals are generally supported, subject to the review and approval of the Proxy Review Committee, as appropriate:

- Requiring auditors to attend the annual meeting of shareholders.
 - Requirement that members of the company's compensation, nominating and audit committees be comprised of independent or unaffiliated Directors.
 - Requirement that a certain percentage of its Board's members be comprised of independent and unaffiliated Directors.
 - Confidential voting.
 - Reduction or elimination of supermajority vote requirements.
2. The following shareholder proposals will be voted as determined by the Proxy Review Committee.
- Proposals that limit tenure of directors.
 - Proposals to limit golden parachutes.
 - Proposals requiring directors to own large amounts of stock to be eligible for election.
 - Restoring cumulative voting in the election of directors.
 - Proposals that request or require disclosure of executive compensation in addition to the disclosure required by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") regulations.

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- Proposals that limit retirement benefits or executive compensation.
 - Requiring shareholder approval for bylaw or charter amendments.
 - Requiring shareholder approval for shareholder rights plan or poison pill.
 - Requiring shareholder approval of golden parachutes.
 - Elimination of certain anti-takeover related provisions.
 - Prohibit payment of greenmail.
3. The following shareholder proposals are generally not supported, subject to the review and approval of the Committee, as appropriate.
- Requirements that the issuer prepare reports that are costly to provide or that would require duplicative efforts or expenditures that are of a non-business nature or would provide no pertinent information from the perspective of institutional shareholders.
 - Restrictions related to social, political or special interest issues that impact the ability of the company to do business or be competitive and that have a significant financial or best interest impact to the shareholders.
 - Proposals that require inappropriate endorsements or corporate actions.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF PROXY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. PROXY REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. The MSIM Proxy Review Committee ("Committee") is responsible for creating and implementing MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures and, in this regard, has expressly adopted them. Following are some of the functions and responsibilities of the Committee.

- (a) The Committee, which will consist of members designated by MSIM's Chief Investment Officer, is responsible for establishing MSIM's proxy voting policies and guidelines and determining how MSIM will vote proxies on an ongoing basis.
- (b) The Committee will periodically review and have the authority to amend as necessary MSIM's proxy voting policies and guidelines (as expressed in these Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures) and establish and direct voting positions consistent with the Client Proxy Standard.
- (c) The Committee will meet at least monthly to (among other matters): (1) address any outstanding issues relating to MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures; and (2) generally review proposals at upcoming shareholder meetings of MSIM portfolio companies in accordance with this Policy and Procedures including, as appropriate, the voting results of prior shareholder meetings of the same issuer where a similar proposal was presented to shareholders. The Committee, or its designee, will timely communicate to ISS MSIM's Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures (and any amendments to them and/or any additional guidelines or procedures it may adopt).
- (d) The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis to (among other matters): (1) authorize "split voting" (i.e., allowing certain shares of the same issuer that are the subject of the same proxy solicitation and held by one or more MSIM portfolios to be voted differently than other shares) and/or "override voting" (i.e., voting all MSIM portfolio shares in a manner contrary to the Procedures); (2) review and approve upcoming votes, as appropriate, for matters for which specific direction has been provided in Sections I, II, and III above; and (3) determine how to vote matters for which specific direction has not been provided in Sections I, II and III above. Split votes will generally not be approved within a single Global Investor Group team. The Committee may take into account ISS recommendations and the research provided by IRRC as well as any other relevant information they may request or receive.

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- (e) In addition to the procedures discussed above, if the Committee determines that an issue raises a potential material conflict of interest, or gives rise to the appearance of a potential material conflict of interest, the Committee will designate a special committee to review, and recommend a course of action with respect to, the conflict(s) in question ("Special Committee"). The Special Committee may request the assistance of the Law and Compliance Departments and will have sole discretion to cast a vote. In addition to the research provided by ISS and IRRC, the Special Committee may request analysis from MSIM Affiliate investment professionals and outside sources to the extent it

deems appropriate.

- (f) The Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s), will document in writing all of their decisions and actions, which documentation will be maintained by the Committee and the Special Committee, or their designee(s) for a period of at least 6 years. To the extent these decisions relate to a security held by a MSIM U.S. registered investment company, the Committee and Special Committee, or their designee(s), will report their decisions to each applicable Board of Trustees/Directors of those investment companies at each Board's next regularly Scheduled Board meeting. The report will contain information concerning decisions made by the Committee and Special Committee during the most recently ended calendar quarter immediately preceding the Board meeting.
- (g) The Committee and Special Committee, or their designee(s), will timely communicate to applicable PMs, the Compliance Departments and, as necessary to ISS, decisions of the Committee and Special Committee so that, among other things, ISS will vote proxies consistent with their decisions.

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APPENDIX D

PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following presents the pro forma financial statements for the combination of Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund and Van Kampen High Yield Fund. The statements are presented as of March 31, 2004, the most recent interim period for which financial information is currently available.

The unaudited Pro Forma Portfolio of Investments and Pro Forma Condensed Statement of Assets and Liabilities reflect the financial position as if the transaction occurred on March 31, 2004. The Pro Forma Condensed Statement of Operations reflects the expenses for the twelve months ended March 31, 2004. The pro forma statements give effect to the proposed exchange of Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund shares for the assets and liabilities of the Van Kampen High Yield Fund, with Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund being the surviving entity. The proposed transaction will be accounted for as a tax-free reorganization in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The historical cost basis of the investments is carried over to the surviving entity. It is not anticipated that Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund will sell any securities of Van Kampen High Yield Fund acquired in the reorganization other than in the ordinary course of business.

