STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF (AFTY)

CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF (CNHX)

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) is not a prospectus. This SAI is intended to provide additional information regarding the activities and operations of CSOP ETF Trust (the “Trust”) relating to CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF and CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF (each a “Fund” and together, the “Funds”). This SAI is incorporated by reference into and should be read in conjunction with the Funds’ prospectus (the “Prospectus”) dated January 29, 2019. Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Prospectus. Shareholders may obtain copies of the Funds’ Prospectus or Annual Report, when available, free of charge by writing to the Trust at ALPS Distributors, Inc., 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203 or by calling the Trust at 1-844-209-2937.
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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUST

The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on August 12, 2014. The Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Trust currently consists of two (2) investment portfolios: (1) CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF and (2) CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF. Each Fund is classified as “diversified,” and therefore must meet certain diversification requirements under the 1940 Act. All payments received by the Trust for shares of a Fund belong to that Fund. Each Fund has its own assets and liabilities. Additional series and/or classes may be created from time to time.

The shares of the Funds are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange”). The shares of each Fund will trade on the Exchange, and other secondary markets, at market prices that may be below, at, or above the net asset value (“NAV”) of such Fund. Each Fund issues and redeems shares at NAV only in aggregated lots of 50,000 shares or more (each, a “Creation Unit”). These transactions are usually in exchange for an amount of cash. As a practical matter, only institutions or large investors purchase or redeem Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares of a Fund are not redeemable securities.

DESCRIPTION OF PERMITTED INVESTMENTS AND RISK FACTORS

Descriptions of the permitted investments and investment practices of each Fund and the associated principal risk factors are set forth below. Each Fund may purchase any of these instruments and/or engage in any of these investment practices described if, in the opinion of CSOP Asset Management Limited (the “Adviser”), the Fund’s investment adviser, such investments or investment practices will be advantageous to the Fund and they are otherwise consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and investment limitations. Each Fund is free to reduce or eliminate its activity with respect to any of the investments and/or investment practices described below at any time. There is no assurance that any of these strategies or any other strategies and methods of investment available to a Fund will result in the achievement of such Fund’s investment objective.

Each Fund’s principal investment strategies and the principal risks associated with the same are described in the “Principal Investment Strategies” and “Principal Risks” sections of the Prospectus. The following discussion provides additional information about those principal investment strategies and related risks, as well as information about additional investment strategies (and related risks) that a Fund may utilize. The information below supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus.

Borrowing — While a Fund does not intend to borrow funds for investment purposes, the Fund reserves the right to do so. Borrowing for investment purposes is a form of leverage. Leveraging investments, by purchasing securities with borrowed money, is a speculative technique that increases investment risk, but also increases investment opportunity. The Fund also may enter into certain transactions, including reverse repurchase agreements, which can be viewed as constituting a form of leveraging by the Fund. Leveraging will exaggerate the effect on the net asset value per share (“NAV”) of the Fund of any increase or decrease in the market value of the Fund’s portfolio. Because substantially all of the Fund’s assets will fluctuate in value, whereas the interest obligations on borrowings may be fixed, the NAV of the Fund will increase more when the Fund’s portfolio assets increase in value and decrease more when the Fund’s portfolio assets decrease in value than would otherwise be the case. Moreover, interest costs on borrowings may fluctuate with changing market rates of interest and may partially offset or exceed the returns on the borrowed funds. Under adverse conditions, the Fund might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when investment considerations would not favor such sales. Generally, the Fund would use this form of leverage during periods when the Advisor believes that the Fund’s investment objective would be furthered.

A Fund also may borrow money to facilitate management of the Fund’s portfolio by enabling the Fund to meet redemption requests when the liquidation of portfolio instruments would be inconvenient or disadvantageous. Such borrowing is not for investment purposes and will be repaid by the Fund promptly. As required by the 1940 Act, a Fund must maintain continuous asset coverage (total assets, including assets acquired with borrowed funds, less liabilities exclusive of borrowings) of 300% of all amounts borrowed. If, at any time, the value of the Fund’s assets should fail to meet this 300% coverage test, the Fund, within three days (not including Sundays and holidays), will reduce the amount of the Fund’s borrowings to the extent necessary to meet this 300% coverage requirement. Maintenance of this percentage limitation may result in the sale of portfolio securities at a time when investment considerations otherwise indicate that it would be disadvantageous to do so.
In addition to the foregoing, a Fund is authorized to borrow money as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes in amounts not in excess of 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets. Borrowings for extraordinary or emergency purposes are not subject to the foregoing 300% asset coverage requirement. While the Fund does not anticipate doing so, the Fund is authorized to pledge (i.e., transfer a security interest in) portfolio securities in an amount up to one-third of the value of the Fund’s total assets in connection with any borrowing.

**Commercial Paper** — Each Fund may invest in high-quality, short-term commercial paper. Commercial paper is the term used to designate unsecured, short-term promissory notes issued by corporations and other entities. Maturities on these issues vary from a few days up to 270 days. Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in commercial paper.

**Concentration** — Each Fund may concentrate its investments in a particular industry or group of industries, as described in the Prospectus. The securities of issuers in particular industries may dominate such Fund’s Index and consequently the Fund’s portfolio. This may adversely affect a Fund’s performance or subject its shares to greater price volatility than that experienced by less concentrated investment companies.

**Currency Transactions** — CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF may enter into foreign currency forward and foreign currency futures contracts to facilitate local securities settlements or to protect against currency exposure in connection with distributions to shareholders. CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF invests in various types of currency contracts to hedge against changes in the value of the U.S. dollar against the renminbi (“RMB”). Although CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF uses various strategies to attempt to minimize the impact of changes in the value of RMB against the U.S. dollar, these strategies may not be successful.

Currency exchange transactions involve a significant degree of risk and the markets in which currency exchange transactions are effected are highly volatile, highly specialized and highly technical. Significant changes, including changes in liquidity and prices, can occur in such markets within very short periods of time, often within minutes. Currency exchange trading risks include, but are not limited to, exchange rate risk, maturity gap, interest rate risk, and potential interference by foreign governments through regulation of local exchange markets, foreign investment or particular transactions in foreign currency. If a fund utilizes foreign currency transactions at an inappropriate time, such transactions may not serve their intended purpose of improving the correlation of the fund’s return with the performance of its Index and may lower the fund’s return. A fund could experience losses if the value of any currency forwards and futures positions is poorly correlated with its other investments or if it could not close out its positions because of an illiquid market. Such contracts are subject to the risk that the counterparty will default on its obligations. In addition, the fund will incur transaction costs, including trading commissions, in connection with certain foreign currency transactions.

*Forward Foreign Currency Contracts.* A forward foreign currency exchange contract (“forward contract”) involves an obligation to purchase or sell 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. These contracts are principally traded in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks) and their customers. Forward contracts are contracts between parties in which one party agrees to make a payment to the other party (the counterparty) based on the market value or level of a specified currency. In return, the counterparty agrees to make payment to the first party based on the return of a different specified currency. A forward contract generally has no margin deposit requirement, and no commissions are charged at any stage for trades. These contracts typically are settled by physical delivery of the underlying currency or currencies in the amount of the full contract value.

A non-deliverable forward contract is a forward contract where there is no physical settlement of two currencies at maturity. Non-deliverable forward contracts will usually be done on a net basis, with a fund receiving or paying only the net amount of the two payments. The net amount of the excess, if any, of the fund’s obligations over its entitlements with respect to each non-deliverable forward contract is accrued on a daily basis and an amount of cash or highly liquid securities having an aggregate value at least equal to the accrued excess is maintained in an account at the fund’s custodian bank. The risk of loss with respect to non-deliverable forward contracts generally is limited to the net amount of payments that the fund is contractually obligated to make or receive.
Foreign Currency Futures Contracts. A foreign currency futures contract is a contract involving an obligation to deliver or acquire the specified amount of a specific currency, at a specified price and at a specified future time. Futures contracts may be settled on a net cash payment basis rather than by the sale and delivery of the underlying currency.

Derivatives — Each Fund may use derivative instruments as part of its investment strategies. A Fund will not use derivatives to increase leverage, and will provide margin or collateral, as applicable, with respect to investments in derivatives in such amounts as determined under applicable law, regulatory guidance or related interpretations. Generally, derivatives are financial contracts whose value depend upon, or are derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to bonds, interest rates, currencies, commodities, and related indexes. Examples of derivative instruments include forward contracts, currency and interest rate swaps, currency options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swap agreements. A Fund’s use of derivative instruments will be underpinned by investments in short-term, high-quality instruments, such as U.S. money market securities.

With respect to certain kinds of derivative transactions that involve obligations to make future payments to third parties, including, but not limited to, futures contracts, forward contracts, swap contracts, the purchase of securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, or reverse repurchase agreements, under applicable federal securities laws, rules, and interpretations thereof, each Fund must “set aside” liquid assets, or engage in other measures to “cover” open positions with respect to such transactions. For example, with respect to forward contracts and futures contracts that are not contractually required to “cash-settle,” a Fund must cover its open positions by setting aside liquid assets equal to the contracts’ full, notional value. Each Fund treats deliverable forward contracts for currencies that are liquid as the equivalent of “cash-settled” contracts. As such, a Fund may set aside liquid assets in an amount equal to the Fund’s daily marked-to-market (net) obligation (i.e., the Fund’s daily net liability if any) rather than the full notional amount under such deliverable forward contracts. Similarly, with respect to futures contracts that are contractually required to “cash-settle,” each Fund may set aside liquid assets in an amount equal to such Fund’s daily marked-to-market (net) obligation rather than the notional value. Each Fund reserves the right to modify these policies in the future.

Futures Contracts and Options. Each Fund may enter into U.S. or foreign futures contracts and options on futures contracts. When a Fund purchases a futures contract, it agrees to purchase a specified underlying instrument at a specified future date. When a Fund sells a futures contract, it agrees to sell the underlying instrument at a specified future date. The price at which the purchase and sale will take place is fixed when a Fund enters into the contract. Futures can be held until their delivery dates, or can be closed out before then, if a liquid secondary market is available. A put option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell, and the writer of the option the obligation to buy, the underlying security at any time during the option period. A call option on a security gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy, and the writer of the option the obligation to sell, the underlying security at any time during the option period. The price paid to the writer of an option is referred to as the “premium.” The premium paid to the writer is the consideration for undertaking the obligations under the option contract. To the extent a Fund uses futures and options, it will do so only in accordance with Rule 4.5 of the Commodity Exchange Act (the “CEA”), as described below.

The risk of loss in trading futures contracts or uncovered call options in some strategies (e.g., selling uncovered stock index futures contracts) is potentially unlimited. The risk of a futures position may still be large as traditionally measured due to the low margin deposits required. In many cases, a relatively small price movement in a futures contract may result in immediate and substantial loss or gain to the investor relative to the size of a required margin deposit. The Funds, however, intends to utilize futures and options contracts in a manner designed to limit its risk exposure to levels comparable to direct investment in stocks.
Utilization of futures and options on futures by a Fund involves the risk of loss by the Fund of margin deposits in the event of bankruptcy of a broker with whom the Fund has an open position in the futures contract or option. The purchase of put or call options will be based upon predictions by a Fund as to anticipated trends, which predictions could prove to be incorrect. The potential for loss related to the purchase of an option on a futures contract is limited to the premium paid for the option plus transaction costs. Because the value of the option is fixed at the point of sale, there are no daily cash payments by the purchaser to reflect changes in the value of the underlying contract; however, the value of the option changes daily, and that change would be reflected in the NAV of a Fund. The potential for loss related to writing options is unlimited.

Although each 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.

Restrictions on the Use of Futures Contracts and Options. With respect to investments in futures contracts, options or certain other derivatives used for purposes other than bona fide hedging purposes, an investment company must meet one of the following tests under the amended regulations in order to claim an exemption from being considered a “commodity pool.”. First, the aggregate initial margin and premiums required to establish an investment company’s positions in such investments may not exceed five percent (5%) of the liquidation value of the investment company’s portfolio (after accounting for unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such investments). Alternatively, the aggregate net notional value of such instruments, determined at the time of the most recent position established, may not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the liquidation value of the investment company’s portfolio (after accounting for unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions). In addition to meeting one of the foregoing trading limitations, the investment company may not market itself as a commodity pool or otherwise as a vehicle for trading in the commodity futures, commodity options or swaps and derivatives markets.

Currently, only the CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF invests in futures contracts and certain other derivatives contracts for purposes other than bona fide hedging purposes. However, pursuant to a claim for exemption pursuant to Rule 4.5 of the CEA filed with the National Futures Association (“NFA”), the CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF is not regulated as a commodity pool, and the Adviser is not deemed to be a commodity pool operator (a “CPO”) with respect to the Fund and is not subject to registration or regulation as such under the CEA.

In the event that the Adviser is required to register as a CPO with respect to one or more Funds, the disclosure and operations of the Funds would need to comply with all applicable CFTC regulations. Compliance with these additional registration and regulatory requirements would increase operational expenses. Other potentially adverse regulatory initiatives could also develop.

Equity Securities — Equity securities, such as common stock, represent ownership interests in a company. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock. Investments in equity securities are subject to market risks, which may cause their prices to fluctuate over time. Further, fluctuations in the value of equity securities in which a Fund invests will cause the net asset value of the Fund to fluctuate.

Fixed Income Securities — Although not a primary investment strategy, each Fund reserves the right to invest up to 20% of its net assets in high-quality, short-term fixed income securities for cash management and other purposes. Fixed income securities consist primarily of debt obligations issued by governments, corporations, municipalities and other borrowers. The market value of the fixed income securities in which a Fund invests will change in response to interest rate changes and other factors. During periods of falling interest rates, the value of outstanding fixed income securities generally rises. Conversely, during periods of rising interest rates, the value of such securities generally declines. Moreover, while securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher yields, the prices of longer maturity securities are also subject to greater market fluctuations as a result of changes in interest rates. Changes by recognized agencies in the rating of any fixed income security, and in the ability of an issuer to make payments of interest and principal, also affect the value of these investments. Changes in the value of these securities will not necessarily affect cash income derived from these securities, but will affect a Fund’s net asset value.
Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of an issuer’s ability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation (known as “credit risk”), and may also be subject to price volatility, due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (known as “market risk”). Lower-rated or unrated (i.e., high yield) securities are more likely to react to developments affecting market and credit risk than are more highly rated securities, which primarily react to movements in the general level of interest rates. Yields and market values of high yield securities will fluctuate over time, reflecting not only changing interest rates but also the market’s perception of credit quality and the outlook for economic growth. When economic conditions appear to be deteriorating, medium- to lower-rated securities may decline in value due to heightened concern over credit quality, regardless of prevailing interest rates. Investors should carefully consider the relative risks of investing in high yield securities, and understand that such securities are not generally meant for short-term investing.

Securities held by a Fund that are guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities guarantee only the payment of principal and interest and do not guarantee the yield or value of the securities or the yield or value of such Fund’s shares.

U.S. Government Securities. Each Fund may invest in U.S. Government securities. Examples of types of U.S. Government obligations in which a Fund may invest include U.S. Treasury obligations and the obligations of U.S. Government agencies or U.S. Government-sponsored entities such as Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Farm Credit Banks, Federal Land Banks, the Federal Housing Administration, the Farmers Home Administration, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Small Business Administration, Fannie Mae, GNMA, the General Services Administration, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Central Bank for Cooperatives, Freddie Mac, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Maritime Administration and other similar agencies. Whether backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury or not, U.S. Government securities are not guaranteed against price movements, due to fluctuating interest rates.

Receipts. Receipts are interests in separately traded interest and principal component parts of U.S. Government obligations that are issued by banks or brokerage firms, and which are created by depositing U.S. Government obligations into a special account at a custodian bank. The custodian holds the interest and principal payments for the benefit of the registered owners of the certificates or receipts. The custodian arranges for the issuance of the certificates or receipts evidencing ownership and maintains the register. “TRs” and “STRIPS” are interests in accounts sponsored by the U.S. Treasury. Receipts are sold as zero coupon securities, which means that they are sold at a usually substantial discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim cash payments of interest or principal.

U.S. Treasury Obligations. U.S. Treasury obligations consist of bills, notes and bonds issued by the U.S. Treasury, as well as separately traded interest and principal component parts of such obligations known as STRIPS and TRs that are transferable through the federal book-entry systems.

U.S. Government Zero Coupon Securities. STRIPS and receipts are sold as zero coupon securities – i.e., fixed income securities that have been stripped of their unmatured interest coupons. Zero coupon securities are sold at a (usually substantial) discount and redeemed at face value at their maturity date without interim cash payments of interest or principal. The amount of this discount is accreted over the life of the security, and the accretion constitutes the income earned on the security for both accounting and tax purposes. Because of these features, the market prices of zero coupon securities are generally more volatile than the market prices of securities that have similar maturity but that pay interest periodically. Zero coupon securities are likely to respond to a greater degree to interest rate changes than non-zero coupon securities with similar maturities and credit qualities.