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VAN KAMPEN HIGH YIELD FUND PROFORMA PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS MARCH 31, 2004 (UNAUDITED)

DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH YIELD FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PROFORMA PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH IN CORPORAT FUND MARKET
CORPORATE BONDS 93.1%						
AEROSPACE 0.3%						
Dunlop Stand Aero Holdings, 144A - Private Placement (United Kingdom) (a)	11.875%	05/15/09	\$ 1,765	\$ 960	\$ 2,725	\$ 1,888
BROADCASTING 1.7%						
Granite Broadcasting Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.750	12/01/10	1,950	1,070	3,020	1,891
Interp National Radio Sales, Inc., Ser B	10.000	07/01/08	2,755	1,462	4,217	2,496
TV Azteca SA, Ser B (Mexico)	10.500	02/15/07	5,674	3,068	8,742	5,872
						10,260
BUILDING MATERIALS 0.2%						
Koppers, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.875	10/15/13	1,000	530	1,530	1,105
CABLE 5.5%						
Avalon Cable, LLC	11.875	12/01/08	756	400	1,156	801
Charter Communications Holdings	10.750	10/01/09	1,145		1,145	1,007
Charter Communications Holdings	9.625	11/15/09	5,765	1,775	7,540	4,900
Charter Communications Holdings (b)	0/11.750	01/15/10	1,100	2,275	3,375	891
CSC Holdings, Inc.	8.125	07/15/09	1,935	1,040	2,975	2,089
CSC Holdings, Inc.	10.500	05/15/16	830	395	1,225	962
DirecTV Holdings, LLC	8.375	03/15/13	4,140	2,195	6,335	4,740
Echostar DBS Corp.	9.125	01/15/09	5,098	1,616	6,714	5,786
Echostar DBS Corp., 144A-Private Placement (a)	6.375	10/01/11		1,585	1,585	
Multicanal Participacoes, Ser B (Brazil) (e)	12.625	06/18/04	3,425	775	4,200	2,243
Pegasus Communications Corp., Ser B	9.750	12/01/06	645	1,036	1,681	571
Pegasus Communications Corp., Ser B	12.500	08/01/07	1,735	430	2,165	1,535
Pegasus Satellite Communications	13.500	03/01/07	465	120	585	346
Renaissance Media Group Satelites Mexicanos SA,	10.000	04/15/08	1,570	790	2,360	1,624

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Ser B (Mexico) (e)	10.125	11/01/04	5,895	3,283	9,178	2,210
Telenet Communications						
(Belgium) (EUR)	9.000	12/15/13	2,075	1,135	3,210	2,604
Telenet Group Holding NV,						
144A - Private Placement						
(Belgium) (a) (b)	0/11.500	06/15/14	2,515	1,340	3,855	1,546

						33,863

CHEMICALS 6.7%						
Avecia Group PLC (United						
Kingdom)	11.000	07/01/09	3,047	1,615	4,662	2,605
Equistar Chemicals LP	10.125	09/01/08	3,343	1,747	5,090	3,610
Equistar Chemicals LP	10.625	05/01/11	1,245	620	1,865	1,347
FMC Corp.	10.250	11/01/09	1,564	722	2,286	1,845
Huntsman Advanced						
Materials, LLC, 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	11.000	07/15/10	1,475	755	2,230	1,674
Huntsman ICI Chemicals, LLC	10.125	07/01/09	1,519	1,235	2,754	1,553
Huntsman International, LLC						
(EUR) (c)	10.125	07/01/09	2,800	1,200	4,000	3,316
ISP Chemco, Inc., Ser B	10.250	07/01/11	1,280		1,280	1,456
ISP Holdings, Inc.	10.625	12/15/09	3,930	2,980	6,910	4,381
Millennium America, Inc.	7.000	11/15/06	3,680	1,045	4,725	3,762
Millennium America, Inc.	9.250	06/15/08	775	1,210	1,985	831
Nalco Co., 144A - Private						
Placement (a)	7.750	11/15/11	3,730	2,025	5,755	3,916
Nalco Financial Holdings,						
Inc., 144A - Private						
Placement (a) (b)	0/9.000	02/01/14	3,330	1,815	5,145	1,998
PCI Chemicals Canada,						
Inc. (Canada)	10.000	12/31/08	1,105		1,105	1,049
Pioneer Cos., Inc.						
(Variable Rate Coupon)	4.610	12/31/06	350		350	337
Rhodia SA, 144A -						
Private Placement						
(France) (a)	8.875	06/01/11	3,705	1,905	5,610	3,112
Rockwood Specialties						
Group, Inc.	10.625	05/15/11	2,410	1,250	3,660	2,675
Westlake Chemical Corp.	8.750	07/15/11	1,485	810	2,295	1,648

						41,121

CONSUMER PRODUCTS 2.1%						
Oxford Industrials, Inc.,						
144A - Private						
Placement (a)	8.875	06/01/11	1,555	805	2,360	1,679
Prestige Brands, Inc.,						
144A - Private						
Placement (a) (d)	9.250	04/15/12	2,625	1,395	4,020	2,598

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Rayovac Corp.	8.500%	10/01/13	\$ 2,220	\$ 1,165	\$ 3,385	\$ 2,400
Safilo Capital International SA, 144A - Private Placement (Luxembourg) (EUR) (a)	9.625	05/15/13	3,560	1,840	5,400	3,760
Sleepmaster, LLC (e) (f) (g)	11.000	05/15/09	4,000	1,800	5,800	880
Tempur Pedic, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	10.250	08/15/10	1,082	585	1,667	1,240
						12,570
DIVERSIFIED MEDIA 7.3%						
Advanstar Communications, Inc.	10.750	08/15/10	820	365	1,185	900
Advanstar Communications, Inc.	12.000	02/15/11		255	255	
Advanstar Communications, Inc. (Variable Rate Coupon)	8.620	08/15/08	4,831	2,567	7,398	5,100
Alliance Atlantis Communications, Inc. (Canada)	13.000	12/15/09	3,250	1,730	4,980	3,650
Cinemark, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a) (b)	0/9.750	03/15/14	4,185	2,230	6,415	2,610
Dex Media East Finance Corp.	12.125	11/15/12	2,335	1,275	3,610	2,730
Dex Media West Finance Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.875	08/15/13	2,475	1,305	3,780	2,750
Dex Media, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a) (b)	0/9.000	11/15/13	4,500	2,450	6,950	2,900
Hollinger Participation, 144A - Private Placement (a) (h)	12.125	11/15/10	4,452	2,553	7,005	5,150
Muzak, Inc.	10.000	02/15/09	1,695	1,015	2,710	1,760
Muzak, Inc.	9.875	03/15/09	3,102	1,586	4,688	3,000
Nebraska Book Co., Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	8.625	03/15/12	2,725	1,480	4,205	2,820
PEI Holdings, Inc.	11.000	03/15/10	1,475	715	2,190	1,710
Primedia, Inc.	8.875	05/15/11	3,705	2,000	5,705	3,810
Salem Communications Corp.	7.750	12/15/10	1,165	20	1,185	1,230
Vivendi Universal SA (France)	6.250	07/15/08	1,160	685	1,845	1,250
Vivendi Universal SA (France)	9.250	04/15/10	2,570	1,235	3,805	3,080
						44,530
ENERGY 8.9%						
BRL Universal Equipment	8.875	02/15/08	3,876	2,213	6,089	4,200
Chesapeake Energy Corp.	7.500	09/15/13	2,875	2,265	5,140	3,190
Citgo Petroleum Corp.	11.375	02/01/11	1,635	840	2,475	1,910
DI Industries, Inc.	8.875	07/01/07	1,428	617	2,045	1,470
El Paso Production Holding Co.	7.750	06/01/13	6,170	3,345	9,515	5,750
Frontier Oil Corp.	11.750	11/15/09	4,385	1,915	6,300	4,880
Gulfterra Energy Partners LP, Ser B	8.500	06/01/10	723	374	1,097	830
Gulfterra Energy Partners LP, Ser B	10.625	12/01/12	1,929	1,302	3,231	2,430
Hanover Compressor Co.	8.625	12/15/10	2,465	1,160	3,625	2,660

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Hanover Equipment Trust	8.500	09/01/08		245	245	
Hanover Equipment Trust	8.750	09/01/11	2,004	1,038	3,042	2,17
Hilcorp Energy Finance Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	10.500	09/01/10	3,890	2,120	6,010	4,33
Husky Oil Ltd. (Canada)	8.900	08/15/28	2,370	1,200	3,570	2,80
Magnum Hunter Resources, Inc.	9.600	03/15/12	1,994	957	2,951	2,23
MSW Energy Holdings Finance Corp.	8.500	09/01/10	650	335	985	71
MSW Energy Holdings Finance II, 144A - Private Placement (a)	7.375	09/01/10	2,735	1,510	4,245	2,89
Port Arthur Finance Corp., Ser A	12.500	01/15/09	2,550	1,299	3,849	3,02
Tesoro Petroleum Corp.	9.000	07/01/08	1,810	895	2,705	1,89
Tesoro Petroleum Corp.	9.625	04/01/12	1,954	1,030	2,984	2,18
Vintage Petroleum, Inc.	7.875	05/15/11	3,792	2,055	5,847	4,09
						----- 53,73 -----
FOOD & DRUG 1.0%						
Delhaize America, Inc.	8.125	04/15/11	2,605	1,405	4,010	3,00
Jitney-Jungle Stores America, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	12.000	03/01/06	1,200	500	1,700	
Kroger Co., 144A - Private Placement (a)	8.500	07/15/17	3,098	1,422	4,520	3,55
						----- 6,56 -----
FOOD & TOBACCO 2.9%						
Michael Foods, Inc., Ser B, 144A - Private Placement (a)	8.000	11/15/13	2,360	1,285	3,645	2,51
Pilgrim's Pride Corp.	9.625	09/15/11	5,400	2,700	8,100	5,84
PPC Escrow Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.250	11/15/13	1,390	870	2,260	1,45
Smithfield Foods, Inc.	7.625	02/15/08	4,750	1,850	6,600	5,15
Smithfield Foods, Inc.	8.000	10/15/09	600	515	1,115	67
Smithfield Foods, Inc.	7.750	05/15/13		450	450	
Standard Commercial Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a) (d)	8.000	04/15/12	1,825	970	2,795	1,90

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DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH YIELD FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PROFORMA PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH IN CORPORAT FUND MARKET
						----- \$17,548,2 -----
FOREST PRODUCTS 6.2%						
Abitibi-Consolidated, Inc. (Canada)	6.000%	06/20/13	\$3,050	\$1,590	\$4,640	2,863,0
Georgia-Pacific Corp.	8.875	02/01/10	5,025	2,925	7,950	5,891,8
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International, Inc.	9.500	08/15/13	2,615	1,345	3,960	2,968,0
JSG Funding PLC						
(United Kingdom) (EUR)	10.125	10/01/12	3,525	1,910	5,435	4,901,7
Norampac, Inc. (Canada)	6.750	06/01/13	1,785	915	2,700	1,901,0
Owens-Brockway Glass						
Containers, Inc.	8.875	02/15/09		130	130	
Owens-Brockway Glass						
Containers, Inc.	7.750	05/15/11	245	150	395	257,2
Owens-Brockway Glass						
Containers, Inc.	8.750	11/15/12	1,000	1,270	2,270	1,092,5
Owens-Illinois, Inc.	7.350	05/15/08	1,000		1,000	990,0
Owens-Illinois, Inc.	7.500	05/15/10	4,390	1,730	6,120	4,225,3
Pliant Corp.	13.000	06/01/10	1,585	890	2,475	1,378,9
Pliant Corp.	13.000	06/01/10	2,419	1,266	3,685	2,104,5
Tekni-Plex, Inc.,						
144A - Private						
Placement (a)	8.750	11/15/13	740	490	1,230	740,0
Tekni-Plex, Inc., Ser B	12.750	06/15/10	3,355	1,747	5,102	3,531,1
Tembec Industries,						
Inc. (Canada)	8.500	02/01/11		500	500	
Tembec Industries,						
Inc. (Canada)	7.750	03/15/12	4,800	2,165	6,965	4,656,0

GAMING & LEISURE 4.7%						37,501,4
Global Cash Access, LLC,						-----
144A - Private Placement (a)	8.750	03/15/12	690	375	1,065	721,0
Hilton Hotels Corp.	7.950	04/15/07	241	432	673	268,7
Hilton Hotels Corp.	7.625	12/01/12	2,925	1,215	4,140	3,374,7
HMH Properties, Inc.	7.875	08/01/08	1,368	886	2,254	1,427,8
Horseshoe Gaming, LLC, Ser B	8.625	05/15/09	3,271	2,006	5,277	3,442,7
LodgeNet Entertainment Corp.	9.500	06/15/13	1,510	800	2,310	1,683,6
MGM Mirage, Inc.	6.000	10/01/09	2,885	2,510	5,395	3,043,6
Park Place Entertainment Corp.	7.875	12/15/05	1,660	2,050	3,710	1,772,0
Park Place Entertainment Corp.	8.875	09/15/08	993		993	1,136,9
Park Place Entertainment Corp.	7.000	04/15/13		475	475	