U.S. Government Agencies. Some obligations issued or guaranteed by agencies of the U.S. Government are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury (e.g., Treasury bills, notes and bonds, and securities guaranteed by GNMA), others are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury (e.g., obligations of Federal Home Loan Banks), while still others are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality (e.g., obligations of Fannie Mae). Guarantees of principal by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government may be a guarantee of payment only at the maturity of the obligation. In the event of a default prior to maturity, there might not be a market for the security and thus no means of realizing on the obligation prior to maturity. Guarantees as to the timely payment of principal and interest do not extend to the value or yield of these securities or to the value of a Fund’s shares.
Geographic Concentration — Funds that are less diversified across countries or geographic regions are generally riskier than more geographically diversified funds. Because each Fund focuses on a single country, China, the Funds are more exposed to China’s economic cycles, currency exchange rates, stock market valuations and political risks, among other issues, than a more geographically diversified fund.

Illiquid Securities — An illiquid security is a security that a Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in the current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the security. Each Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities. If, subsequent to purchase, a security held by a Fund becomes illiquid, such Fund may continue to hold the security. Because of their illiquid nature, illiquid securities generally must be priced at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures approved by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”). Despite such good-faith efforts to determine fair value prices, a Fund’s illiquid securities are subject to the risk that a security’s fair value price may differ from the actual price that such Fund may ultimately realize upon its sale or disposition. Difficulty in selling illiquid securities may result in a loss or may be costly to a Fund. Under the supervision of the Board, the Adviser determines the liquidity of a Fund’s investments. In determining liquidity, the Adviser may consider various factors, including: (i) the frequency and volume of trades and quotations; (ii) the number of dealers and prospective purchasers in the marketplace; (iii) dealer undertakings to make a market; and (iv) the nature of the security and the market in which it trades (including any demand, put or tender features, the mechanics and other requirements for transfer, any letters of credit or other credit enhancement features, any ratings, the number of holders, the method of soliciting offers, the time required to dispose of the security and the ability to assign or offset the rights and obligations of the security).

Investment Companies — Each Fund may invest in other investment companies, including those managed by the Adviser, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, any rule or regulation of the SEC or any order or interpretation thereunder. Securities of other investment companies, including shares of closed-end investment companies, unit investment trusts, open-end investment companies and real estate investment trusts (“REITs”), represent interests in professionally managed portfolios that may invest in various types of instruments. Investing in other investment companies involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the underlying instruments, but may involve additional expenses at the investment company-level, such as portfolio management fees and operating expenses. Certain types of investment companies, such as closed-end investment companies, issue a fixed number of shares that trade on a stock exchange or over-the-counter at a premium or a discount to their net asset value. Other investment companies are continuously offered at net asset value, but may also be traded in the secondary market at a premium or discount to their net asset value.

Generally, the federal securities laws limit the extent to which a Fund can invest in securities of other investment companies, subject to certain exceptions. For example, subject to certain exceptions, a Fund is generally prohibited under Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act from acquiring the securities of another investment company if, as a result of such acquisition: (i) the Fund owns more than 5% of the total voting stock of the other company; (ii) securities issued by any one investment company represent more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets; or (iii) securities (other than treasury stock) issued by all investment companies represent more than 10% of the total assets of the Fund, subject to certain exceptions. In reliance on Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) guidance, CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF may exceed these limits and may invest up to 20% of its assets in the CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF, an affiliated fund advised by the Adviser with similar investment strategies as the Fund and traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. In addition, pursuant to Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act, CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF may invest in one or more affiliated or unaffiliated investment companies that comply with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act (to the extent required by Rule 12d1-1), in excess of the limits of Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the 1940 Act.

Exchange-Traded Funds (“ETFs”). Each Fund may invest in other ETFs, including ETFs advised by the Adviser. ETFs are a type of investment company. ETFs are listed and traded on national securities exchanges at market prices. ETF shares typically trade at a premium or discount to their intrinsic value (i.e., the market value may differ from the net asset value of an ETF’s shares). These differences may be more pronounced for newer or smaller ETFs, for ETFs that own less liquid securities or in certain market conditions.
Money Market Securities — Money market securities include: (i) short-term U.S. Government securities; (ii) custodial receipts evidencing separately traded interest and principal components of securities issued by the U.S. Treasury; (iii) commercial paper rated in the highest short-term rating category by an NRSRO, such as S&P or Moody’s, or determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality at the time of purchase; (iv) short-term bank obligations (certificates of deposit, time deposits and bankers’ acceptances) of U.S. commercial banks with assets of at least $1 billion as of the end of their most recent fiscal year; and (v) repurchase agreements involving such securities. For a description of ratings, see Appendix A to this SAI. Each Fund may invest in money market securities for cash management purposes or as collateral or “cover” in connection with derivative transactions. Each Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in money market securities at any time.

Non-U.S. Securities — Each Fund primarily invests its assets in non-U.S. securities and instruments, or in instruments that provide exposure to such securities and instruments. Investments in non-U.S. securities involve certain risks that may not be present with investments in U.S. securities. For example, investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to risk of loss due to foreign currency fluctuations or to political or economic instability. There may be less information publicly available about non-U.S. issuers. Non-U.S. issuers may be subject to different accounting, auditing, financial reporting and investor protection standards than U.S. issuers. Investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to withholding or other taxes and may be subject to additional trading, settlement, custodial, and operational risks (including restrictions on the transfers of securities). With respect to certain countries, there is the possibility of government intervention and expropriation or nationalization of assets. Because legal systems differ, there is also the possibility that it will be difficult to obtain or enforce legal judgments in certain countries.

Non-U.S. stock markets may not be as developed or efficient as, and may be more volatile than, those in the U.S. While the volumes traded on non-U.S. stock markets generally have been growing, such markets usually have substantially less volume. Therefore, a Fund’s investments in non-U.S. equity securities may be less liquid and subject to more rapid and erratic price movements than comparable securities trading in the U.S. For example, non-U.S. equity securities may trade at price/earnings multiples higher than comparable U.S. securities, and such levels may not be sustainable. There may be less government supervision and regulation of non-U.S. stock exchanges, brokers, banks and listed companies abroad. Moreover, settlement practices for transactions in non-U.S. markets may differ from those in U.S. markets. Such differences may include delays beyond periods customary in the U.S. and practices, such as delivery of securities prior to receipt of payment, that increase the likelihood of a failed settlement, and which can result in losses to a Fund. Non-U.S. exchanges may be open on days when a Fund does not price its shares, and thus the value of the securities in the Fund’s portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the Fund shares. Conversely, Fund shares may trade on days when non-U.S. exchanges are closed. Each of these factors can make investments in a Fund more volatile and potentially less liquid than other types of investments. In addition, a Fund may change its creation or redemption procedures without notice in connection with restrictions on the transfer of securities. For more information on creation and redemption procedures, see “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” herein.

Non-U.S. brokerage commissions, custodial expenses and other fees are also generally higher than for securities traded in the U.S. This may cause a Fund to incur higher portfolio transaction costs than domestic equity funds. Fluctuations in exchange rates may also affect the earning power and asset value of the non-U.S. entity issuing a security, even one denominated in U.S. dollars. Dividend and interest payments may be repatriated based on the exchange rate at the time of disbursement, and restrictions on capital flows may be imposed.

Economic conditions, such as volatile currency exchange rates and interest rates, political events and other conditions may, without prior warning, lead to government intervention and the imposition of “capital controls.”

Countries use these controls to restrict volatile movements of capital entering (inflows) and exiting (outflows) their country to respond to certain economic conditions. Such controls are mainly applied to short-term capital transactions to counter speculative flows that threaten to undermine the stability of the exchange rate and deplete foreign exchange reserves. Capital controls include the prohibition of, or restrictions on, the ability to transfer currency, securities or other assets. Levies may be placed on profits repatriated by foreign entities (such as the Funds). Capital controls may impact the ability of a Fund to create and redeem Creation Units, adversely affect the trading market for shares of the Fund, and cause shares of the Fund to trade at prices materially different from its NAV. There can be no assurance that a country in which a Fund invests will not impose a form of capital control to the possible detriment of the Fund and its shareholders. Each Fund may also be subject to delays in converting or transferring U.S. dollars to RMB for the purpose of purchasing A-Shares. This may hinder a Fund’s performance, including because any delay could result in the Fund missing an investment opportunity, purchasing securities at a higher price than originally intended or incurring cash drag.
Repurchase Agreements — A repurchase agreement is an agreement in which one party sells securities to another party in return for cash with an agreement to repurchase equivalent securities at an agreed-upon price and on an agreed-upon future date. Each Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with financial institutions and follow certain procedures designed to minimize the risks inherent in such agreements. These procedures include effecting repurchase transactions only with large, well-capitalized and well-established financial institutions deemed creditworthy by the Adviser. The repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund will provide that the underlying collateral shall have a value equal to at least 102% of the resale price stated in the agreement at all times. The Adviser monitors compliance with this requirement, as well as the ongoing financial condition and creditworthiness of the counterparty. Under all repurchase agreements entered into by a Fund, the custodian or its agent must take possession of the underlying collateral.

In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a selling financial institution, a Fund will seek to liquidate such collateral. However, the exercising of a Fund’s right to liquidate such collateral could involve certain costs or delays and, to the extent that proceeds from any sale upon a default of the obligation to repurchase were less than the repurchase price, the Fund could suffer a loss. At times, the investments of a Fund in repurchase agreements may be substantial when, in the view of the Adviser, liquidity or other considerations so warrant.

Restricted Securities — Restricted securities are securities that may not be sold to the public without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”), or an exemption from registration. Each Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in restricted securities determined to be illiquid. Restricted securities, including securities eligible for re-sale under Rule 144A of the 1933 Act, that are determined to be liquid are not subject to this limitation. This determination is to be made by the Adviser, as applicable, pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Board. Under these guidelines, the Adviser will consider the frequency of trades and quotes for the security, the number of dealers in and potential purchasers for the security, dealer undertakings to make a market in the security, and the nature of the security and of the marketplace trades. In purchasing such restricted securities, the Adviser intends to purchase securities that are exempt from registration under Rule 144A under the 1933 Act and Section 4(2) commercial paper issued in reliance on an exemption from registration under Section 4(2) of the 1933 Act.

Reverse Repurchase Agreements — Reverse repurchase agreements are transactions in which a Fund sells portfolio securities to financial institutions, such as banks and broker-dealers, and agrees to repurchase them at a mutually agreed-upon date and price that is higher than the original sale price. Reverse repurchase agreements are similar to a fully collateralized borrowing by a Fund. At the time a Fund enters into a reverse repurchase agreement, it will earmark on its books or place in a segregated account cash or liquid securities having a value equal to the repurchase price (including accrued interest) and will subsequently monitor the account to ensure that such equivalent value is maintained.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve risks. Reverse repurchase agreements are a form of leverage, and the use of reverse repurchase agreements by a Fund may increase such Fund’s volatility. Reverse repurchase agreements are also subject to the risk that the other party to the reverse repurchase agreement will be unable or unwilling to complete the transaction as scheduled, which may result in losses to a Fund. Reverse repurchase agreements also involve the risk that the market value of the securities sold by a Fund may decline below the price at which it is obligated to repurchase the securities. In addition, when the Fund invests the proceeds it receives in a reverse repurchase transaction, there is a risk that those investments may decline in value. In this circumstance, a Fund could be required to sell other investments in order to meet its obligations to repurchase the securities.
Securities Lending — Each Fund may lend portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial organizations that meet capital and other credit requirements or other criteria established by the Board. These loans, if and when made, may not exceed 33 1/3% of the total asset value of a Fund (including the loan collateral). A Fund will not lend portfolio securities to its advisers or its affiliates unless it has applied for and received specific authority to do so from the SEC. Loans of portfolio securities will be fully collateralized by cash, letters of credit or U.S. Government securities, and the collateral will be maintained in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities by marking to market daily, although the borrower will be required to deliver collateral of 102% and 105% of the market value of borrowed securities for domestic and foreign issuers, respectively. Any gain or loss in the market price of the securities loaned that might occur during the term of the loan would be for the account of a Fund.

Each Fund may pay a part of the interest earned from the investment of collateral or other fee to an unaffiliated third party for acting as such Fund’s securities lending agent.

By lending its securities, a Fund may increase its income by receiving payments from the borrower that reflect the amount of any interest or dividends payable on the loaned securities as well as by either investing cash collateral received from the borrower in short-term instruments or obtaining a fee from the borrower when U.S. Government securities or letters of credit are used as collateral. Each Fund will adhere to the following conditions whenever its portfolio securities are loaned: (i) the Fund must receive at least 100% cash collateral or equivalent securities of the type discussed in the preceding paragraph from the borrower; (ii) the borrower must increase such collateral whenever the market value of the securities rises above the level of such collateral; (iii) the Fund must be able to terminate the loan on demand; (iv) the Fund must receive reasonable interest on the loan, as well as any dividends, interest or other distributions on the loaned securities and any increase in market value; (v) the Fund may pay only reasonable fees in connection with the loan (which may include fees payable to the lending agent, the borrower, the Fund’s administrator and the custodian); and (vi) voting rights on the loaned securities may pass to the borrower, provided, however, that if a material event adversely affecting the investment occurs, the Fund must terminate the loan and regain the right to vote the securities. The Board has adopted procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the foregoing criteria will be met. Loan agreements involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the borrower, including possible delays or restrictions upon a Fund’s ability to recover the loaned securities or dispose of the collateral for the loan, which could give rise to loss because of adverse market action, expenses and/or delays in connection with the disposition of the underlying securities.

Each Fund will invest the cash received as collateral through loan transactions in other eligible securities, which may include shares of a registered money market fund, or of an unregistered money market fund that complies with the requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act to the extent required by the 1940 Act. Such money market funds might not seek or be able to maintain a stable $1.00 per share net asset value.

The investment of cash collateral subjects a Fund to market risk. A Fund remains obligated to return all collateral to the borrower under the terms of its securities lending arrangements, even if the value of the investments made with the collateral has declined. Accordingly, if the value of a security in which the cash collateral has been invested declines, the loss would be borne by the Fund, and the Fund may be required to liquidate other investments in order to return collateral to the borrower at the end of a loan.

Investments in China A-Shares and H-Shares — A-Shares and H-Shares are each a specific classification of equity securities issued by companies incorporated in the People’s Republic of China (“China” or the “PRC”). H-Shares are denominated and traded in Hong Kong dollars and are traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. A company incorporated in China may issue both A-Shares and H-Shares, however the prices that such shares trade at may differ. A-Shares are denominated and traded in RMB, the official currency of the PRC, on the Shenzhen and Shanghai Stock Exchanges. Under current Chinese regulations and subject to certain exceptions, foreign investors, such as the Funds, are permitted to invest in A-Shares (i) through designated foreign institutional investors that meet certain requirements and have been granted status by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”), or (ii) through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program and other similar programs, including most recently the Shenzhen – Hong Kong Stock Connect program.

Under the first approach, foreign investors, such as the Funds, are permitted to invest through institutional investors designated as either a Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“QFII”) or a Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (“RQFII”). Under current regulations, each QFII and RQFII is permitted to invest up to a specific aggregate dollar amount in A-Shares. A QFII or RQFII may not invest in A-Shares above its quota amount, although to the extent that a QFII or RQFII has utilized its entire investment quota, it may apply for an increase to its quota.
Under the second approach, since November of 2014, foreign investors have been permitted to invest in eligible China A-Shares listed on Shanghai Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program; which was launched in 2014, established a securities trading and clearing program which enables mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong. Through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, foreign investors, such as the Funds, can trade eligible China A-Shares, subject to trading limits and rules and regulations as may be issued from time to time. More recently, in December of 2016, foreign investors also are permitted to invest in eligible China A-Shares listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. While the Fund may access China A-Shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect program in the future, it has no immediate plans to do so.

Currency Transaction Risk — Investments denominated in non-U.S. currencies and investments in securities or derivatives that provide exposure to such currencies, currency exchange rates or interest rates are subject to non-U.S. currency risk. Changes in currency exchange rates and the relative value of non-U.S. currencies will affect the value of a Fund’s investment and the value of your Fund shares. Because a Fund’s NAV is determined on the basis of U.S. dollars, the U.S. dollar value of your investment in the Fund may go down if the value of the local currency of the non-U.S. markets in which the Fund invests depreciates against the U.S. dollar. This is true even if the local currency value of securities in a Fund’s holdings goes up. Conversely, the U.S. dollar value of your investment in a Fund may go up if the value of the local currency appreciates against the U.S. dollar.

The value of the U.S. dollar against other currencies is influenced by a variety of factors. These factors include national debt levels and trade deficits, changes in balances of payments and trade, domestic and foreign interest and inflation rates, global or regional political, economic or financial events, monetary policies of governments, actual or potential government intervention, and global energy prices. Political instability, the possibility of government intervention and restrictive or opaque business and investment policies may also reduce the value of a country’s currency. Government monetary policies and the buying or selling of currency by a country’s government may also influence exchange rates. Currencies of emerging or developing market countries may be subject to significantly greater risks than currencies of developed countries.