Starwood Hotels & Resorts						
Worldwide, Inc.	7.375	05/01/07	884	386	1,270	965,7
Starwood Hotels & Resorts						
Worldwide, Inc.	7.875	05/01/12	2,576	1,361	3,937	2,923,7
Station Casinos, Inc.,						
144A - Private Placement (a)	6.000	04/01/12	285	930	1,215	296,4
Station Casinos, Inc.,						
144A - Private Placement (a)	6.500	02/01/14	2,500	1,350	3,850	2,534,3
Venetian Casino Resort, LLC	11.000	06/15/10	2,280	1,174	3,454	2,633,4

						26,225,1

HEALTHCARE 3.8%						
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	8.125	09/01/08	418	420	838	468,1
AmerisourceBergen Corp.	7.250	11/15/12	3,775	1,825	5,600	4,124,1
Fisher Scientific						
International, Inc.	8.125	05/01/12	1,507	869	2,376	1,680,3
Fisher Scientific						
International, Inc.,						
144A - Private Placement (a)	8.000	09/01/13	965	475	1,440	1,088,0
Fresenius Medical Care						
Capital Trust II	7.875	02/01/08		300	300	
Fresenius Medical Care						
Capital Trust IV	7.875	06/15/11	4,790	2,210	7,000	5,316,9
HCA, Inc.	8.750	09/01/10	510	303	813	611,5

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HCA, Inc.	6.950	05/01/12		1,100	1,100	
HCA, Inc.	7.190	11/15/15	475	115	590	524,4
Manor Care, Inc.	7.500	06/15/06	350	210	560	385,0
Manor Care, Inc.	8.000	03/01/08	1,008	478	1,486	1,157,9
National Nephrology Associates, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.000	11/01/11	565	310	875	658,2
Team Health, Inc. 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.000	04/01/12	2,015	1,075	3,090	1,969,6
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	5.375	11/15/06	1,805	970	2,775	1,705,7
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	6.500	06/01/12	720	360	1,080	624,6
Tenet Healthcare Corp.	7.375	02/01/13	2,525	1,355	3,880	2,291,4
						22,606,2

HOUSING 6.4%

Associated Materials, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a) (b)	0/11.250	03/01/14	6,950	3,755	10,705	4,256,8
CB Richard Ellis Service, Inc.	9.750	05/15/10	1,400	735	2,135	1,578,5
CB Richard Ellis Service, Inc.	11.250	06/15/11	3,622	1,869	5,491	4,110,9
D.R. Horton, Inc.	6.875	05/01/13		1,405	1,405	
Interface, Inc.	7.300	04/01/08	765	415	1,180	761,1
Interface, Inc.	10.375	02/01/10	955	520	1,475	1,083,9
Interface, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.500	02/01/14	2,910	1,585	4,495	2,895,4

DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME	HIGH YIELD	PROFORMA	HIGH
			CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	FUND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PAR AMOUNT (000)	CORPOR F MARK
Istar Financial, Inc.	8.750%	08/15/08	\$1,697	\$ 774	\$2,471	\$1,97
Jacuzzi Brands, Inc.	9.625	07/01/10	4,005	2,105	6,110	4,44
LNR Property Corp.	7.625	07/15/13	2,440	1,575	4,015	2,59
Nortek Holdings, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a) (b)	0/10.000	05/15/11	6,000	3,410	9,410	4,59
Schuler Homes, Inc.	9.375	07/15/09	3,898		3,898	4,38
Tech Olympic USA, Inc.	9.000	07/01/10	1,186	599	1,785	1,29
Tech Olympic USA, Inc.	9.000	07/01/10	1,600	725	2,325	1,74
Tech Olympic USA, Inc.	10.375	07/01/12	1,811	1,044	2,855	2,05
WII Components, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	10.000	02/15/12	1,610	875	2,485	1,66
						39,44
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2.4%						
Avaya, Inc.	11.125	04/01/09	2,958	1,605	4,563	3,54
Iron Mountain, Inc.	8.625	04/01/13	2,785	1,255	4,040	3,04
Iron Mountain, Inc.	7.750	01/15/15	2,340	1,325	3,665	2,46
Iron Mountain, Inc.	6.625	01/01/16		525	525	
Xerox Capital Europe PLC (United Kingdom)	5.875	05/15/04	925	525	1,450	92
Xerox Corp.	7.125	06/15/10	3,400	2,515	5,915	3,62

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							13,60

MANUFACTURING 3.9%							
ABB Finance, Inc.	6.750	06/03/04	590	295	885	59	
ABB International Finance Ltd. (Guernsey) (EUR)	11.000	01/15/08	1,695	885	2,580	2,45	
Brand Services, Inc.	12.000	10/15/12	1,490	691	2,181	1,74	
Flowserve Corp.	12.250	08/15/10	990	480	1,470	1,14	
Johnsondiversey, Inc. (EUR) (c)	9.625	05/15/12	1,377	637	2,014	1,83	
Johnsondiversey, Inc., Ser B	9.625	05/15/12	3,021	1,567	4,588	3,30	
Manitowoc, Inc.	10.500	08/01/12	2,615	1,345	3,960	3,00	
Manitowoc, Inc. (EUR) (c)	10.375	05/15/11		55	55		
MDP Acquisitions PLC (Ireland)	9.625	10/01/12		270	270		
NMHG Holdings Co. Outsourcing Services Group, Inc.	10.000	05/15/09	1,959	961	2,920	2,16	
Reunion Industries, Inc. (e)	10.875	03/01/06	4,980		4,980	2,56	
Trimas Corp.	13.000	05/01/03	1,417		1,417	68	
	9.875	06/15/12	4,814	2,768	7,582	5,27	