RQFII Program Risk — None of the Funds is a RQFII, but rather each will utilize a portion of the Adviser’s RQFII quota granted under RQFII regulations. The RQFII regulations provide that the size of a RQFII’s quota may be reduced or cancelled by China’s State Administration of Foreign Exchange (the “SAFE”) if the RQFII is unable to use its RQFII quota effectively within one year after the quota is granted. If the SAFE reduces the RQFII’s quota, it may affect the Adviser’s ability to effectively pursue a Fund’s investment strategy.

In addition, the Adviser’s RQFII status could be suspended or revoked. There can be no assurance that the Adviser will continue to maintain its RQFII status or be able to acquire an additional RQFII quota. In the event the Adviser is unable to maintain its RQFII status or the RQFII quota allocated to a Fund has become inadequate, it may be necessary for the Fund to limit or suspend creations of Creation Units. In such event it is possible that the trading price of a Fund’s shares on the Exchange will be at a significant premium to the NAV. In extreme circumstances, a Fund may incur significant loss due to limited investment capabilities, or may not be able fully to implement or pursue its investment objectives or strategies, due to RQFII investment restrictions, illiquidity of the PRC’s securities markets, or delay or disruption in execution of trades or in settlement of trades.

Pursuant to PRC and RQFII regulations, the SAFE is vested with the power to impose regulatory sanctions if the Adviser, in its capacity as RQFII, or the PRC Custodian (as that term is defined below) violates any provision of the RQFII regulations. Any such violations could result in the revocation of the Adviser’s quota or other regulatory sanctions, and may adversely impact on the portion of the Adviser’s quota allocated to a Fund.

The current RQFII regulations also include rules on investment restrictions applicable to a Fund, which may adversely affect the Fund’s liquidity and performance. In addition, because transaction sizes for RQFIIs are relatively large, the corresponding heightened risk of exposure to decreased market liquidity and significant price volatility could lead to possible adverse effects on the timing and pricing of acquisition or disposal of securities.
The regulations which regulate investments by RQFIIs in the PRC and the repatriation of capital from RQFII investments are relatively new. The application and interpretation of such investment regulations are, therefore, relatively untested and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied, as the PRC authorities and regulators have been given wide discretion in such investment regulations and there is no precedent or certainty as to how such discretion may be exercised now or in the future.

**PRC Broker and PRC Custodian Risk** — The Adviser is responsible for selecting a PRC Broker(s) to execute transactions for a Fund in the PRC markets. In its selection of a PRC Broker(s), the Adviser, will consider factors such as the competitiveness of commission rates, size of the relevant orders and execution standards.

The Adviser is responsible for selecting a custodian in the PRC (the “PRC Custodian”) to maintain its assets pursuant to local Chinese laws and regulations. According to the RQFII regulations and market practice, the securities and cash accounts for a Fund in the PRC are to be maintained by the PRC Custodian in the joint names of the Adviser as the RQFII holder and the Fund. Each Fund’s PRC Custodian is HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited. The PRC Custodian maintains each Fund’s RMB deposit accounts and oversees each Fund’s investments in A-Shares in the PRC to ensure their compliance with the rules and regulations of the CSRC, the SAFE and the People’s Bank of China (the “PBOC”). A-Shares that are traded on the Shanghai or Shenzhen Stock Exchanges are dealt and held in book-entry form through the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited (“CSDCC”). A-Shares purchased by the Adviser, in its capacity as a RQFII, on behalf of a Fund, may be received by the CSDCC and credited to a securities trading account maintained by the PRC Custodian in the names of the Fund and the Adviser as the RQFII.

The assets held or credited in a Fund’s securities trading account(s) maintained by the PRC Custodian are segregated and independent from the proprietary assets of the PRC Custodian. However, under PRC law, cash deposited in a Fund’s cash account(s) maintained with the PRC Custodian will not be segregated, but will be a debt owed from the PRC Custodian to the Fund as a depositor. Such cash will be co-mingled with cash that the PRC Custodian has received from other clients or creditors of the PRC Custodian. In the event of bankruptcy or liquidation of the PRC Custodian, a Fund will not have any proprietary rights to the cash deposited in such cash account(s), and the Fund will become an unsecured creditor, ranking *pari passu* with all other unsecured creditors, of the PRC Custodian.

There is a risk that a Fund may suffer losses from the default, bankruptcy or disqualification of the PRC Broker(s) or the PRC Custodian. In such event, the Fund may be adversely affected in the execution of any transaction, face difficulty and/or encounter delays in recovering its assets, or may not be able to recover its assets in full or at all. A Fund may also incur losses due to the acts or omissions of the PRC Broker(s) and/or the PRC Custodian in the execution or settlement of any transaction or in the transfer of any funds or securities. Subject to the applicable laws and regulations in the PRC, the Adviser will make arrangements to ensure that the PRC Broker(s) and the PRC Custodian have appropriate procedures to properly safe-keep a Fund’s assets.

**Investing Through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program** — Each Fund invests in eligible securities listed and traded on the Shanghai Stock Exchange through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, a securities trading and clearing program developed by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, the Shanghai Stock Exchange, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and the CSDCC for the establishment of mutual market access between The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Shanghai Stock Exchange. Unlike other programs for foreign investment in Chinese securities, no individual investment quotas or licensing requirements apply to investors investing via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. In addition, there are no lock-up periods or restrictions on the repatriation of principal and profits.
Among other restrictions, investors in securities obtained via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program are generally subject to Chinese securities regulations and Shanghai Stock Exchange rules. Thus, investors in Stock Connect securities are generally subject to Chinese securities regulations and SSE listing rules, among other restrictions. Securities obtained via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program generally may only be sold, purchased or otherwise transferred through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program in accordance with applicable rules. Although each Fund is not subject to individual investment quotas, daily investment quotas designed to limit the maximum daily net purchases on any particular day apply to all participants in the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. These daily investment quotas which may restrict or preclude the ability of any Fund to invest in securities obtained via the program. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program is newly-established and further developments are likely. It is unclear whether or how such developments may restrict or affect a Fund. Additionally, how the laws and regulations of Hong Kong and China, as well as the rules, policies or guidelines of relevant regulators and exchanges, will be interpreted or applied with respect to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program is uncertain.

**Repatriation Risk** — The SAFE regulates and monitors the repatriation of funds out of the PRC by RQFIIs. RQFIIs that act as advisers to open-end funds, including ETFs, are permitted to make repatriations (up to net redemptions) daily and are not subject to repatriation restrictions or prior approval from the SAFE, although authenticity and compliance reviews will be conducted by the PRC Custodian, and monthly reports on remittances and repatriations will be submitted to the SAFE by the PRC Custodian. There is no assurance, however, that PRC and RQFII rules and regulations will not change or that repatriation restrictions will not be imposed in the future. Further, such changes to the PRC and RQFII rules and regulations may take effect retroactively. Any restrictions on repatriation of the invested capital and net profits may impact a Fund’s operations, including its ability to meet redemption requests. Furthermore, as the PRC Custodian’s review on authenticity and compliance is conducted on each repatriation, the repatriation may be delayed or even rejected by the PRC Custodian in case of non-compliance with the RQFII regulations. In such case, it is expected that redemption proceeds will be paid as soon as practicable and after the completion of the repatriation of the funds concerned. It should be noted that the actual time required for the completion of the relevant repatriation will be beyond the Adviser’s control.

**Economic, Political and Social Risks of the PRC** — The economy of China, which has been in a state of transition from a planned economy to a more market oriented economy, differs from the economies of most developed countries in many respects, including the level of government involvement, its state of development, its growth rate, control of foreign exchange, protection of intellectual property rights and allocation of resources.

Although the majority of productive assets in China are still owned by the government of the PRC at various levels, in recent years, the PRC has implemented economic reform measures emphasizing utilization of market forces in the development of the economy of China and a high level of management autonomy. The economy of China has experienced significant growth in the past 20 years, but growth has been uneven both geographically and among various sectors of the economy. Economic growth has also been accompanied by periods of high inflation. The PRC has implemented various measures from time to time to control inflation and restrain the rate of economic growth.

For more than 20 years, the PRC has carried out economic reforms to achieve decentralization and utilization of market forces to develop the economy of the PRC. These reforms have resulted in significant economic growth and social progress. There can, however, be no assurance that the PRC will continue to pursue such economic policies or, if it does, that those policies will continue to be successful. Any such adjustment and modification of those economic policies may have an adverse impact on the securities market in the PRC as well as the portfolio securities of a Fund. Further, the PRC may from time to time adopt corrective measures to control the growth of the PRC’s economy, which may also have an adverse impact on the capital growth and performance of a Fund. Political changes, social instability and adverse diplomatic developments in the PRC could result in the imposition of additional government restrictions including expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxes or nationalization of some or all of the property held by the underlying issuers of a Fund’s portfolio securities.
PRC Laws and Regulations Risk — The regulatory and legal framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in the PRC may not be as well developed as those of developed countries. PRC laws and regulations affecting securities markets are relatively new and evolving, and because of the limited volume of published cases, judicial interpretations and their non-binding nature, interpretation and enforcement of these regulations involve significant uncertainties. In addition, as the PRC’s legal system develops, no assurance can be given that changes in such laws and regulations, their interpretation or their enforcement will not have a material adverse effect on their business operations.

Restricted Markets Risk — Each Fund’s investments in A-Shares may be subject to limitations or restrictions on foreign ownership or holdings imposed by the PRC. Such legal and regulatory restrictions or limitations may have adverse effects on the liquidity and performance of a Fund’s portfolio holdings as compared to the performance of the Index. This may increase the risk of tracking error.

A-Share Market Suspension Risk — A-Shares may only be purchased from, or sold to, a Fund from time to time on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange, as appropriate. Given that the A-Share market is considered volatile and unstable (with the risk of suspension of a particular stock or government intervention), the creation and redemption of Creation Units may also be disrupted. A participating dealer may not be able to create Creation Units of a Fund if A-Shares are not available or are not available in sufficient amounts.

Taxation Risk — Uncertainties in the PRC tax rules governing taxation of income and gains from investments in A-Shares could result in unexpected tax liabilities for the Funds. Each Fund’s investments in securities, including A-Shares, issued by PRC companies may cause the Fund to become subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by the PRC.

If the Trust or a Fund were considered to be a tax resident enterprise of the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If the Trust or a Fund were considered to be a non-tax resident enterprise with a “permanent establishment” in the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax on the profits attributable to the permanent establishment. The Adviser intends to operate the Trust and the Funds in a manner that will prevent them from being treated as tax resident enterprises of the PRC and from having a permanent establishment in the PRC. It is possible, however, that the PRC could disagree with that conclusion, or that changes in PRC tax law could affect the PRC corporate income tax status of the Trust or the Funds.

Unless reduced or exempted by the applicable tax treaties, the PRC generally imposes withholding income tax at the rate of 10% on dividends, premiums, interest and capital gains originating in the PRC and paid to a company that is not a resident of the PRC for tax purposes and that has no permanent establishment in China. The State Administration of Taxation has confirmed the application to a QFII of the withholding income tax on dividends, premiums and interest. Effective as of November 17, 2014, Chinese authorities issued two circulars (Caishui [2014] 79 and Caishui [2014] 81) clarifying the corporate income tax policy of China with respect to QFII and RQFII investments through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. Pursuant to the circulars, each Fund is expected to be temporarily exempt from withholding tax on capital gains out of trading in A-Shares. Since there is no indication how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, it is possible a Fund may be subject to such withholding tax in the future. If in the future China begins applying tax rules regarding the taxation of income from A-Shares investment to QFIIs and RQFIIs or investments through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, and/or begins collecting capital gains taxes on such investments, a Fund could be subject to withholding tax liability if the Fund determines that such liability cannot be reduced or eliminated by applicable tax treaties. The negative impact of any such tax liability a Fund’s return could be substantial.

The Adviser or the Funds may also potentially be subject to PRC value added tax at the rate of 6% on capital gains derived from trading of A-Shares and interest income (if any). Existing guidance provides a temporary value added tax exemption for QFII and RQFII in respect of their gains derived from the trading of PRC securities. Since there is no indication of how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, it is possible the Funds may be subject to such value added tax in the future. In addition, urban maintenance and construction tax (currently at rates ranging from 1% to 7%), educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 3%) and local educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 2%) (collectively, the “surtaxes”) are imposed based on value added tax liabilities, so if the Adviser or the Funds were liable for value added tax it would also be required to pay the applicable surtaxes.
The PRC rules for taxation of RQFII and QFII are evolving, and the tax regulations to be issued by the PRC State Administration of Taxation and/or PRC Ministry of Finance to clarify the subject matter may apply retrospectively, even if such rules are adverse to a Fund and its shareholders.

As described below under “Taxes,” each Fund may elect, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to treat PRC taxes (including withholding taxes) paid by the Fund as paid by its shareholders. Even if a Fund is qualified to make that election and does so, however, your ability to claim a credit for certain PRC taxes may be limited under general U.S. tax principles.

Should the Chinese government impose restrictions on a Fund’s ability to repatriate funds associated with direct investment in A-Shares, the Fund may be unable to satisfy distribution requirements applicable to RICs (as defined below) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), as amended, and the Fund may therefore be subject to Fund-level U.S. federal taxes. In the event such restrictions are imposed, a Fund may borrow funds to the extent necessary to distribute to shareholders income sufficient to maintain the Fund’s status as a RIC.

**Government Intervention and Restriction Risk** — Governments and regulators may intervene in the financial markets, such as by the imposition of trading restrictions, a ban on “naked” short selling or the suspension of short selling for certain stocks. This may affect the operation and market making activities of a Fund, and may have an unpredictable impact on the Fund. Furthermore, such market interventions may have a negative impact on the market sentiment which may in turn affect the performance of the Index and as a result the performance of a Fund.

Recently, the A-Shares market has experienced considerable volatility and been subject to frequent and extensive trading halts and suspensions. These trading halts and suspensions have, among other things, contributed to uncertainty in the markets and reduced the liquidity of the securities subject to such trading halts and suspensions, including a number of securities held by the Fund. If the trading in a significant number of the Fund’s A-Share holdings is halted or suspended, the Fund’s portfolio could become illiquid. In such event, the Fund may have difficulty selling its portfolio positions until the trading halt or suspension is lifted, or may not be able to sell such securities at all. As a result, the Fund may need to sell other more liquid portfolio holdings at a loss or at times when it otherwise would not do so in order to generate sufficient cash to satisfy redemption requests. This could have a negative impact on the Fund’s performance and increase the tracking error of the Fund against its Index. If a significant number of securities held by the Fund are suspended or unavailable for sale, the Fund is permitted to delay settlement of redemption requests up to seven days, as further discussed below. Trading halts or suspensions may make it difficult for the Fund to obtain prices for such securities and may cause a Fund to “fair-value” a portion of its portfolio holdings. Furthermore, trading halts or suspensions of the Fund’s underlying portfolio securities may also have a negative impact on secondary market trading of Fund shares in U.S. market.

**RMB Exchange Controls and Restrictions Risk** — It should be noted that the RMB is currently not a freely convertible currency as it is subject to foreign exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions imposed by the PRC government. There is no assurance that there will always be RMB available in sufficient amounts for a Fund to remain fully invested. Since 1994, the conversion of RMB into U.S. dollars has been based on rates set by the PBOC, which are set daily based on the previous day’s PRC interbank foreign exchange market rate. On July 21, 2005, the PRC government introduced a managed floating exchange rate system to allow the value of RMB to fluctuate within a regulated band based on market supply and demand and by reference to a basket of currencies. In addition, a market maker system was introduced to the interbank spot foreign exchange market. In July 2008, China announced that its exchange rate regime was further transformed into a managed floating mechanism based on market supply and demand. Given the domestic and overseas economic developments, the PBOC decided to further improve the RMB exchange rate regime in June 2010 to enhance the flexibility of the RMB exchange rate. In March 2014, the PBOC decided to take a further step to increase the flexibility of the RMB exchange rate by expanding the daily trading band from +/-1% to +/-2%.
However, it should be noted that the PRC government’s policies on exchange control and repatriation restrictions are subject to change, and any such change may adversely impact a Fund. There can be no assurance that the RMB exchange rate will not fluctuate widely against the U.S. dollar or any other foreign currency in the future. Foreign exchange transactions under the capital account, including principal payments in respect of foreign currency-denominated obligations, currently continue to be subject to significant foreign exchange controls and require the approval of the SAFE. On the other hand, the existing PRC foreign exchange regulations have significantly reduced government foreign exchange controls for transactions under the current account, including trade- and service-related foreign exchange transactions and payment of dividends. Nevertheless, the Adviser cannot predict whether the PRC government will continue its existing foreign exchange policy, or when the PRC government will allow free conversion of the RMB to foreign currency.

**RMB Trading and Settlement Risk** — The trading and settlement of RMB-denominated securities are recent developments in Hong Kong, and there is no assurance that problems will not be encountered with the systems or that other logistical problems will not arise.