							24,76

METALS 2.9%							
Doe Run Resources Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a) (h)	11.750	11/01/08	6,058	2,596	8,654	3,36	
General Cable Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.500	11/15/10	1,460	790	2,250	1,61	
GS Technologies Operating, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	12.000	09/01/04	6,655	1,600	8,255		
GS Technologies Operating, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	12.250	10/01/05	2,450	1,050	3,500		
Intermet Corp.	9.750	06/15/09	2,720	1,444	4,164	2,59	
Republic Engineered Products, LLC (e) (f)	10.000	08/16/09	1,416	805	2,221	99	
SGL Carbon Luxembourg SA, 144A - Private Placement (Luxembourg) (EUR) (a)	8.500	02/01/12	1,635	880	2,515	2,05	
UCAR Finance, Inc.	10.250	02/15/12	3,422	1,730	5,152	4,00	
United States Steel Corp.	9.750	05/15/10	2,523	1,754	4,277	2,88	

							17,51

RETAIL 2.3%							
AutoNation, Inc.	9.000	08/01/08	3,260	1,660	4,920	3,83	
Big 5 Corp., Ser B	10.875	11/15/07	1,197	355	1,552	1,24	
General Nutrition Center, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	8.500	12/01/10	2,015	1,100	3,115	2,12	
Payless Shoesource, Inc.	8.250	08/01/13	4,515	2,535	7,050	4,41	
Petro Stopping Center Financial, 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.000	02/15/12	2,620	1,390	4,010	2,71	

							14,32

SERVICES 2.6%							
Allied Waste North America, Inc.	9.250	09/01/12	1,645	510	2,155	1,87	
Allied Waste North America, Inc.	7.875	04/15/13	1,750	1,305	3,055	1,92	

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Allied Waste North America, Inc., Ser B	10.000	08/01/09	1,455		1,455	1,56
Encompass Services Corp. (e) (f) (g)	10.500	05/01/09	1,500	900	2,400	
Hydrochem Industrial Services, Inc., Ser B	10.375	08/01/07	6,250	1,500	7,750	6,28
United Rentals North America, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	6.500	02/15/12	2,875	1,560	4,435	2,87

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DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH YIELD FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PROFORMA PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH CORPORATE FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)
United Rentals North America, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a)	7.750%	11/15/13	\$2,900	\$1,580	\$4,480	\$ 2,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS 4.1%						17,
Axtel SA, 144A - Private Placement (Mexico) (a)	11.000	12/15/13	4,290	2,335	6,625	4,
Exodus Communications, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	11.250	07/01/08	4,210	1,820	6,030	
Exodus Communications, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	11.625	07/15/10	330	440	770	
Exodus Communications, Inc. (EUR) (c) (e) (f) (g)	11.375	07/15/08	2,750	1,250	4,000	
GST Network Funding, Inc. (e) (f) (g)	10.500	05/01/08	5,305	2,945	8,250	
Knology, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (a) (h)	12.000	11/30/09	4,021	1,985	6,006	4,
Nortel Networks	6.125	02/15/06	2,235	1,190	3,425	2,
Park N View, Inc., Ser B (e) (f) (g)	13.000	05/15/08	3,000	1,000	4,000	
Primus Telecom Group, 144A - Private Placement (a)	8.000	01/15/14	6,075	3,315	9,390	5,
Qwest Communications International, Inc., 144A - Private Placement (Variable Rate Coupon) (a)	4.630	02/15/09	2,955	1,575	4,530	2,
Qwest Services Corp., 144A - Private Placement (a)	13.000	12/15/07	4,295	2,295	6,590	4,
US West Communications, Inc.	5.625	11/15/08	665	355	1,020	
Worldwide Fiber, Inc. (Canada) (e) (f) (g)	12.000	08/01/09	5,800	2,750	8,550	

TRANSPORTATION 3.3%
Amsted Industries, Inc., 144A -

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Private Placement (a)	10.250	10/15/11	2,815	1,495	4,310	3,
Laidlaw International, Inc.,						
144A - Private Placement (a)	10.750	06/15/11	4,040	2,185	6,225	4,
Sonic Automotive, Inc.	8.625	08/15/13	4,025	2,155	6,180	4,
Tenneco Automotive, Inc., Ser B	11.625	10/15/09	2,695	2,115	4,810	2,
TRW Automotive, Inc.	9.375	02/15/13	3,667	1,959	5,626	4,
						19,
UTILITY 8.4%						
AES Corp.	9.375	09/15/10	508	252	760	
AES Corp.	8.875	02/15/11	360	183	543	
AES Corp.	7.750	03/01/14	1,295	1,105	2,400	1,
AES Corp., 144A - Private						
Placement (a)	9.000	05/15/15	2,925	1,585	4,510	3,
Allegheny Energy, Inc.	7.750	08/01/05	1,695	965	2,660	1,
Calpine Corp.	8.625	08/15/10	3,050	1,625	4,675	2,
Calpine Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	8.500	07/15/10	2,305	1,265	3,570	2,
CMS Energy Corp.	7.500	01/15/09	775	425	1,200	
CMS Energy Corp.	8.500	04/15/11	2,780	1,350	4,130	2,
Dynegy Holdings, Inc.	6.875	04/01/11	4,232	1,990	6,222	3,
Dynegy Holdings, Inc., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	9.875	07/15/10	2,460	1,480	3,940	2,
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc.	8.625	11/14/11	925	470	1,395	1,
Monongahela Power Co.	5.000	10/01/06	3,220	1,555	4,775	3,
Nevada Power Co., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	9.000	08/15/13	4,520	2,410	6,930	5,
Northwest Pipeline Corp.	8.125	03/01/10	695	330	1,025	
Ormat Funding Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	8.250	12/30/20	5,140	2,735	7,875	5,
PG & E Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	6.875	07/15/08	1,625	1,040	2,665	1,
PSEG Energy Holdings, Inc.	7.750	04/16/07	840	470	1,310	
PSEG Energy Holdings, Inc.	8.625	02/15/08	1,949	1,016	2,965	2,
Southern Natural Gas Co.	8.875	03/15/10	1,345	665	2,010	1,
TNP Enterprises, Inc.	10.250	04/01/10		875	875	
Transcontinental Gas Pipe						
Line Corp., Ser B	8.875	07/15/12	1,225	575	1,800	1,
Williams Cos., Inc.	7.875	09/01/21	3,080	1,900	4,980	3,
Williams Cos., Inc., Ser A						
(Variable Rate Coupon)	6.750	01/15/06	2,025	1,000	3,025	2,
						50,
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS 5.5%						
American Tower Corp.	9.375	02/01/09	3,300	1,815	5,115	3,
American Tower Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	7.500	05/01/12	2,110	1,135	3,245	2,
Centennial Communications, 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	8.125	02/01/14	4,115	2,235	6,350	3,
Metro PCS, Inc.	10.750	10/01/11	3,355	1,835	5,190	3,
Nextel Communications, Inc.	9.375	11/15/09	5,815	3,955	9,770	6,
Nextel Communications, Inc.	7.375	08/01/15		385	385	
Nextel Partners, Inc.	11.000	03/15/10	2,825	1,585	4,410	3,
Rural Cellular Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a)	5.610	03/15/10	1,720	920	2,640	1,
SBA Communications Corp.	10.250	02/01/09	3,858	2,102	5,960	3,
SBA Communications Corp., 144A -						
Private Placement (a) (b)	0/14.000	12/15/11	2,015	1,025	3,040	1,