**RQFII Late Settlement Risk** — Each Fund will be required to remit RMB from Hong Kong to the PRC to settle the purchase of A-Shares by the Fund from time to time. In the event such remittance is disrupted, a Fund may not be able to sample the Index by investing in the relevant A-Shares, which may lead to increased tracking error.

**Future Movements in RMB Exchange Rates Risk** — The exchange rate of RMB ceased to be pegged to U.S. dollars on July 21, 2005, resulting in a more flexible RMB exchange rate system. The China Foreign Exchange Trading System, authorized by the PBOC, promulgates the central parity rate of RMB against U.S. dollars, Euros, Yen, pounds sterling and Hong Kong dollars at 9:15 a.m. on each business day, which will be the daily central parity rate for transactions on the Inter-bank Spot Foreign Exchange Market and over-the-counter transactions of banks. The exchange rate of RMB against the above-mentioned currencies fluctuates within a range above or below such central parity rate. As the exchange rates are based primarily on market forces, the exchange rates for RMB against other currencies, including U.S. dollars and Hong Kong dollars, are susceptible to movements based on external factors. There can be no assurance that such exchange rates will not fluctuate widely against U.S. dollars, Hong Kong dollars or any other foreign currency in the future. From 1994 to July 2005, the exchange rate for RMB against the U.S. dollar and the Hong Kong dollar was relatively stable. Since July 2005, the appreciation of RMB has begun to accelerate. But since August 2015, the depreciation of RMB has begun to accelerate. Although the PRC government has constantly reiterated its intention to maintain the stability of RMB, it may introduce measures (such as a reduction in the rate of export tax refund) to address the concerns of the PRC’s trading partners. Therefore, the possibility that the depreciation of RMB will be further accelerated cannot be dismissed. On the other hand, there can be no assurance that RMB will not be subject to appreciation.

**Offshore RMB Market Risk** — The onshore RMB (“CNY”) is the only official currency of the PRC and is used in all financial transactions between individuals, state and corporations in the PRC. Hong Kong is the first jurisdiction to allow accumulation of RMB deposits outside the PRC. Since June 2010, the offshore RMB (“CNH”) is traded officially, regulated jointly by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the PBOC. While both CNY and CNH represent RMB, they are traded in different and separated markets. The two RMB markets operate independently where the flow between them is highly restricted. Though the CNH is a proxy of the CNY, they do not necessarily have the same exchange rate and their movement may not be in the same direction. This is because these currencies act in separate jurisdictions, which leads to separate supply and demand conditions for each, and therefore separate but related currency markets.
Currently, the amount of RMB-denominated financial assets outside the PRC is limited. As of the end of October 2017, the total amount of RMB (CNH) deposits held by institutions authorized to engage in RMB banking business in Hong Kong amounted to approximately RMB 540 billion. In addition, participating authorized institutions are also required by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to maintain a total amount of RMB (in the form of cash and its settlement account balance with a Renminbi clearing bank) of no less than 25% of their RMB deposits, which further limits the availability of RMB that participating authorized institutions can utilize for conversion services for their customers such as a Fund. RMB business participating banks do not have direct RMB liquidity support from PBOC. Only the Renminbi clearing bank has access to onshore liquidity support from PBOC (subject to annual and quarterly quotas imposed by PBOC) to square open positions of participating banks for limited types of transactions, including open positions resulting from conversion services for corporations relating to cross-border trade settlement and for individual customers of up to RMB20,000 per Hong Kong resident person per day. The Renminbi clearing bank is not obliged to square for participating banks any open positions resulting from other foreign exchange transactions or conversion services, and the participating banks will need to source RMB (CNH) from the offshore market to square such open positions. Although it is expected that the offshore RMB (CNH) market will continue to grow in depth and size, its growth is subject to many constraints as a result of PRC laws and regulations on foreign exchange. There is no assurance that new PRC regulations will not be promulgated or that the Settlement Agreement will not be terminated or amended in the future which will have the effect of restricting availability of RMB (CNH) offshore.

Risks of Currency Transactions — Currency exchange transactions involve a significant degree of risk and the markets in which currency exchange transactions are effected are highly volatile, highly specialized and highly technical. Significant changes, including changes in liquidity and prices, can occur in such markets within very short periods of time, often within minutes. Currency exchange trading risks include, but are not limited to, exchange rate risk, maturity gap, interest rate risk, and potential interference by non-U.S. governments through regulation of local exchange markets, foreign investment or particular transactions in foreign currency. If a Fund utilizes foreign currency transactions at an inappropriate time, such transactions may not serve their intended purpose of improving the correlation of the Fund’s return with the performance of its Index, and may lower the Fund’s return. A Fund could experience losses if the value of any currency forwards and futures positions is poorly correlated with its other investments, or if it could not close out its positions because of an illiquid market. Such contracts are subject to the risk that the counterparty will default on its obligations. In addition, the Fund will incur transaction costs, including trading commissions, in connection with certain foreign currency transactions.

Cybersecurity Risk — With the increased use of technologies such as mobile devices and Web-based or “cloud” applications, and the dependence on the Internet and computer systems to conduct business, a Fund is susceptible to operational, information security and related risks. In general, cybersecurity incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events (arising from external or internal sources) that may cause the Fund to lose proprietary information, suffer data corruption, physical damage to a computer or network system or lose operational capacity. Cybersecurity attacks include, but are not limited to, infection by malicious software, such as malware or computer viruses or gaining unauthorized access to digital systems, networks or devices that are used to service the Fund’s operations (e.g., through “hacking,” “phishing” or malicious software coding) or other means for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cybersecurity attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on the Fund’s websites (i.e., efforts to make network services unavailable to intended users). In addition, authorized persons could inadvertently or intentionally release confidential or proprietary information stored on the Fund’s systems.

Cybersecurity incidents affecting the Fund’s Adviser, other service providers to the Fund or its shareholders (including, but not limited to, Fund accountants, custodians, sub-custodians, transfer agents and financial intermediaries) have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses to both the Fund and its shareholders, interference with the Fund’s ability to calculate its net asset value NAV, impediments to trading, the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business and the Fund to process transactions (including fulfilment of Fund share purchases and redemptions), violations of applicable privacy and other laws (including the release of private shareholder information) and attendant breach notification and credit monitoring costs, regulatory fines, penalties, litigation costs, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, forensic investigation and remediation costs, and/or additional compliance costs. Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, counterparties with which the Fund engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and other service providers) and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to safeguard against and reduce the risk of any cybersecurity incidents in the future. In addition to administrative, technological and procedural safeguards, the Fund’s Adviser has established business continuity plans in the event of, and risk management systems to prevent or reduce the impact of, such cybersecurity incidents. However, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems, including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified, as well as the rapid development of new threats. Furthermore, the Fund cannot control the cybersecurity plans and systems put in place by its service providers or any other third parties whose operations may affect the Fund or its shareholders. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result.
INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDEXES

A brief description of the FTSE China A50 Net Total Return Index and the MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index, (each, an “Index” and together, the “Indexes”) on which CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF and CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF, respectively, are based is provided in the Prospectus under “Principal Investment Strategies” and “The Indexes.” Additional information on the FTSE China A50 Net Total Return Index can be found on FTSE International Limited’s (“FTSE”) website. Additional information on the MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index can be found on MSCI Inc.’s (“MSCI”) website.

FTSE China A50 Net Total Return Index

The FTSE China A50 Net Total Return Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index compiled and published by FTSE. The Adviser and CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF are independent of the Index. The Index is a real-time, tradable index comprising the largest 50 China A-Share companies by full market capitalization of the FTSE China A All Cap Free Index. The Index is a subset of the FTSE China A All Cap Free Index. The FTSE China A All Cap Free Index is FTSE’s most comprehensive benchmark for the Chinese A share market. It is denominated and quoted in RMB and comprised of stocks listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (the “Main Board”) and Shenzhen Stock Exchange main markets, the Shenzhen Small and Medium Enterprise Board (the “SME Board”) Board and/or the Shenzhen ChiNext Board. The Index is a net total return index, which means that its performance reflects the reinvestment of dividends, net of withholding taxes, from the securities included on the Index.

As of December 31, 2018, the Index had a total market capitalization of RMB 4,338 billion ($630 billion). As of December 31, 2018, the 10 largest constituent securities of the Index represented approximately 49.99% of the Index.

Index Methodology

All China A-Share classes of equity in issue are eligible for inclusion in the FTSE China A All-Share Index. The eligibility for securities to be included in the Index is based on (i) liquidity screens, (ii) free float and (iii) size.

Liquidity screens — Liquidity screens are based on the security’s median daily trading volume per month on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange, the Shenzhen SME Board and the Shenzhen ChiNext Board. The median trade is calculated by ranking each daily trade total and selecting the middle ranking day. Daily totals with zero trades are included in the ranking; therefore, a security that fails to trade for more than half of the days in a month will have a zero median trade. Any period of suspension will not be included in the test. The liquidity test will be applied on a pro-rata basis where the testing period is less than 12 months.

A security eligible for inclusion must have a minimum turnover percentage of the shares in issue, based on the median daily trade per month. The security must have such turnover percentage for a certain number of months prior to the full market review in March and September. The minimum turnover percentage and the number of months meeting such percentage are different for non-constituent securities, existing constituents and new issues.

Free float — Constituents are adjusted for free float and weighted according to how much share capital is available for public investment. Free float adjustments seek to overcome the supply and demand imbalance by reducing a company’s weight in an index to take account of restricted holdings of the company’s shares that are not freely available for purchase by outside investors (e.g., strategic investments by governments and other companies, directors and holdings of other major investors). In FTSE’s view, this achieves the most accurate and neutral market representation, and takes into account the true opportunity set available to an investor. FTSE adopts the actual free float (rounded to 12 decimal places). Companies with a free float of 5% or below are not eligible for inclusion in the Index, unless their investable market capitalizations are larger than a minimum threshold. With this methodology, the free float of a constituent is estimated more accurately using the information available on major shareholders in the market. Besides, constituent’s investability weight will be further adjusted when there is a limited foreign room available.
Size — The 50 largest companies by full market capitalization of the FTSE China A All Cap Free Index are selected to form the Index.

Selection Criteria

The 50 largest companies by full market capitalization of the FTSE China A All Cap Free Index are selected to form the Index. The Index is not subject to any industry sector constraints, and therefore may be concentrated in one or more sectors.

Index Management

The Index is reviewed by FTSE on a quarterly basis in March, June, September and December to ensure that the index continues to reflect market reality. A schedule of periodic reviews, advance notification of changes to the Index constituents, a full set of ground rules for the management of the Index and the most updated list of Index constituents is provided on FTSE’s website (currently http://www.ftse.com/sites/indices/china-a50). The Index methodology is subject to change from time to time, and investors should refer to this website for up-to-date information about the Index methodology.

Publication

FTSE publishes the latest index level (Ticker: A50CNHN) on Bloomberg and Reuters, updated at market close each day.

MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index

The MSCI China A International with CNH 100% Hedged to USD Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that is compiled and published by MSCI. The Adviser and the CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF are independent of MSCI. In general, the Index is designed to track the equity market performance of large-cap and mid-cap Chinese securities listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges and hedge against changes in the value of the U.S. dollar against the RMB. The Index is based on the concept of the integrated MSCI China equity universe with mainland Chinese securities included.

As of December 31, 2018, the Index had a total market capitalization of RMB 5,610 billion ($815 billion). As of December 31, 2018, the 10 largest constituent securities of the Index represented approximately 20.01% of the Index.

Index Methodology

The Index is constructed and maintained under the MSCI Global Investable Market Indices (“GIMI”) Methodology. The MSCI GIMI methodology is an entirely rules-based methodology used for the construction of the MSCI Global Equity Index series.

Index Management

The Index is reviewed by MSCI quarterly in February, May, August and November to ensure that the Index continues to reflect market reality. The Index methodology is subject to change from time to time, and investors should refer to MSCI’s website for up-to-date information about the Index methodology.

In brief, the Index is maintained with the objective of reflecting the evolution of the underlying equity markets and segments on a timely basis, while seeking to achieve Index continuity, continuous investability of constituents, replicability of the Index, Index stability and low Index turnover.
In particular, Index management involves:

- Semi-annual index reviews ("SAIRs") each May and November. During such SAIRs:
  - The Index will be updated based to reflect the new equity universe;
  - Buffer rules will be considered for migration of securities across size and style segments; and
  - Domestic Inclusion Factors ("DIFs") and Number of Shares ("NOS") will be updated.

- Quarterly index reviews ("QIRs") in February and August. During such QIRs:
  - Significant new eligible securities (such as IPOs which were not eligible for earlier inclusion) will be added to the Index, if applicable;
  - Significant moves of companies within the size-segment indices, using wider buffers than in the SAIR, will be reflected in the Index, if applicable; and
  - The Index will be adjusted to account for significant market events on DIFs and NOS will be updated.

- Ongoing event-related changes. In general, changes of this type are implemented in the Index as they occur. Significantly large IPOs are included in the Index after the close of the company’s tenth day of trading.

**Publication**

MSCI publishes the latest index level on Bloomberg (Ticker: M1CXCNA) and Reuters (Ticker: .dMICNA10000ZUS), updated at market close each day.

**INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS**

The following are fundamental and non-fundamental policies of the Funds. The percentage limitations (except for the limitation on borrowing) set forth below will apply at the time of the purchase of a security and shall not be violated unless an excess or deficiency occurs, immediately after or as a result of a purchase of such security.

**Fundamental Policies**

The following investment limitations are fundamental policies of each Fund, which cannot be changed with respect to the Fund without the consent of the holders of a majority of the Fund’s outstanding shares. The term “majority of outstanding shares” means the vote of: (i) 67% or more of the Fund’s shares present at a meeting, if more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund’s outstanding shares, whichever is less.

1. A Fund may make loans, except as prohibited under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.

2. A Fund may borrow money, except as prohibited under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.

3. With respect to 75% of its total assets, a Fund may not purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer or purchase securities of any issuer if, as a result, more than 5% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in that issuer’s securities.

4. A Fund may not issue senior securities, as such term is defined under the 1940 Act, the rules or regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as amended or interpreted from time to time, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.
5. A Fund may not purchase the securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities) if, as a result, more than 25% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in the securities of companies whose principal business activities are in the same industry, except that the Fund will invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities of the same industry to approximately the same extent that the Fund’s respective Index concentrates or may be deemed to concentrate in the securities of a particular industry or group of industries. For purposes of this limitation, securities of the U.S. Government (including its agencies and instrumentalities), repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Government securities and securities of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions are not considered to be issued by members of any industry.

6. A Fund may purchase or sell commodities and real estate, except as prohibited under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.

7. A Fund may underwrite securities issued by other persons, except as prohibited under the 1940 Act, the rules and regulations thereunder or any exemption therefrom, as such statute, rules or regulations may be amended or interpreted from time to time.

Non-Fundamental Policies

The Funds observe the following policies, which are not deemed fundamental and which may be changed by the Board without shareholder vote.

1. A Fund may not hold illiquid securities in an amount exceeding, in the aggregate, 15% of such Fund’s net assets.

2. A Fund may not borrow money (i) in an amount exceeding $331/3\% \text{ of the value of its total assets (including the amount borrowed, but excluding temporary borrowings not in excess of 5\% of its total assets), and (ii) other than from a bank, provided that investment strategies that either obligate the Fund to purchase securities or require the Fund to cover a position by segregating assets or entering into an offsetting position shall not be subject to this limitation.}

3. A Fund may not lend any security or make any other loan if, as a result, more than $331/3\% \text{ of its total assets would be lent to other parties (this restriction does not apply to purchases of debt securities or repurchase agreements).}

4. A Fund may not invest in unmarketable interests in real estate limited partnerships or invest directly in real estate. A Fund may not purchase or sell or invest directly in real estate unless acquired as a result of its ownership in securities or other investments and except pursuant to the exercise of its rights under loan agreements related to its investments or to the extent that its investments in senior loans or bank loans may be considered to be investments in real estate. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing policy does not prevent a Fund from, among other things, purchasing marketable securities of companies that deal in real estate or interests therein (including REITs).

5. A Fund will not hold more than 10\% of the issued share capital of any single China A-Share company.

6. A Fund will not invest in the shares of a China A-Share company where in excess of 30\% of that company’s share capital is held by entities outside of the PRC.

7. A Fund may not change its investment strategy to invest at least 80\% of its total assets (exclusive of collateral held from securities lending, if any) in the component securities of its Index without 60 days’ prior notice to shareholders.
The following descriptions of the 1940 Act may assist shareholders in understanding the above policies and restrictions.

**Diversification.** Under the 1940 Act, a diversified investment management company, as to 75% of its total assets, may not purchase securities of any issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agents or instrumentalities or securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of its total assets would be invested in the securities of such issuer, or more than 10% of the issuer’s outstanding voting securities would be held by the fund.

**Concentration.** The SEC has presently defined concentration as investing 25% or more of an investment company’s net assets in an industry or group of industries, with certain exceptions such as with respect to investments in obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities, or tax-exempt obligations of state or municipal governments and their political subdivisions.

**Borrowing.** The 1940 Act presently allows a fund to borrow from any bank (including pledging, mortgaging or hypothecating assets) in an amount up to 33\(\frac{1}{3}\)% of its total assets, including the amount borrowed (not including temporary borrowings not in excess of 5% of its total assets).

**Senior Securities.** Senior securities may include any obligation or instrument issued by a fund evidencing indebtedness. The 1940 Act generally prohibits funds from issuing senior securities, although it does not treat certain transactions as senior securities, such as certain borrowings, short sales, reverse repurchase agreements, firm commitment agreements and standby commitments, with appropriate earmarking or segregation of assets to cover such obligation.

**Lending.** Under the 1940 Act, a fund may only make loans if expressly permitted by its investment policies. The Fund’s non-fundamental investment policy on lending is set forth above.

**Underwriting.** Under the 1940 Act, underwriting securities involves a fund purchasing securities directly from an issuer for the purpose of selling (distributing) them or participating in any such activity either directly or indirectly. Under the 1940 Act, a diversified fund may not make any commitment as underwriter, if immediately thereafter the amount of its outstanding underwriting commitments, plus the value of its investments in securities of issuers (other than investment companies) of which it owns more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities, exceeds 25% of the value of its total assets.

**Real Estate.** The 1940 Act does not directly restrict a fund’s ability to invest in real estate, but does require that every fund have a fundamental investment policy governing such investments. Each Fund has adopted a fundamental policy that would permit direct investment in real estate. However, each Fund has a non-fundamental investment limitation that prohibits them from investing directly in real estate. This non-fundamental policy may be changed only by vote of the Board.

**Commodities.** A Fund will not purchase or sell physical commodities or commodities contracts, except that the Fund may purchase (i) marketable securities issued by companies which own or invest in commodities or commodities contracts, and (ii) commodities contracts relating to financial instruments, such as financial futures contracts and options on such contracts.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

Each Fund buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio) as necessary to seek to achieve the Fund’s investment objective. Buying and selling securities generally causes a Fund to incur some expense, such as commissions paid to brokers and other transaction costs. Generally speaking, the higher a Fund’s annual portfolio turnover rate, the greater its transaction costs. These costs may result in higher taxes when the Fund shares are held in a taxable account and affect the Fund’s performance.
A Fund’s portfolio turnover rate is, in summary, the percentage computed by dividing the lesser of the Fund’s purchases or sales of securities by the average market value of the Fund, excluding all securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less. The portfolio turnover rates of the Funds cannot be accurately predicted, but could exceed 100% under normal conditions. A 100% portfolio turnover rate would occur, for example, if all the securities in a Fund’s investment portfolio were replaced once in a period of one year. Each Fund’s portfolio turnover rates (rounded to a whole number) for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, are shown in the table below.

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**CONTINUOUS OFFERING**

The method by which Creation Units are created and traded may raise certain issues under applicable securities laws. Because new Creation Units of shares are issued and sold by a Fund on an ongoing basis, at any point a “distribution,” as such term is used in the 1933 Act, may occur. Broker-dealers and other persons are cautioned that some activities on their part may, depending on the circumstances, result in their being deemed participants in a distribution in a manner which could render them statutory underwriters and subject them to the prospectus delivery requirement and liability provisions of the 1933 Act. For example, a broker-dealer firm or its client may be deemed a statutory underwriter if it takes Creation Units after placing an order with the Distributor (as defined below), breaks them down into constituent shares, and sells such shares directly to customers, or if it chooses to couple the creation of a supply of new shares with an active selling effort involving solicitation of secondary market demand for shares. A determination of whether one is an underwriter for purposes of the 1933 Act must take into account all the facts and circumstances pertaining to the activities of the broker-dealer or its client in the particular case, and the examples mentioned above should not be considered a complete description of all the activities that could lead to a categorization as an underwriter.

Broker-dealer firms should also note that dealers who are not “underwriters,” but are effecting transactions in shares, whether or not participating in the distribution of shares, are generally required to deliver a prospectus. This is because the prospectus delivery exemption in Section 4(3) of the 1933 Act is not available with respect to such transactions as a result of Section 24(d) of the 1940 Act. Firms that incur a prospectus-delivery obligation with respect to shares are reminded that, under Rule 153 of the 1933 Act, a prospectus-delivery obligation under Section 5(b)(2) of the 1933 Act owed to an exchange member in connection with a sale on an exchange is satisfied by the fact that the prospectus is available at the exchange upon request. The prospectus delivery mechanism provided in Rule 153 is only available with respect to transactions on an exchange.

**EXCHANGE LISTING AND TRADING**

The shares of each Fund are listed on NYSE Arca, Inc. and traded at market prices, which may differ to some degree from such Fund’s NAV. There can be no assurance that the requirements of NYSE Arca necessary to maintain the listing of shares will continue to be met. The Exchange may, but is not required to, remove the shares of a Fund from listing if: (i) following the initial 12-month period beginning at the commencement of trading of the Fund, there are fewer than 50 beneficial owners of the shares of the Fund for 30 or more consecutive trading days; (ii) the value of the Fund’s Index is no longer calculated or available; or (iii) such other event shall occur or condition exist that, in the opinion of the Exchange, makes further dealings on the Exchange inadvisable. The Exchange will remove the shares of a Fund from listing and trading upon termination of the Fund.

The Trust reserves the right to adjust the Share price of a Fund in the future to maintain convenient trading ranges for investors. Any adjustments would be accomplished through stock splits or reverse stock splits, which would have no effect on the net assets of the Fund.
As in the case of other stocks traded on the Exchange, broker’s commissions on purchases or sales of shares in market transactions will be based on negotiated commission rates at customary levels.

**THE ADMINISTRATOR**

**General.** Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. (the “Administrator” or “BBH”), a partnership under New York law, serves as administrator, custodian and transfer agent of each Fund. The Administrator has its principal business offices at 50 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02110. Under the Custodian Agreement with the Trust dated February 25, 2015, the Administrator, in its capacity as custodian, maintains in separate accounts cash, securities and other assets of each Fund, keeps all necessary accounts and records, and provides other services. The Administrator is required, upon the order of the Trust, to deliver securities held by it, in its capacity as custodian, and to make payments for securities purchased by the Trust for a Fund.

Under the Custodian Agreement, foreign securities held by a Fund are generally held by sub-custodians in the Administrator’s sub-custodian network. China A-Shares held by a Fund are held in mainland China by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (“HSBC”). Pursuant to a sub-custodian agreement between the Administrator and HSBC and a supplementary control agreement among the Administrator, HSBC, the Adviser and the Trust, a Fund is recognized as the beneficial owner, and controls the disposition, of assets in the HSBC account even though, pursuant to Chinese law and regulations, the Adviser (in addition to the Fund) is the legal owner of the account.

**Administration Agreement with the Trust.** The Trust and the Administrator have entered into an administration and accounting agreement (the “Administration Agreement”). Under the Administration Agreement, the Administrator provides the Trust with fund administration and accounting services or employs certain other parties, including its affiliates, who provide such services, including regulatory reporting and all necessary office space, equipment, personnel and facilities. The Administrator is compensated for providing such services to the Trust by the Adviser pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement (defined below).

The Administration Agreement provides that the Administrator shall not be liable for any loss suffered by the Trust in connection with the matters to which the Administration Agreement relates, except a loss resulting from negligence, willful misfeasance or bad faith on the part of the Administrator in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard of its duties and obligations thereunder or from breach of any representation or warranty contained in the Administration Agreement.

The Administration Agreement shall remain effective for the initial term of the Agreement and each renewal term thereof unless earlier terminated: (i) by either party upon written notice to the other party at least 90 days prior to the end of the initial term or renewal term, as applicable; (ii) by either party upon 30 days’ prior written notice if the other party fails to perform its obligations under the Administration Agreement in any material respect; or (iii) by the Administrator on not less than 30 days’ written notice to the Trust if the Trust terminates the custody agreement between the Trust and the Administrator serving in its capacity as custodian of the Trust.

**THE ADVISER**

**General.** CSOP Asset Management Limited (the “Adviser”) was founded in January 2008 as a subsidiary of China Southern Asset Management Co. Limited. The Adviser is the first Hong Kong subsidiary set up by mainland Chinese fund houses to carry out asset management and securities advisory activities in Hong Kong. The principal business address of the Adviser is Suite 2802, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.

**Advisory Agreement.** The Trust and the Adviser have entered into an investment advisory agreement (the “Advisory Agreement”). Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser oversees the investment advisory services provided to each Fund.

The Advisory Agreement provides that the Adviser shall not be protected against any liability to the Trust or its shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on its part in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard of its obligations or duties thereunder.
After its initial two-year term, the continuance of the Advisory Agreement must be specifically approved at least annually: (i) by the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund or by the Trustees; and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Advisory Agreement or “interested persons” (as defined under the 1940 Act) of any party thereto, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Advisory Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment and is terminable (a) at any time without penalty by the Trustees of the Trust or, with respect to a Fund, by a majority of the outstanding shares of that Fund, or (b) by the Adviser on not less than 30 days’ nor more than 60 days’ written notice to the Trust.

Management Fees. For these advisory services, the Adviser receives a fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.70% for CSOP FTSE China A50 ETF and 0.79% for CSOP MSCI China A International Hedged ETF, based on the average daily net assets of each Fund. The Adviser is responsible, under the Advisory Agreement, for substantially all expenses of a Fund, including the cost of transfer agency, custody, fund administration, legal, audit and other services. The Adviser is not responsible for, and a Fund will bear the cost of, interest expenses, taxes, brokerage expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with orders for the purchase and sale of securities and other investment instruments, extraordinary expenses, and distribution fees and expenses paid by the Trust under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act.

Each Fund may invest in shares of affiliated funds with similar investment strategies that are advised by the Adviser and that trade on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The Adviser has agreed to contractually reduce fees arising from Fund investments in these affiliated funds. Specifically, pursuant to the terms of an Expense Limitation Agreement, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fee and/or reimburse certain expenses, so that the aggregate expenses of every character incurred by a Fund in any fiscal year, including but not limited to investment advisory fees of the Adviser (but excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and other extraordinary or non-routine expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of such Fund’s business) and expenses for which payment has been made through the use of all or a portion of brokerage commissions (or markups or markdowns) generated by such Fund shall not exceed a percentage (set forth below) of the average daily net assets of such Fund.

The Funds’ investment management fees paid to CSOP for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, and fiscal periods ended September 30, 2017, and September 30, 2016, were as follows:

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<th>Fund</th>
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Portfolio Management

Compensation. The Adviser’s financial arrangements with its portfolio managers reflect the importance that its management places on key resources. Compensation may include a variety of components and may vary from year to year based on a number of factors. The principal components of compensation include a base salary, a performance-based discretionary bonus and participation. Base salary is generally a fixed amount that may change as a result of an annual review, upon assumption of new duties, or when a market adjustment of the position occurs. Annual performance-based bonuses are 100% discretionary. Factors considered in bonuses include individual performance, team performance, investment performance of the associated portfolio(s) (including both short and long term returns) and qualitative behavioral factors. Other factors considered in determining the award are the asset size and revenue growth/retention of the products managed (if applicable).
Other Accounts. In addition to the Funds, the portfolio managers are responsible for the day-to-day management of certain other accounts, as listed below. The information below is provided as of the end of the of the Funds’ most recent completed fiscal year. None of the below accounts was subject to a performance-based fee.

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<td>Fred Zhang</td>
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<td>8</td>
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Ownership of Fund Shares. As of the date of this SAI, the portfolio managers did not beneficially own shares of the Funds.

Conflicts of Interest. A conflict of interest may arise as a result of the portfolio managers being responsible for multiple accounts, including the Funds, which may have different investment guidelines and objectives. In addition to the Funds, these accounts may include other investment companies managed on an advisory or sub-advisory basis, separate accounts and collective trust accounts. An investment opportunity may be suitable for a Fund as well as for any of the other managed accounts. However, the investment may not be available in sufficient quantity for all of the accounts to participate fully. In addition, there may be limited opportunity to sell an investment held by a Fund or the other account. The other accounts may have similar investment objectives or strategies as the Fund, may track the same benchmarks or indices that the Fund tracks, and may sell securities that are eligible to be held, sold or purchased by the Fund. The portfolio managers may be responsible for accounts that have different management fee schedules, which may create the incentive for the portfolio manager to favor one account over another in terms of access to investment opportunities. The portfolio managers may also manage accounts whose investment objectives and policies differ from those of a Fund, which may cause the portfolio managers to effect trading in one account that may have an adverse effect on the value of the holdings within another account, including the Fund.

To address and manage these potential conflicts of interest, the Adviser has adopted compliance policies and procedures to allocate investment opportunities and to ensure that each of its clients is treated on a fair and equitable basis. Such policies and procedures include, but are not limited to, trade allocation and trade aggregation policies and oversight by investment management and the compliance team.

**BROKERAGE TRANSACTIONS**

Brokerage Selection. A Fund does not expect to use one particular broker or dealer, and when one or more brokers is believed capable of providing the best combination of price and execution, the Adviser may effect transactions with or through a broker with whom the Adviser or entity affiliated with the Adviser has arrangements under which the broker will, from time to time, provide to or procure for the Adviser and/or an affiliated entity brokerage or specialized computer software. No direct payment may be made for such goods or services but the Adviser may pay a higher commission than otherwise obtainable from other brokers in return for such services if a good faith determination is made that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided and the services provided are of a type which assist in the provision of investment services to the Fund and/or other clients over which the Adviser exercises discretion.
Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”) permits the Adviser, under certain circumstances, to cause a Fund to pay a broker or dealer a commission for effecting a transaction in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting the transaction in recognition of the value of brokerage and research services provided by the broker or dealer. Brokerage and research services include: (1) 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; (2) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts; and (3) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement, and custody). In the case of research services, the Adviser believes that access to independent investment research is beneficial to its investment decision-making processes and, therefore, to the Fund.

**Brokerage Transactions.** The Adviser assumes general supervision over placing orders on behalf of a Fund for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities. In selecting the brokers or dealers for any transaction in portfolio securities, the Adviser’s policy is to make such selection based on factors deemed relevant, including but not limited to the breadth of the market in the security; the price of the security; the reasonableness of the commission or mark-up or mark-down, if any; execution capability; settlement capability; back office efficiency and the financial condition of the broker-dealer, both for the specific transaction and on a continuing basis. The overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions paid is evaluated by the Adviser based upon its knowledge of available information as to the general level of commissions paid by other institutional investors for comparable services. Broker-dealers may also be selected because of their ability to handle special or difficult executions, such as may be involved in large block trades, less liquid securities, broad distributions, or other circumstances. The Adviser does not consider the provision or value of research, products or services a broker-dealer may provide, if any, as a factor in the selection of a broker-dealer or the determination of the reasonableness of commissions paid in connection with portfolio transactions. The Trust has adopted policies and procedures that prohibit the consideration of sales of a Fund’s shares as a factor in the selection of a broker-dealer to execute its portfolio transactions.

To the extent creation or redemption transactions are conducted on a cash or “cash in lieu” basis, a Fund may contemporaneously transact with broker-dealers for the purchase or sale of portfolio securities in connection with such transactions (see “Creation and Redemption of Creation Units” herein). Such orders may be placed with an Authorized Participant in its capacity as broker-dealer or with an affiliated broker-dealer of such Authorized Participant. In such cases, the Fund will typically require such broker-dealer to achieve execution at a price that is at least as favorable to the Fund as the value of such securities used to calculate the Fund’s NAV. The broker-dealer will be required to reimburse a Fund for, among other things, any difference between the price (including applicable brokerage commissions, taxes and transaction costs) at which such securities were bought or sold and the value of such securities used to calculate a Fund’s NAV. This amount will vary depending on the quality of the execution, and may be capped at amounts determined by the Adviser in its sole discretion.

**Brokerage Commissions Paid.** The tables below set forth the total brokerage commissions paid by each Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2018, September 30, 2017, and the fiscal period ended September 30, 2016.

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¹ The aggregate dollar amount of brokerage commissions paid by the Fund in 2018 and 2017 differed materially from the amount paid during the Fund’s 2016 fiscal period due to a subsequent decrease in the Fund’s assets.

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**Brokerage with Fund Affiliates.** The Funds will not deal with affiliates in principal transactions unless permitted by exemptive order or applicable rule or regulation.

**Securities of “Regular Broker-Dealers.”** The Funds did not hold any securities issued by the ten brokers or ten dealers that, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, (i) received the greatest dollar amounts of brokerage commissions from the Funds’ portfolio transactions, (ii) engaged as principal in the largest dollar amounts of the portfolio transactions of the Funds, or (iii) sold the largest dollar amounts of the Funds’ shares.