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DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH YIELD FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PROFORMA PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIG CORP MAR
Ubiquitel Operating Co. (b)	0/14.000%	04/15/10	\$ 1,030	\$ 560	\$ 1,590	\$
Ubiquitel Operating Co., 144A - Private Placement (a)	9.875	03/01/11	2,230	1,205	3,435	2
						32
						563
TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS 93.1%						
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OBLIGATION 0.3%						
Republic of Columbia (Columbia)	9.750	04/09/11	1,496	727	2,223	1

DESCRIPTION	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND SHARES	HIGH YIELD FUND SHARES	PROFORMA SHARES	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND MARKET VALUE
EQUITIES 1.9%				
Decisionone Corp. (common shares) (g) (i)	14,661	5,234	19,895	0
Decisionone Corp. (common stock warrants Class A) (g) (i)	8,219	2,671	10,890	0
Decisionone Corp. (common stock warrants Class B) (g) (i)	14,162	4,603	18,765	0
Decisionone Corp. (common stock warrants Class C) (g) (i)	8,400	2,730	11,130	0
Doe Run Resources Corp. (common stock warrants) (g)	21	9	30	0
HCI Direct, Inc. (common shares) (g) (i)		106,250	106,250	
HF Holdings, Inc. (common stock warrants) (g) (i)	36,820		36,820	0
Hosiery Corp. of America, Inc. (common shares) (g)		1,000	1,000	
Jazztel PLC (United Kingdom) (EUR) (common stock warrants) (g) (i)	3,450	1,550	5,000	0
Mediq, Inc. (common shares) (g) (i)	5,526	3,684	9,210	22,159
Microcell Telecommunications (Canada) (common shares Class A)	220	94	314	4,224
Microcell Telecommunications (Canada) (common shares Class B)	26,249	11,249	37,498	500,038
Microcell Telecommunications (Canada) (common stock warrants)	9,750	4,178	13,928	44,502
Microcell Telecommunications				

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(Canada) (common stock warrants)	16,250	6,964	23,214	86,677
Microcell Telecommunications				
(Canada) (convertible preferred shares)	26,407	11,317	37,724	507,575
OpTel, Inc. (common shares) (g) (i)	3,275		3,275	0
Park N View, Inc., (common stock warrants) 144A - Private Placement				
(a) (f) (g) (i)	3,000	1,000	4,000	0
Paxson Communications Corp.				
(preferred shares) (h)	50,400	25,900	76,300	4,548,600
Pioneer Cos., Inc. (common shares) (i)	71,438		71,438	389,337
Republic Technologies International, Inc., (common stock warrants Class D) 144A - Private Placement (a) (f) (g) (i)	7,525	4,275	11,800	0
Startec Global Communications, (common stock warrants) 144A - Private Placement (a) (g) (i)	8,100	3,000	11,100	0
TNP Enterprises, Inc. (preferred shares) (h)	49,528	19,101	68,629	5,658,580
UIH Australia/Pacific, Inc. (common stock warrants) (g) (i)	5,000		5,000	0
Ventelo (United Kingdom) (EUR) (common shares) 144A - Private Placement (a) (g) (i)		73,021	73,021	
VS Holdings, Inc. (common shares) (g) (i)	568,177	378,785	946,962	106,079

TOTAL EQUITIES				11,867,771

TOTAL LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 95.3%				
(Cost \$925,721,526)				577,208,064
REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS 2.9%				
Bank of America Securities LLC (\$19,589,000 par collateralized by U.S. Government obligations in a pooled cash account, interest rate of 0.98%, dated 3/31/04, to be sold on 04/01/04 at \$19,589,533)				19,589,000

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DESCRIPTION	COUPON	MATURITY	HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH YIELD FUND PAR AMOUNT (000)	PROFORMA PAR AMOUNT (000)	HIGH IN CORPORATE FUND MARKET V
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State Street Bank & Trust Co. (\$7,473,000 par collateralized by U.S. Government						

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obligations in a
pooled cash account,
interest rate of
1.00%, dated 03/31/04,
to be sold on
04/01/04 at
\$7,473,208)

TOTAL SHORT-TERM

INVESTMENTS 2.9%
(Cost \$27,062,000)

\$ 19,589

TOTAL INVESTMENTS 98.2%
(Cost \$952,049,754)

596,797

11,516

OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF
LIABILITIES 1.8%

\$608,313

NET ASSETS 100.0%

- (a) 144A securities are those which are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.
- (b) Security is a "step-up" bond where the coupon increases or steps up at a predetermined date.
- (c) This security is a United States company denominated in a foreign currency.
- (d) Securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis.
- (e) Non-income producing as security is in default.
- (f) This borrower has filed for protection in federal bankruptcy court.
- (g) Market value is determined in accordance with procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees.
- (h) Payment-in-kind security.
- (i) Non-income producing security.

EUR - Eurodollar

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PRO FORMA CONDENSED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
March 31, 2004
(Unaudited)

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Amounts in Thousands

	High Income Corporate Bond Fund	High Fu
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Total Investments (Cost of \$627,504, \$324,546 and \$952,050, respectively)	\$ 596,797	\$ 31
Other Assets Less Liabilities	11,517	
NET ASSETS	\$ 608,314	\$ 32
	=====	=====
NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:		
Capital (Par value of \$.01 per share)	\$ 1,033,932	\$ 49
Accumulated Undistributed Net Investment Income	(7,060)	(
Net Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	(30,045)	(
Accumulated Net Realized Loss	(388,513)	(16
NET ASSETS	\$ 608,314	\$ 32
	=====	=====
NET ASSET VALUE, OFFERING PRICE AND REDEMPTION PRICE PER SHARE:		
CLASS A		
Net Assets	\$ 389,196	\$ 19
Shares Outstanding	107,502	3
	-----	-----
Net Asset Value and Redemption Price Per Share	3.62	
Maximum Sales Charge (4.75%* of offering price)	0.18	
	-----	-----
Maximum Offering Price to Public	\$ 3.80	\$
	=====	=====
CLASS B		
Net Assets	\$ 175,770	\$ 9
Shares Outstanding	48,358	1
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Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	\$ 3.63	\$
	=====	=====
CLASS C		
Net Assets	\$ 43,348	\$ 3
Shares Outstanding	12,053	
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Net Asset Value and Offering Price Per Share	\$ 3.60	\$
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* ON SALES OF \$100,000 OR MORE, THE SALES CHARGE WILL BE REDUCED.

- (1) A non-recurring cost associated with this transaction of approximately \$482,000 will be incurred. 61% and 39% of this cost will be borne by the Van Kampen High Yield Fund, and Van Kampen High Income Corporate Bond Fund, respectively.
- (2) The pro forma statements presume the issuance by Van Kampen High Income

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Corporate Bond Fund of approximately 54,676 Class A Shares, 26,093 Class B Shares, and 8,426 Class C Shares in exchange for the assets and liabilities of the Van Kampen High Yield Fund.

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PRO FORMA CONDENSED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the Twelve Months Ended March 31, 2004 (Unaudited)

Amounts in Thousands

	High Income Corporate Bond Fund	High Yield Fund	Adjustments
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INVESTMENT INCOME:			
Interest	\$ 50,869	\$ 26,219	\$
Dividends	2,353	949	
Other	309	164	
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Total Income	53,531	27,332	
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EXPENSES:			
Investment Advisory Fee	3,330	2,429	(809)
Distribution (12b-1) and Service Fees	3,173	1,710	
All Other Expenses (1)	1,942	949	(207)
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Total Expense	8,445	5,088	(1,016)
Investment Advisory Fee Reduction	0	324	(324)
Less Credits Earned on Cash Balances	9	3	
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Net Expenses	8,436	4,761	(692)
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NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 45,095	\$ 22,571	\$ 692
	=====	=====	=====
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS:			
Net Realized Gain/Loss	(63,925)	\$ (23,573)	
Net Unrealized Appreciation			
During the Period	124,858	54,475	
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NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN	\$ 60,933	\$ 30,902	
	=====	=====	=====
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 106,028	\$ 53,473	\$ 692
	=====	=====	=====

- (1) Reflects the reduction in other operating expenses as a result of the elimination of certain duplicative expenses and the result of operating a larger, more efficient fund.

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PART C:

OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION

Pursuant to Del. Code Ann. Title 12 Section 3817, a Delaware statutory trust may provide in its governing instrument for the indemnification of its officers and trustees from and against any and all claims and demands whatsoever.

Reference is made to Article 8, Section 8.4 of the Registrant's Agreement and Declaration of Trust. Article 8, Section 8.4 of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust provides that each officer and trustee of the Registrant shall be indemnified by the Registrant against all liabilities incurred in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which the officer or trustee may be or may have been involved by reason of being or having been an officer or trustee, except that such indemnity shall not protect any such person against a liability to the Registrant or any shareholder thereof to which such person would otherwise be subject by reason of (i) not acting in good faith in the reasonable belief that such person's actions were not in the best interests of the Fund, (ii) having acted with willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office or (iii) for a criminal proceeding had reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful (collectively, "Disabling Conduct"). Absent a court determination that an officer or trustee seeking indemnification was not liable on the merits or guilty of Disabling Conduct in the conduct of his or her office, the decision by the Registrant to indemnify such person must be based upon the reasonable determination of independent counsel or non-party independent trustees, after review of the facts, that such officer or trustee is not guilty of Disabling Conduct in the conduct of his or her office.

The Registrant has purchase insurance on behalf of its officers and trustees protecting such persons from liability arising from their activities as officers or trustees of the Registrant. The insurance does not protect or purport to protect such persons from liability to the Registrant or to its shareholders to which such officers or trustee 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.

Conditional advancing of indemnification monies may be made if the trustee or officer undertakes to repay the advance unless it is ultimately determined that he or she is entitled to the indemnification and only if the following conditions are met: (1) the trustee or officer provides security for the undertaking; (2) the Registrant is insured against losses arising from lawful advances; or (3) a majority of a quorum of the Registrant's disinterested, non-party trustees, or an independent legal counsel in a written opinion, shall determine, based upon a review of readily available facts, that a recipient of

the advance ultimately will be found entitled to indemnification.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to trustees, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by the trustee, officer, or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such trustee, officer or controlling person in connection with the shares being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Distribution and Service Agreement, the Registrant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Van Kampen Funds Inc. (the "Distributor") and each of its trustees and officers and each person if any, who controls the Distributor within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act against any loss, liability, claim damages or expense (including the reasonable cost of investing or defending any alleged loss, liability, claim, damages, or expense and reasonable counsel fees) arising by reason of any person acquiring

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any shares, based upon the ground that the Registration Statement, prospectus, shareholder reports or other information filed or made public by the Registrant (as from time to time amended) included an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated or necessary in order to make the statements not misleading under the 1933 Act, or any other statute or the common law. The Registrant does not agree to indemnify the Distributor or hold it harmless to the extent that the statement or omission was made in reliance upon, and in conformity with, information furnished to the Registrant by or on behalf of the Distributor. In no case is the indemnity of the Registrant in favor of the Distributor or any person indemnified to be deemed to protect the Distributor or any person against any liability to the Fund or its security holders to which the Distributor or such person would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of its reckless disregard of its obligations and duties under the agreement.