**THE DISTRIBUTOR**

The Trust and ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the “Distributor”), a Colorado corporation, are parties to a distribution agreement (“Distribution Agreement”), whereby the Distributor acts as the distributor with respect to the Trust’s Creation Units. The principal business address of the Distributor is 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203.

The continuance of the Distribution Agreement must be specifically approved at least annually (i) by the vote of the Trustees or by a vote of the shareholders of a Fund, and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Trust and have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operations of the Distribution Agreement or any related agreement, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Distribution Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act), and is terminable at any time without penalty by the Distributor, by the Board or, with respect to a Fund, by a majority of the outstanding shares of such Fund, upon 60 days’ written notice by either party. The Distribution Agreement provides that the Distributor shall not be protected against any liability to the Trust or its shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on its part in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard of its obligations or duties thereunder.

The Adviser or Distributor, or an affiliate of the Adviser or Distributor, may directly or indirectly make cash payments to certain broker-dealers for participating in activities that are designed to make registered representatives and other professionals more knowledgeable about exchange traded products, including a Fund, or for other activities, such as participation in marketing activities and presentations, educational training programs, conferences, the development of technology platforms and reporting systems. Payments to a broker-dealer or intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between the broker-dealer or intermediary and its clients. These amounts, which may be significant, are paid by the Adviser and/or Distributor from their own resources and not from the assets of a Fund.

**TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS OF THE TRUST**

**Board Responsibilities.** The management and affairs of the Trust and its series, including the Funds described in this SAI, are overseen by the Trustees. The Board has approved contracts, as described herein, under which certain companies provide essential management services to the Trust.

Like most ETFs, the day-to-day business of the Trust, including the management of risk, is performed by third-party service providers, such as the Adviser, Distributor and Administrator. The Trustees are responsible for overseeing the Trust’s service providers, and thus have oversight responsibility with respect to risk management performed by those service providers. Risk management seeks to identify and address risks, i.e., events or circumstances that could have material adverse effects on the business, operations, shareholder services, investment performance or reputation of funds. The Funds and their service providers employ a variety of processes, procedures and controls to identify various possible events or circumstances, to lessen the probability of their occurrence and/or to mitigate the effects of such events or circumstances if they do occur. Each service provider is responsible for one or more discrete aspects of the Trust’s business (e.g., the Adviser is responsible for the day-to-day management of a Fund’s portfolio investments), and consequently, for managing the risks associated with that business. The Board has emphasized to each Fund’s service providers the importance of maintaining vigorous risk management.
The Trustees role in risk oversight begins before the inception of a Fund, at which time certain of the Fund’s service providers present the Board with information concerning the investment objectives, strategies and risks of the Fund, as well as proposed investment limitations for the Fund. Additionally, the Adviser provides the Board with an overview of, among other things, its investment philosophy, brokerage practices and compliance infrastructure. Thereafter, the Board continues its oversight function as various personnel, including the Trust’s Chief Compliance Officer, as well as personnel of the Adviser and other service providers, such as the Fund’s independent accountants, make periodic reports to the Audit Committee (described below) or to the Board with respect to various aspects of risk management. The Board and the Audit Committee oversee efforts by management and service providers to manage risks to which the Fund may be exposed.

The Board is responsible for overseeing the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to a Fund by the Adviser, receives information about those services at its regular meetings, and meets with the Adviser to review such services. Among other things, the Board regularly considers the Adviser’s adherence to a Fund’s investment restrictions and compliance with various Fund policies and procedures, and with applicable securities regulations. The Board also reviews information about a Fund’s investments, including, for example, portfolio holdings schedules and reports on the Adviser’s use of derivatives in managing the Fund.

The Trust’s Chief Compliance Officer reports regularly to the Board to review and discuss compliance issues and Fund and Adviser risk assessments. At least annually, the Trust’s Chief Compliance Officer provides the Board with a report reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust’s policies and procedures and those of its service providers, including the Adviser. The report addresses the operation of the policies and procedures of the Trust and each service provider since the date of the last report; any material changes to the policies and procedures since the date of the last report; any recommendations for material changes to the policies and procedures; and any material compliance matters since the date of the last report.

The Board receives reports from each Fund’s service providers regarding the valuation and liquidity of portfolio securities. The Trust’s Fair Value Pricing Committee makes regular reports to the Board concerning investments for which market quotations are not readily available. Annually, the independent registered public accounting firm reviews with the Audit Committee its audit of a Fund’s financial statements, focusing on major areas of risk encountered by the Fund and noting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the Fund’s internal controls. Additionally, in connection with its oversight function, the Board oversees Fund management’s implementation of disclosure controls and procedures, which are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust in its periodic reports with the SEC are recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the required time periods. The Board, in consultation with Fund management, also oversees the Trust’s internal controls over financial reporting, which comprise policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the Trust’s financial reporting and the preparation of the Trust’s financial statements.

From their review of these reports and discussions with the Adviser, the Chief Compliance Officer, the independent registered public accounting firm and other service providers, the Board and the Audit Committee learn about the material risks of a Fund, thereby facilitating a dialogue about how management and service providers identify and mitigate those risks.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect a Fund can be identified and/or quantified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Fund’s goals, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Moreover, reports received by the Trustees as to risk management matters are typically summaries of the relevant information. Most of each Fund’s investment management and business affairs are carried out by or through the Adviser and other service providers, each of which has an independent interest in risk management but whose policies and the methods by which one or more risk management functions are carried out may differ from a Fund’s and each other’s in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board’s ability to monitor and manage risk, as a practical matter, is subject to limitations.

Members of the Board. There are three members of the Board of Trustees, two of whom are not interested persons of the Trust, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (“independent Trustees”). Chen Ding serves as Chairman of the Board. The Trust has determined its leadership structure is appropriate, given the specific characteristics and circumstances of the Trust. The Trust made this determination in consideration of, among other things, the fact that the independent Trustees constitute a majority of the Board, the fact that the chairperson of each Committee of the Board is an independent Trustee, the amount of assets under management in the Trust, and the number of Funds overseen by the Board. The structure and operation of the Board is designed to facilitate the orderly and efficient flow of information to the independent Trustees from Fund management.

The Board of Trustees has two standing committees: the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Audit Committee and Nominating and Governance Committee are each chaired by an independent Trustee and composed of all of the independent Trustees.

Set forth below are the names, dates of birth, positions with the Trust, length of terms of office, and the principal occupations and other directorships held during at least the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as a Trustee of the Trust.

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<th>Name, Address(1) and Age</th>
<th>Position with Trust and Length of Term(2)</th>
<th>Principal Occupations in the Past 5 Years</th>
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(1) Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each Trustee is Suite 2802, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong.
(2) Each Trustee shall serve until death, resignation or removal.
(3) The term “Fund Complex” refers to CSOP ETF Trust.
(4) Ms. Ding may be deemed to be an “interested” person of the Funds, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, by virtue of her affiliation with the Adviser and/or its affiliates.

**Individual Trustee Qualifications.** The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve on the Board because of his or her ability to review and understand information about the Funds provided to them by management, to identify and request other information they may deem relevant to the performance of their duties, to question management and other service providers regarding material factors bearing on the management and administration of the Funds, and to exercise their business judgment in a manner that serves the best interests of the Fund/Fund’s shareholders. The Trust has concluded that each of the Trustees should serve as a Trustee based on their own experience, qualifications, attributes and skills as described below.

Chen Ding joined CSOP Asset Management Limited in 2008 and is the Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the overall business of the Manager. From 2003 to 2013 Ms. Ding was the Assistant CEO and Managing Director of China Southern Asset Management Co. Ltd., one of the largest fund management companies in China with assets under management of RMB160 billion (as of June 30, 2013), where she was responsible for international strategic planning, fund product development and relationship management with various distribution channels and industry regulators.
Karl-Otto Hartmann has over 40 years of experience in the financial services industry, has held senior management positions with several investment-company related firms and has served as an independent trustee for multiple investment company boards.

Chia Ling Chen has over 24 years of experience in the financial services industry and over 14 years of experience in asset management, including experience with regard to launching ETFs.

In its periodic assessment of the effectiveness of the Board, the Board considers the complementary individual skills and experience of the individual Trustees primarily in the broader context of the Board’s overall composition so that the Board, as a body, possesses the appropriate (and appropriately diverse) skills and experience to oversee the business of the Funds.

**Board Standing Committees.** The Board has established the following standing committees:

- **Audit Committee.** The Board has a standing Audit Committee that is composed of each of the independent Trustees of the Trust. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Audit Committee include: (i) recommending which firm to engage as each Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm and whether to terminate this relationship; (ii) reviewing the independent registered public accounting firm’s compensation, the proposed scope and terms of its engagement, and the firm’s independence; (iii) pre-approving audit and non-audit services provided by each Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm to the Trust and certain other affiliated entities; (iv) serving as a channel of communication between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Trustees; (v) reviewing the results of each external audit, including any qualifications in the independent registered public accounting firm’s opinion, any related management letter, management’s responses to recommendations made by the independent registered public accounting firm in connection with the audit, reports submitted to the Committee by the internal auditing department of the Trust’s Administrator that are material to the Trust as a whole, if any, and management’s responses to any such reports; (vi) reviewing the Fund’s audited financial statements and considering any significant disputes between the Trust’s management and the independent registered public accounting firm that arose in connection with the preparation of those financial statements; (vii) considering, in consultation with the independent registered public accounting firm and the Trust’s senior internal accounting executive, if any, the independent registered public accounting firms’ reports on the adequacy of the Trust’s internal financial controls; (viii) reviewing, in consultation with each Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm, major changes regarding auditing and accounting principles and practices to be followed when preparing the Fund’s financial statements; and (ix) other audit related matters. Mr. Karl-Otto Hartmann and Ms. Chia Ling Chen currently serve as members of the Audit Committee. Karl-Otto Hartmann serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee meets periodically, as necessary. In 2018, the Audit Committee met 4 times.

- **Nominating and Governance Committee.** The Board has a standing Nominating and Governance Committee that is composed of each of the independent Trustees of the Trust. The Nominating and Governance Committee operates under a written charter approved by the Board. The principal responsibilities of the Nominating and Governance Committee include: (i) considering and reviewing Board governance and compensation issues; (ii) conducting a self-assessment of the Board’s operations; (iii) selecting and nominating all persons to serve as independent Trustees and evaluating the qualifications of “interested” Trustee candidates; and (iv) reviewing shareholder recommendations for nominations to fill vacancies on the Board if such recommendations are submitted in writing and addressed to the Committee at the Trust’s office. Mr. Karl-Otto Hartmann and Ms. Chia Ling Chen currently serve as members of the Nominating and Governance Committee. Chia Ling Chen serves as the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Nominating and Governance Committee meets periodically, as necessary. In 2018, the Nominating and Governance Committee did not meet.
## Trustee Equity Ownership as of December 31, 2018

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### Board Compensation

The following table sets forth information covering the anticipated total compensation payable by the Trust during its first fiscal period ended September 30, 2018, to the persons who serve as Trustees of the Trust:

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<th>Trustee</th>
<th>Estimated Total Compensation From the Trust</th>
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<td>Chen Ding</td>
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<td><strong>Independent</strong>¹</td>
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<tr>
<td>Karl-Otto Hartmann</td>
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<td>Chia Ling Chen</td>
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¹ Each independent trustee receives $20,000 to serve on the Trust’s Board and $5,000 to serve as chairman of a Board Standing Committee. Independent trustees do not receive pension or other retirement compensation from the Trust.

### Trust Officers

Set forth below are the names, dates of birth, positions with the Trust, length of terms of office, and the principal occupations for the last five years of each of the persons currently serving as executive officers of the Trust. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each officer is Suite 2802, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong. The Chief Compliance Officer and the Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer are the only officers who receive compensation from the Trust for their services.
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Position with Trust and Length of Term</th>
<th>Principal Occupations in Past 5 Years</th>
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<tr>
<td>Chen Ding (Born: 1969)</td>
<td>President (since 2015); and Principal Executive Officer (since 2016)</td>
<td>CEO, CSOP Asset Management Limited (2008 – present).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Michelle Wong (Born: 1980)</td>
<td>Secretary (since 2015)</td>
<td>Senior Executive Director, General Counsel and CCO, CSOP Asset Management Ltd. (2017 – present); China Southern Dragon Dynamic Multi Strategy Fund SPC (2017 - present); Director, China Southern Dragon Dynamic Fund (2016 - present); Director, CSOP Simpleway Multi Strategy Fund SPC (2016-present); Executive Director, General Counsel and CCO, CSOP Asset Management Ltd. (2016 – 2017); Director, General Counsel and Head of Legal and Compliance, CSOP Asset Management Ltd. (2015 – 2016); Director, Legal Counsel, CSOP Asset Management Ltd. (2014 – 2015); Assistant Solicitor, Reed Smith Richards Butler (2009 – 2014).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Monique Labbe (Born: 1973)</td>
<td>Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer (since 2015)</td>
<td>Senior Director, Foreside Fund Management Services, LLC (2014-present); Principal/Assistant Vice President, State Street Global Advisors (2012-2014).</td>
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(1) The business address of Mses. Chen Ding and Michelle Wong is Suite 2802, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong. The business address of Ms. Monique Labbe is 10 High Street, Suite 302, Boston, MA 02110. The business address of Mr. Patrick J. Keniston is 3 Canal Plaza, Portland, ME 04101.

(2) Each officer shall serve until death, resignation or removal.

**BOOK ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

The following information supplements and should be read in conjunction with the section in the Funds’ Prospectus entitled “Purchasing and Selling Fund Shares.”

Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) acts as securities depository for each Fund’s shares. Shares of a Fund are represented by securities registered in the name of DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., and deposited with, or on behalf of, DTC.

DTC, a limited-purpose trust company, was created to hold securities of its participants (the “DTC Participants”) and to facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions among the DTC Participants in such securities through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the DTC Participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities’ certificates. DTC Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own DTC. More specifically, DTC is owned by a number of its DTC Participants and by the NYSE and FINRA. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a DTC Participant, either directly or indirectly (the “Indirect Participants”).

Beneficial ownership of shares is limited to DTC Participants, Indirect Participants and persons holding interests through DTC Participants and Indirect Participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in shares (owners of such beneficial interests are referred to herein as “Beneficial Owners”) is shown on, and the transfer of ownership is effected only through, records maintained by DTC (with respect to DTC Participants) and on the records of DTC Participants (with respect to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners that are not DTC Participants). Beneficial Owners will receive from or through the DTC Participant’s written confirmations relating to their purchases of shares.

Conveyance of all notices, statements and other communications to Beneficial Owners is effected as follows. Pursuant to the Depositary Agreement between the Trust and DTC, DTC is required to make available to the Trust, upon request and for a fee to be charged to the Trust, a listing of the shares of any Fund held by each DTC Participant. The Trust shall inquire of each such DTC Participant as to the number of Beneficial Owners holding shares, directly or indirectly, through such DTC Participant. The Trust shall provide each such DTC Participant with copies of such notice, statement or other communication, in such form, number and at such place as such DTC Participant may reasonably request, in order that such notice, statement or communication may be transmitted by such DTC Participant, directly or indirectly, to such Beneficial Owners. In addition, the Trust shall pay to each such DTC Participant a fair and reasonable amount as reimbursement for the expenses attendant to such transmittal, all subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.
Share distributions shall be made to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., as the registered holder of all shares. DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any such distributions, shall credit immediately DTC Participants’ accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in shares of a Fund as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Payments by DTC Participants to Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners of shares held through such DTC Participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in a “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such DTC Participants.

The Trust has no responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or notices to Beneficial Owners, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in such shares, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests, or for any other aspect of the relationship between DTC and the DTC Participants or the relationship between such DTC Participants and the Indirect Participants and Beneficial Owners owning through such DTC Participants. DTC may decide to discontinue its service with respect to shares of the Trust at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Trust and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law. Under such circumstances, the Trust shall take action to find a replacement for DTC to perform its functions at a comparable cost.

CREATION AND REDEMPTION OF CREATION UNITS

Purchase (Creation). The Trust issues and sells Shares of a Fund only in Creation Units. Shares are issued and sold on a continuous basis through the Distributor, without a sales load (but subject to transaction and other fees), at the NAV per share next determined after receipt of an order in proper form on any Business Day.

A “Business Day” with respect to a Fund is, generally, any day on which the Listing Exchange (as defined below) on which the Fund is listed for trading is open for business. The Listing Exchange for the Funds is NYSE Arca. As of the date of this SAI, the Listing Exchange observes the following holidays: New Year’s Day (January 1, 2020), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 20, 2020), Presidents’ Day (Washington’s Birthday) (February 18, 2019), Good Friday (April 19, 2019), Memorial Day (May 27, 2019), Independence Day (July 4, 2019), Labor Day (September 2, 2019), Thanksgiving Day (November 28, 2019) and Christmas Day (December 25, 2019).

Fund Deposit. Due to various legal and operational constraints in China, the principal consideration for the purchase of a Creation Unit generally will be cash. Shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program may be contributed on an “in-kind” basis, as may shares of other ETFs. Purchases of Creation Units for cash shall be effected in essentially the same manner as in-kind purchases (as described in more detail below). In the case of a cash purchase, the Authorized Participant (as described below) must pay the cash equivalent of the Deposit Securities (defined below) it would otherwise be required to provide through an in-kind purchase (including a Fund’s brokerage commissions, taxes, and market impact costs as a result of using cash to purchase the Deposit Securities), plus the same Cash Component (defined below) required to be paid by an in-kind purchaser.

To the extent a Fund permits in-kind consideration for the purchase of a Creation Unit of the Fund, the consideration for the purchase of such Creation Units generally consists of an in-kind deposit of a designated portfolio of securities (the “Deposit Securities”) and an amount of cash (the “Cash Component”) computed as described below. Together, the Deposit Securities and the Cash Component constitute the “Fund Deposit” for a Fund, which represents the minimum initial and subsequent investment amount for a Creation Unit of the Fund.

The Cash Component is sometimes also referred to as the “Balancing Amount.” The Cash Component is an amount equal to the difference between the NAV of the shares (per Creation Unit) and the value of Deposit Securities. If the Cash Component is a positive number, the Authorized Participant will deliver the Cash Component. If the Cash Component is a negative number, the Authorized Participant will receive the Cash Component. The Cash Component does not include any stamp duty or other similar fees and expenses payable upon transfer of beneficial ownership of the Deposit Securities. These are the sole responsibility of the Authorized Participant.
In addition, the Trust reserves the right to permit or require the substitution of an amount of cash (i.e., a “cash in lieu” amount) to be added to the Cash Component at its discretion. For example, cash may be substituted to replace any Deposit Security that may not be available in sufficient quantity for delivery or that may not be eligible for in-kind transfer. The Trust also reserves the right to permit or require a “cash in lieu” amount where the delivery of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant would be restricted under the securities laws or where the delivery of the Deposit Security to the Authorized Participant would result in the disposition of the Deposit Security by the Authorized Participant becoming restricted under the securities laws, or in other situations deemed appropriate by the Trust. Each Fund reserves the right to use this approach, including issuing and redeeming Creation Units partially in-kind and partially in cash.

The Fund, through the National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”), makes available on each Business Day, prior to the opening of business on its Exchange (currently 9:30 a.m., Eastern time), the list of the names and the required number of shares of each Deposit Security to be included in the current Fund Deposit (based on information at the end of the previous Business Day) for a Fund. Such Deposit Securities are applicable, subject to any adjustments as described below, in order to effect creations of Creation Units of a Fund until such time as the next-announced composition of the Deposit Securities is made available.

The identity and number of shares of the Deposit Securities required for a Fund Deposit for a Fund changes from time to time, based on a number of factors.

**Procedures for Purchase (Creation) of Creation Units.** To be eligible to place orders with the Distributor and to create a Creation Unit of a Fund, an entity must be: (i) a “Participating Party,” i.e., a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the NSCC (the “Clearing Process”), a clearing agency that is registered with the SEC; or (ii) a DTC Participant. In each case, such entity must have executed an agreement with the Distributor with respect to creations and redemptions of Creation Units of a Fund (a “Participant Agreement”). A Participating Party or DTC Participant that has entered a Participant Agreement is referred to as an “Authorized Participant.” Investors should contact the Distributor for the names of Authorized Participants that have signed a Participant Agreement. All shares of a Fund, however created, will be entered on the records of DTC in the name of Cede & Co. for the account of a DTC Participant.

All orders to create Fund shares must be placed for one or more Creation Units. All orders to create Creation Units must be received in proper form by the Distributor before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on a Business Day in order to receive that day’s NAV. To be in proper form all procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement must be properly followed. The date on which an order to create Creation Units is placed is referred to as the “Transmittal Date.” Orders must be transmitted by an Authorized Participant by transmission method acceptable to the Distributor pursuant to procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement as described below. These procedures may change from time to time without notice at the discretion of the Trust. Market disruptions or changes, or telephone or other communication failure, may impede the ability to reach the Distributor or an Authorized Participant and may delay or disrupt this process.

All orders by investors to create Creation Units through an Authorized Participant shall be placed with an Authorized Participant, in the form required by such Authorized Participant. In addition, the Authorized Participant may require an investor to make certain representations or enter into agreements with respect to the order, e.g., to provide for payments of cash, when required. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not have executed a Participant Agreement and, in that case, orders to create Creation Units of a Fund have to be placed by each investor’s broker through an Authorized Participant that has executed a Participant Agreement. In such cases, there may be additional charges to such investor. At any given time, there may be only a limited number of broker-dealers that have executed a Participant Agreement, and only a small number of such Authorized Participants may have international capabilities.

**Placement of Creation Orders.** An Authorized Participant wishing to purchase a Creation Unit of Fund shares must submit an irrevocable purchase order to the Distributor as set forth in its Participant Agreement. The Authorized Participant shall deliver the applicable Deposit Securities (including cash in connection with cash creations or cash in lieu amounts), the Cash Component and any other required cash amounts to an account at a Fund’s Custodian or designated sub-custodian. Deposit Securities located outside the United States must be delivered to a local sub-custodian account in the applicable non-U.S. locality. On the Transmittal Date, the Authorized Participant must make available to the Trust, by means satisfactory to the Trust and in accordance with deadlines and procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement, immediately available or same day funds sufficient to pay the estimated Cash Component and any required cash amounts as set forth in the Participant Agreement. Any excess funds will be returned to the Authorized Participant following settlement of the Creation Unit of Fund shares issued to the Authorized Participant.
All questions as to the number of Deposit Securities to be delivered, and the validity, form and eligibility (including time of receipt) for the deposit of any tendered securities, will be determined by the Trust, whose determination shall be final and binding.

**Acceptance of Creation Orders.** The Trust reserves the absolute right to reject or revoke acceptance of a creation order transmitted to it by the Distributor with respect to a Fund. Orders may be rejected and acceptance may be revoked if, for example: (i) the order is not in proper form; (ii) the investor(s), upon obtaining the shares ordered, would own 80% or more of the currently outstanding shares of any Fund; (iii) the Deposit Securities delivered are not the same as those disseminated through the facilities of the NSCC for that date by a Fund as described above; (iv) acceptance of the Deposit Securities would have certain adverse tax consequences to a Fund; (v) acceptance of a Fund Deposit would, in the opinion of counsel, be unlawful; (vi) acceptance of a Fund Deposit would otherwise, in the discretion of the Trust or the Adviser, have an adverse effect on the Trust or the rights of beneficial owners; or (vii) in the event that circumstances outside the control of the Trust, BBH, the Distributor or the Adviser make it for all practical purposes impossible to process creation orders. Examples of such circumstances include: (a) acts of God; (b) public service or utility problems such as fires, floods, extreme weather conditions and power outages resulting in telephone, telecopy and computer failures; (c) market conditions or activities causing trading halts; (d) systems failures involving computer or other information systems affecting the Trust, the Adviser, the Distributor, DTC, NSCC, BBH or a sub-custodian or any other participant in the creation process; and (e) similar extraordinary events. The Distributor shall notify a prospective creator of a Creation Unit and/or the Authorized Participant acting on behalf of the creator of a Creation Unit of its rejection of the order of such person. The Trust, BBH, a sub-custodian and the Distributor are under no duty, however, to give notification of any defects or irregularities in the delivery of Fund Deposits, nor shall any of them incur any liability for the failure to give any such notification. An Authorized Participant may resubmit any orders that have been rejected or for which acceptance has been revoked on the Business Day following such rejection or revocation using the next applicable Fund Deposit.

All questions as to the number of shares of each security in the Deposit Securities, the validity, form, eligibility and acceptance for deposit of any securities to be delivered, shall be determined by the Trust, and the Trust’s determination shall be final and binding.

**Issuance of Creation Units.** Except as provided herein, a Creation Unit will not be issued until the transfer of good title to the Trust of the Deposit Securities and the payment of required cash amounts has been completed. This generally occurs within two Business Days of the Transmittal Date.

Creation Units may be created in advance of receipt by the Trust of all or a portion of the applicable Deposit Securities as described below. In these circumstances, the initial deposit will have a value greater than the NAV of the shares on the date the order is placed in proper form since, in addition to available Deposit Securities, cash must be deposited in an amount equal to the sum of (i) the Cash Component, plus (ii) at least 102% (which amount the Trust may change from time to time) of the market value of the undelivered Deposit Securities (the “Additional Cash Deposit”) with a Fund, pending delivery of any missing Deposit Securities.

If an Authorized Participant determines to post an additional cash deposit as collateral for any undelivered Deposit Securities, such Authorized Participant must deposit with BBH the appropriate amount of federal funds by the deadline indicated in its Participant Agreement. If BBH does not receive federal funds in the appropriate amount by such time, then the order may be deemed to be rejected and the Authorized Participant shall be liable to a Fund for losses, if any, resulting therefrom. An additional amount of cash shall be required to be deposited with BBH, pending delivery of the missing Deposit Securities to the extent necessary to maintain the Additional Cash Deposit with the Trust in an amount at least equal to 102% (which amount the Trust may change from time to time) of the daily marked-to-market value of the missing Deposit Securities. To the extent that missing Deposit Securities are not delivered as required, or in the event a marked-to-market payment is not made within one Business Day following notification that such a payment is required, the Trust may use the cash on deposit to purchase the missing Deposit Securities.
Authorized Participants will be liable to the Trust for the costs incurred by the Trust in connection with any such purchases. These costs will be deemed to include the amount by which the actual purchase price of the Deposit Securities exceeds the market value of such Deposit Securities on the Transmittal Date plus the brokerage and related transaction costs associated with such purchases, as well as any stamp taxes, income or dividends due. The Trust will return any unused portion of the Additional Cash Deposit once all of the missing Deposit Securities have been properly received by BBH or purchased by the Trust and deposited into the Trust and all related transaction costs and other items, as noted above, have been cleared. In addition, a transaction fee, as listed below, will be charged in all cases. The delivery of Creation Units so created generally will occur no later than the Settlement Date.

**Creation/Redemption Transaction Fee.** A transaction fee, as set forth in the table below, is imposed for the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the purchase or redemption of Creation Units, as applicable. Authorized Participants will be required to pay a fixed creation transaction fee and/or a fixed redemption transaction fee, as applicable, on a given day regardless of the number of Creation Units created or redeemed on that day. Each Fund may adjust the transaction fee from time to time. With respect to creation orders, Authorized Participants are responsible for the costs of transferring the securities constituting the Deposit Securities to the account of the Trust. With respect to redemption orders, Authorized Participants are responsible for the costs of transferring the portfolio securities (“Fund Securities”) paid out upon redemption from the Trust to their account or on their order. Investors who use the services of a broker or other such intermediary may also be charged a fee for such services.

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**Placement of Redemption Orders.** All orders to redeem Fund shares must be placed for one or more Creation Units. All orders to redeem Creation Units must be received in proper form before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on any Business Day in order to receive that day’s NAV. To be in proper form, all procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement must be properly followed. The date on which an order to redeem Creation Units is placed is referred to as the “Transmittal Date.” Orders must be transmitted by an Authorized Participant by a transmission method acceptable to the Distributor pursuant to procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement, as described below. These procedures may change from time to time without notice at the discretion of the Trust. Market disruptions or changes, or telephone or other communication failure, may impede the ability to reach the Distributor or an Authorized Participant and may delay or disrupt this process.

An order to redeem Creation Units is deemed received by the Trust on the Transmittal Date if: (i) such order is received by BBH (in its capacity as Transfer Agent) not later than 4:00 p.m. on such Transmittal Date; (ii) such order is accompanied or followed by the requisite number of shares of a Fund specified in such order, which delivery must be made through DTC to BBH no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern time, on the second Business Day after the Transmittal Date and (iii) all other procedures set forth in the Participant Agreement are properly followed. After the Trust has deemed an order for redemption received, the Trust will initiate procedures to transfer the requisite Fund Securities which are expected to be delivered within two Business Days and the Cash Redemption Amount to the Authorized Participant by the Settlement Date. In certain cases, Authorized Participants will redeem and create Creation Units of the same Fund on the same trade date. In these instances, the Trust reserves the right to settle these transactions on a net basis.
All orders by investors to redeem Creation Units through an Authorized Participant shall be placed with an Authorized Participant, in the form required by such Authorized Participant. In addition, the Authorized Participant may require an investor to make certain representations or enter into agreements with respect to the order, e.g., to provide for delivery of Fund shares, when required. Investors should be aware that their particular broker may not have executed a Participant Agreement and, in that case, orders to redeem Creation Units of a Fund have to be placed by each investor’s broker through an Authorized Participant that has executed a Participant Agreement. In such cases, there may be additional charges to such investor. At any given time, there may be only a limited number of broker-dealers that have executed a Participant Agreement, and only a small number of such Authorized Participants may have international capabilities.

**General Redemption Procedures.** An Authorized Participant submitting a redemption request is deemed to represent to the Trust that: (i) it (or its client) owns outright or has full legal authority and legal beneficial right to tender for redemption the requisite number of shares to be redeemed and can receive the entire proceeds of the redemption; and (ii) the shares to be redeemed have not been loaned or pledged to another party nor are they the subject of a repurchase agreement, securities lending agreement or such other arrangement which would preclude the delivery of such shares to the Trust. The Trust reserves the right to verify these representations at its discretion. If the Authorized Participant, upon receipt of a verification request, does not provide sufficient verification of its representations as determined by the Trust, the redemption request will not be considered to have been received in proper form and may be rejected by the Trust.

If the requisite number of shares of a Fund is not delivered as required, the Fund may reject or revoke acceptance of the redemption request because the Authorized Participant has not satisfied all of the settlement requirements. At the Trust’s discretion, the Trust may redeem Creation Units even though not all Fund shares have been delivered provided that the redeeming Authorized Participant posts collateral to cover the amount of the missing shares. The current procedures for collateralization of missing shares require, among other things, that any cash collateral shall be in the form of U.S. dollars in immediately available funds and shall be held by BBH and marked-to-market daily, and that the fees of BBH and any sub-custodians in respect of the delivery, maintenance and redelivery of the cash collateral shall be payable by the Authorized Participant. The Authorized Participant’s agreement will permit the Trust, on behalf of the affected Fund, to purchase the missing shares or acquire the Deposit Securities and the Cash Component underlying such shares at any time, and will subject the Authorized Participant to liability for any shortfall between the cost to the Trust of purchasing such shares, Deposit Securities or Cash Component and the value of the collateral, as well as any transaction costs, stamp taxes, income or dividends due.

The calculation of the value of Fund Securities and the Cash Redemption Amount to be delivered upon redemption will be made by BBH according to the procedures set forth under Determination of NAV computed on the Business Day to which the redemption order relates. Therefore, if a redemption order in proper form is submitted to a Fund by an Authorized Participant not later than the 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day, and the requisite number of shares of a Fund are delivered to BBH (or cash collateral is accepted) as provided by the Participant Agreement, then the value of Fund Securities and the Cash Redemption Amount to be delivered will be determined by BBH on such Business Day. If, however, a redemption order is submitted to BBH before 4:00 p.m. on a Business Day, but either (i) the requisite number of shares of a Fund (or collateral) are not delivered as required, or (ii) the redemption order is not submitted in proper form, then the redemption order will not be deemed received as of such Business Day. In such case, the value of Fund Securities and the Cash Redemption Amount to be delivered will be computed on the next Business Day that such order is deemed received by the Trust.

Redemptions of shares for Fund Securities will be subject to compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and a Fund (whether or not it otherwise permits cash redemptions) reserves the right to redeem Creation Units for cash, to the extent that the Trust could not lawfully deliver specific Fund Securities upon redemptions or could not do so without first registering Fund Securities under such laws. An Authorized Participant or an investor for which it is acting (subject to a legal restriction with respect to a particular stock included in the Fund Securities applicable to the redemption of Creation Units) may be paid an equivalent amount of cash. The Authorized Participant may request the redeeming Beneficial Owner of the shares to complete an order form or to enter into agreements with respect to such matters as compensating cash payment.

Redemption proceeds generally will be paid within two Business Days of the Transmittal Date.
Cash Redemptions. Due to various legal and operational constraints in China, shares generally will be redeemed for a cash payment, though shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program and shares of other ETFs may be paid out as redemption proceeds. In addition, an investor may request a redemption in cash that a Fund may, in its sole discretion, permit. Redemptions of Creation Units for cash shall be effected in essentially the same manner as in-kind redemptions (as described in more detail below). In the case of a cash redemption, the Authorized Participant shall receive the cash equivalent of Fund Securities it would otherwise have received through an in-kind redemption (minus the Fund’s brokerage commissions, taxes, and market impact and other costs as a result of selling the Fund Securities used to generate cash to satisfy the redemption), plus the same Cash Component required to be paid in connection with an in-kind redemption. Proceeds will be paid to the Authorized Participant redeeming shares on behalf of the redeeming investor as soon as practicable after the date of redemption.