Pursuant to the agreement by which Van Kampen Investor Services Inc. ("Investor Services") is appointed transfer agent of the Fund, the Registrant agrees to indemnify and hold Investor Services harmless against any losses, damages, costs, charges, payments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) arising out of or attributable to:

- (1) the performance of Investor Services under the agreement provided that Investor Services acted in good faith with due diligence and without negligence or willful misconduct.
- (2) reliance by Investor Services on, or reasonable use by, Investor Services of information, records and documents which have been prepared on behalf of, or have been furnished by, the Fund, or the carrying out by Investor Services of any instructions or requests of the Fund.
- (3) the offer or sale of the Fund's shares in violation of any federal or state law or regulation or ruling by any federal agency unless such violation results from any failure by Investor Services to comply with

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written instructions from the Fund that such offers or sales were not permitted under such law, rule or regulation.

(4) the refusal of the Fund to comply with terms of the agreement, or the Fund's lack of good faith, negligence or willful misconduct or breach of any representation or warranty made by the Fund under the agreement provided that if the reason for such failure is attributable to any action of the Fund's investment adviser or distributor or any person providing accounting or legal services to the Fund, Investor Services only will be entitled to indemnification if such entity is otherwise entitled to the indemnification from the Fund.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS

- (1) (a) First Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust(1)
- (b) Second Certificate of Amendment(4)
- (c) Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Designation(4)
- (2) (a) Amended and Restated Bylaws(1)
- (3) Not Applicable
- (4) Form of Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (included as Appendix A to the Reorganization SAI)+
- (5) (a) Specimen Class A Shares Certificate(3)
- (b) Specimen Class B Shares Certificate(3)
- (c) Specimen Class C Shares Certificate(3)
- (6) Investment Advisory Agreement(3)
- (7) (a) Distribution and Service Agreement(3)
- (b) Form of Dealer Agreement(8)
- (c) Form of Broker Fully Disclosed Selling Agreement(2)
- (d) Form of Bank Fully Disclosed Selling Agreement(2)

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- (8) (a) Form of Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan(5)
- (b) Form of the Trustee Retirement Plan(5)
- (9) (a) (i) Custodian Contract(3)
- (a) (ii) Amendment to Custodian Contract(7)
- (b) Transfer Agency and Service Agreement(3)
- (c) Data Access Services Agreement(2)
- (10) (a) Plan of Distribution pursuant to Rule 12b-1(2)
- (b) Form of Shareholder Assistance Agreement(2)
- (c) Form of Administrative Services Agreement(2)
- (d) Form of Shareholder Servicing Agreement(7)
- (e) Amended and Restated Service Plan(7)
- (f) Amended and Restated Multi-Class Plan(8)
- (11) Opinion and Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP+
- (12) Tax Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP relating to the Reorganization++
- (13) (a) (i) Fund Accounting Agreement(3)
- (a) (ii) Amendment to Fund Accounting Agreement(8)
- (14) Consent of Ernst & Young LLP+
- (15) Not Applicable
- (16) Power of Attorney+

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- (17) (a) Form of Proxy Card(9)
- (b) Prospectus of Van Kampen High Yield Fund+

- (1) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 36 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 22, 1995.
- (2) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 38 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 26, 1996.
- (3) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 40 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 24, 1997.
- (4) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 41 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed October 22, 1998.
- (5) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 43 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 23, 1999.
- (6) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 44 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 22, 2000.
- (7) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 46 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 20, 2002.
- (8) Incorporated herein by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 47 to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-1A, File No. 2-62115, filed December 19, 2003.
- (9) Incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-14, filed June 30, 2004.

+ Filed herewith.

++ To be filed by further amendment.

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ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

(1) The undersigned registrant agrees that prior to any public re-offering of the securities registered through the use of a prospectus which is a part of this registration statement by any person or party who is deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Rule 145(c) of the Securities Act, the re-offering prospectus will contain the information called for by the applicable registration form for re-offerings by persons who may be deemed underwriters, in addition to the information called for by the other items of the applicable form.

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(2) The undersigned registrant agrees that every prospectus that is filed under paragraph (1) above will be filed as a part of an amendment to the registration statement and will not be used until the amendment is effective, and that, in determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement for the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering of them.

(3) The undersigned registrant agrees that, if the Reorganization discussed in the registration statement closes, the Registrant shall file with the Securities and Exchange Commission by post-effective amendment an opinion of counsel supporting the tax matters discussed in the registration statement.

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SIGNATURES

As required by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed on behalf of the Registrant in the City of New York and State of New York, on the 12th day of August, 2004.

VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND
FUND

By: /s/ STEFANIE CHANG YU

Stefanie Chang Yu

Vice President and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities indicated on August 12, 2004.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Principal Executive Officer:

/s/ RONALD E. ROBISON*

Ronald E. Robison

Executive Vice President and Pri
Executive Officer

Principal Financial Officer:

/s/ JAMES M. DYKAS

James M. Dykas

Chief Financial Officer and Trea

Trustees:

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/s/ DAVID C. ARCH*	Trustee

David C. Arch	
/s/ J. MILES BRANAGAN*	Trustee

J. Miles Branagan	
/s/ JERRY D. CHOATE*	Trustee

Jerry D. Choate	
/s/ ROD DAMMEYER*	Trustee

Rod Dammeyer	
/s/ LINDA HUTTON HEAGY*	Trustee

Linda Hutton Heagy	
/s/ R. CRAIG KENNEDY*	Trustee

R. Craig Kennedy	
/s/ HOWARD J KERR*	Trustee

Howard J Kerr	
/s/ MITCHELL M. MERIN*	Trustee and President

Mitchell M. Merin	
/s/ JACK E. NELSON*	Trustee

Jack E. Nelson	

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SIGNATURE	TITLE
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/s/ RICHARD F. POWERS, III*	Trustee

Richard F. Powers, III	

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/s/ HUGO F. SONNENSCHNEIN*

Trustee

Hugo F. Sonnenschein

/s/ WAYNE W. WHALEN*

Trustee and Chairman

Wayne W. Whalen

/s/ SUZANNE W. WOOLSEY*

Trustee

Suzanne W. Woolsey

* Signed by Stefanie Chang Yu pursuant to a Power of Attorney, filed herewith.

/s/ STEFANIE CHANG YU

Stefanie Chang Yu
Attorney-in-Fact

August 12, 2004

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SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITS TO FORM N-14
VAN KAMPEN HIGH INCOME CORPORATE BOND FUND

EXHIBIT

- (11) Opinion and Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
LLP
- (14) Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
- (16) Power of Attorney
- (17) (b) Prospectus of Van Kampen High Yield Fund