In-Kind Redemptions. Due to various legal and operational constraints in China, the ability of the Trust to pay in-kind redemptions is limited, though shares traded through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program and shares of other ETFs may be paid out as redemption proceeds. The ability of the Trust to effect in-kind redemptions is subject to, among other things, the condition that the securities are of a type that can be physically transferred and delivered or are otherwise not subject to legal or other restrictions on delivery and settlement. In addition, the ability of the Trust to effect in-kind redemptions is also subject to the condition that, within the time period from the date of the order to the date of delivery of the securities, there are no days that are holidays in the applicable non-U.S. market.

Extension of Redemption Settlement Cycle. For every occurrence of one or more intervening holidays in China (including Hong Kong) that are not holidays observed in the U.S. equity market, the redemption settlement cycle may be extended by the number of such intervening holidays. In addition to holidays, other unforeseeable closings in China (including Hong Kong) due to emergencies may also prevent the Trust from delivering securities within the normal settlement period. A Fund will not suspend or postpone redemption beyond seven days, except as permitted under Section 22(e) of the 1940 Act. Section 22(e) provides that the right of redemption may be suspended or the date of payment postponed with respect to any Fund (i) for any period during which the Exchange is closed (other than customary weekend and holiday closings); (ii) for any period during which trading on the NYSE is suspended or restricted; (iii) for any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which disposal of the shares of a Fund’s portfolio securities or determination of its net asset value is not reasonably practicable; or (iv) in such other circumstance as is permitted by the SEC.

Chinese Holidays. For every occurrence of one or more intervening holidays in China (including Hong Kong) that are not holidays observed in the U.S. equity market, the redemption settlement cycle may be extended by the number of such intervening holidays at the discretion of a Fund. In addition to holidays, other unforeseeable closings due to emergencies may also prevent the Trust from delivering securities within normal settlement period. The securities delivery cycles currently practicable for transferring portfolio securities to redeeming investors, coupled with non-U.S. market holiday schedules, will require a delivery process longer than seven calendar days, in certain circumstances, but in no event longer than fourteen calendar days. The holidays applicable to a Fund during such periods are listed below, as are instances where more than seven days will be needed to deliver redemption proceeds. Although certain holidays may occur on different dates in subsequent years, the number of days required to deliver redemption proceeds in any given year is not expected to exceed the maximum number of days listed below for the Funds. The proclamation of new holidays, the treatment by market participants of certain days as “informal holidays” (e.g., days on which no or limited securities transactions occur, as a result of substantially shortened trading hours), the elimination of existing holidays, or changes in local securities delivery practices, could affect the information set forth herein at some time in the future.

In the calendar year 2019, the dates of regular holidays affecting the relevant securities markets in which a Fund invests are as follows.
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The longest redemption cycle for the Funds is a function of the longest redemption cycle among the countries whose stocks comprise each Fund. In the calendar year 2019, the dates of regular holidays affecting the following securities markets present the worst-case redemption cycles for the Funds as set forth below. This information is based on the information regarding regular holidays, which may be out of date. Changes in the regular holidays may lead to longer redemption cycles than are set forth below.

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**DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The NAV of a Fund’s shares is calculated each day the NYSE is open for trading as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time (the “NAV Calculation Time”). NAV per share is calculated by dividing a Fund’s net assets by the number of Fund shares outstanding.

In calculating a Fund’s NAV, Fund investments generally are valued using market valuations. A market valuation generally means a valuation: (i) obtained from an exchange, a third-party pricing service or a major market-maker (or dealer); (ii) based on a price quotation or other equivalent indication of value supplied by an exchange, a third-party pricing service or a major market-maker (or dealer); or (iii) based on amortized cost. The Trust may use various third-party pricing services, or discontinue the use of any third-party pricing service, as determined by the Trust’s Board of Trustees from time to time. Short-term debt securities with remaining maturities of 60 days or less generally are valued on the basis of amortized cost, which approximates fair value. U.S. fixed income assets may be valued as of the announced closing time for such securities on any day that the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association announces an early closing time. The values of any assets or liabilities of a Fund that are denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate deemed appropriate by a Fund. The Trust will generally value exchange-listed options at market closing prices. The Trust will generally value exchange-listed futures at the settlement price determined by the applicable exchange. Non-exchange-traded derivatives, including OTC options, swap transactions and forward transactions, will normally be valued on the basis of quotations or equivalent indication of value supplied by an independent pricing service or major market-makers or dealers.
In certain instances, such as when reliable market valuations are not readily available or are not deemed to reflect current market values, a Fund’s investments will be valued in accordance with the Fund’s pricing policy and procedures. Securities that may be valued using “fair value” pricing may include, but are not limited to, securities for which there are no current market quotations or whose issuer is in default or bankruptcy, securities subject to corporate actions (such as mergers or reorganizations), securities subject to non-U.S. investment limits or currency controls, and securities affected by “significant events.” An example of a significant event is an event occurring after the close of the market in which a security trades but before a Fund’s next NAV Calculation Time that may materially affect the value of the Fund’s investment (e.g., government action, natural disaster, or significant market fluctuation). Price movements in U.S. markets that are deemed to affect the value of non-U.S. securities, or reflect changes to the value of such securities, also may cause securities to be “fair valued.”

When fair-value pricing is employed, the prices of securities used by a Fund to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities.

Fund shares are purchased or sold on a national securities exchange at market prices, which may be higher or lower than NAV. No secondary sales will be made to brokers or dealers at a concession by a Fund. Purchases and sales of shares in the secondary market, which will not involve a Fund, will be subject to customary brokerage commissions and charges. Transactions in Fund shares will be priced at NAV only if you purchase or redeem shares directly from a Fund in Creation Units.

**PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The Board has delegated responsibility for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by a Fund to the Adviser. The Adviser will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures, which are included in Appendix B to this SAI.

The Trust is required to disclose annually a Fund’s complete proxy voting record on Form N-PX covering the period from July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next and to file Form N-PX with the SEC no later than August 31 of each year. The current Form N-PX for each Fund, when filed, may be obtained at no charge upon request by calling (855) 595-0240 or by visiting the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

**TAXES**

The following is only a summary of certain additional tax considerations generally affecting a Fund and its shareholders that is intended to supplement the discussion contained in the Funds’ Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the federal, state, local or non-U.S. tax treatment of a Fund or its shareholders and the discussion here and in the Funds’ Prospectus is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors with specific reference to their own tax situations, including their state, local, and foreign tax liabilities.

This discussion of U.S. federal income tax consequences is based on the Code, and the regulations issued thereunder as in effect on the date of this SAI. New legislation, as well as administrative changes or court decisions, may significantly change the conclusions expressed herein and may have a retroactive effect with respect to the transactions contemplated herein. Legislative, regulatory or administrative changes could be enacted or promulgated at any time, either prospectively or with retroactive effect, and may adversely affect the Funds and/or its shareholders. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Tax Reform Bill”) makes significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax rules for taxation of individuals and corporations, generally effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. Most of the changes applicable to individuals are temporary and would apply only to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, and before January 1, 2026. There are only minor changes applicable to regulated investment companies such as the Funds, but the Tax Reform Bill makes numerous other large and small changes to the tax rules that do not affect regulated investment companies directly but may affect shareholders and may indirectly affect the Funds. You should consult your tax advisor for specific guidance regarding the impact of the Tax Reform Bill on the tax effects of your investment in the Funds.
Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company and Taxation of a Fund. Each Fund intends to qualify and elects to be treated as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Code so that it will be relieved of federal income tax on that part of its income that is timely distributed to shareholders.

In order to qualify as a RIC under the Code, a Fund must distribute annually to its shareholders at least 90% of its net investment income (which, includes dividends, taxable interest, and the excess of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, less operating expenses) and at least 90% of its net tax exempt interest income, for each tax year, if any, to its shareholders (the “Distribution Requirement”) and also must meet certain additional requirements. Among these requirements are the following: (i) at least 90% of the Fund’s gross income each taxable year must be derived from dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities, or foreign currencies, or other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies, and net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership (the “Qualifying Income Test”); and (ii) at the close of each quarter of the Fund’s taxable year: (a) at least 50% of the value of its total assets must be represented by cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect to any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and that does not represent more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, including the equity securities of a qualified publicly traded partnership, and (b) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities or securities of other RICs) of any one issuer or the securities (other than the securities of another RIC) of two or more issuers that the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses, or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (the “Asset Test”).

If a Fund fails to satisfy the Qualifying Income or Asset Tests in any taxable year, such Fund may be eligible for relief provisions if the failures are due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, and if a penalty tax is paid with respect to each failure to satisfy the applicable requirements. Additionally, relief is provided for certain de minimis failures of the diversification requirements where a Fund corrects the failure within a specified period. If a Fund fails to maintain qualification as a RIC for a tax year, and the relief provisions are not available, such Fund will be subject to federal income tax at the regular corporate rate without any deduction for distributions to shareholders. In such case, its shareholders would be taxed as if they received ordinary dividends, although corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends received deduction (subject to certain limitations) and individuals may be able to benefit from the lower tax rates available to qualified dividend income. The Tax Reform Bill lowers the tax rate for corporations to 21% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. In addition, such Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make substantial distributions before requalifying as a RIC. The Board reserves the right not to maintain the qualification of a Fund as a RIC if it determines such course of action to be beneficial to shareholders.

Although each Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income and may distribute its capital gains for any taxable year, each Fund will be subject to federal income taxation, to the extent any such income or gains are not distributed. If a Fund does not on a timely basis receive applicable government approvals in the PRC to repatriate funds associated with direct investment in A-Shares, such Fund may be unable to satisfy the minimum distribution requirement described above. If a Fund failed to satisfy the distribution requirement for any taxable year, it would be taxed as a regular corporation, with consequences generally similar to those described in the preceding paragraph. Each Fund may designate certain amounts retained as undistributed net capital gain in a notice to its shareholders, who: (i) will be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate shares of the undistributed amount so designated; (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the income tax paid by the Fund on that undistributed amount against their federal income tax liabilities and to claim refunds to the extent such credits exceed their liabilities; and (iii) will be entitled to increase their tax basis, for federal income tax purposes, in their shares in the Fund by an amount equal to the excess of the amount of undistributed net capital gain included in their respective income over their respective income tax credits. Each Fund is treated as a separate corporation for federal income tax purposes. A Fund therefore is considered to be a separate entity in determining its treatment under the rules for RICs described herein. Losses in one Fund do not offset gains in another and the requirements (other than certain organizational requirements) for qualifying RIC status are determined at the Fund level rather than at the Trust level.
Each Fund may elect to treat part or all of any “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in determining such Fund’s taxable income, net capital gain, net short-term capital gain, and earnings and profits. The effect of this election is to treat any such “qualified late year loss” as if it had been incurred in the succeeding taxable year in characterizing Fund distributions for any calendar. A “qualified late year loss” generally includes net capital loss, net long-term capital loss, or net short-term capital loss incurred after October 31 of the current taxable year (commonly referred to as “post-October losses”) and certain other late-year losses.

The treatment of capital loss carryovers for RICs is similar to the rules that apply to capital loss carryovers of individuals and provide that such losses are carried over by a Fund indefinitely. Thus, if a Fund has a “net capital loss” (that is, capital losses in excess of capital gains), the excess of such Fund’s net short-term capital losses over its net long-term capital gains is treated as a short-term capital loss arising on the first day of such Fund’s next taxable year, and the excess (if any) of the Fund’s net long-term capital losses over its net short-term capital gains is treated as a long-term capital loss arising on the first day of the Fund’s next taxable year. The carryover of capital losses may be limited under the general loss limitation rules if a Fund experiences an ownership change as defined in the Code.

Excise Taxes. Notwithstanding the Distribution Requirement described above, which generally requires a Fund to distribute at least 90% of its annual investment company taxable income and the excess of its exempt interest income (but does not require any minimum distribution of net capital gain), such Fund will be subject to a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax to the extent it fails to distribute, by the end of the calendar year, at least 98% of its ordinary income and 98.2% of its capital gain net income (the excess of short- and long-term capital gains over short- and long-term capital losses) for the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year (including any retained amount from the prior calendar year on which the Fund paid no federal income tax). Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions to avoid liability for federal excise tax, but can make no assurances that such tax will be completely eliminated. A Fund may in certain circumstances be required to liquidate Fund investments in order to make sufficient distributions to avoid federal excise tax liability at a time when the investment adviser might not otherwise have chosen to do so, and liquidation of investments in such circumstances may affect the ability of the Fund to satisfy the requirement for qualification as a RIC.

If a Fund does not on a timely basis receive applicable government approvals in the PRC to repatriate funds associated with direct investment in A-Shares, such Fund may be unable to avoid the excise tax.

Fund Distributions. If you are subject to tax, distributions of net short-term capital gains will be taxable to you as ordinary income. In general, distributions by a Fund of investment company taxable income, if any, whether received in cash or additional shares, will be taxable to you as ordinary income (to the extent of the current or accumulated earnings and profits of the Fund). All or a portion of these distributions (excluding net short-term capital gains) may be treated as qualified dividend income (currently eligible for the reduced maximum rate to individuals of 20% (lower rates apply to individuals in lower tax brackets)) to the extent that a Fund receives qualified dividend income on the securities it holds and the Fund reports the distributions as qualified dividend income. Qualified dividend income is, in general, dividend income from taxable domestic corporations and certain foreign corporations (e.g., foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of the United States or in certain countries with a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, or the stock of which is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States). The United States has a comprehensive income tax treaty with China (but not with Hong Kong, which is treated as a separate jurisdiction for U.S. tax purposes). A dividend will not be treated as qualified dividend income to the extent that: (i) the shareholder has not held the shares on which the dividend was paid for more than 60 days during the 121-day period that begins on the date that is 60 days before the date on which the shares become “ex-dividend” (which is the day on which declared distributions (dividends or capital gains) are deducted from the Fund’s assets before it calculates the net asset value) with respect to such dividend; (ii) the Fund has not satisfied similar holding period requirements with respect to the securities it holds that paid the dividends distributed to the shareholder; (iii) the shareholder is under an obligation (whether pursuant to a short sale or otherwise) to make related payments with respect to substantially similar or related property; or (iv) the shareholder elects to treat such dividend as investment income under section 163(d)(4)(B) of the Code. Therefore, if you lend your shares in a Fund, such as pursuant to securities lending arrangement, you may lose the ability to treat dividends (paid while the shares are held by the borrower) as qualified dividend income. Distributions received by a Fund from another RIC (including an ETF that is taxable as a RIC) will be treated as qualified dividend income only to the extent so reported by such RIC. For non-corporate shareholders, long-term capital gains are currently taxed at a maximum rate of 20%, regardless of how long you have held your Fund shares.
To the extent that a Fund makes a distribution of income received by such Fund in lieu of dividends (a “substitute payment”) with respect to securities on loan pursuant to a securities lending transaction, such income will not constitute qualified dividend income to individual shareholders and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction for corporate shareholders.

If a Fund’s distributions exceed its taxable income and capital gains realized during a taxable year, all or a portion of the distributions made in the same taxable year may be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders. A return of capital distribution will generally not be taxable, but will reduce each shareholder’s cost basis in the Fund and result in a higher reported capital gain or lower reported capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold.

A dividend or distribution received shortly after the purchase of shares reduces the net asset value of the shares by the amount of the dividend or distribution and, although in effect a return of capital, will be taxable to the shareholder. If the net asset value of shares were reduced below the shareholder’s cost by dividends or distributions representing gains realized on sales of securities, such dividends or distributions would be a return of investment, though taxable to the shareholder in the same manner as other dividends or distributions.

Dividends declared to shareholders of record in October, November or December and actually paid in January of the following year will be treated as having been received by shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which declared. Under this rule, therefore, a shareholder may be taxed in one year on dividends or distributions actually received in January of the following year.

Each Fund (or its administrative agent) will inform you of the amount of your ordinary income dividends, qualified dividend income and capital gain distributions shortly after the close of each calendar year. If you have not held Fund shares for a full year, the Fund may designate and distribute to you, as ordinary income or capital gain, a percentage of income that is not equal to the actual percentage of such income earned during the period of your investment in the Fund.

Medicare Contribution Tax. U.S. individuals with income exceeding $200,000 ($250,000 if married and filing jointly) are subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on their “net investment income,” including interest, dividends and capital gains (including capital gains realized on the sale or exchange of shares of a Fund). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain shareholders that are estates and trusts.

Sale or Exchange of Fund Shares. If you are subject to tax, any gain or loss recognized on a sale, exchange or redemption of shares of a Fund by a shareholder who is not a dealer in securities will generally, for individual shareholders, be treated as a long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than twelve months, and otherwise will be treated as a short-term capital gain or loss. However, if shares on which a shareholder has received a net capital gain distribution are subsequently sold, exchanged or redeemed and such shares have been held for six months or less, any loss recognized will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of the net capital gain distribution. In addition, the loss realized on a sale or other disposition of shares will be disallowed to the extent a shareholder repurchases (or enters into a contract or option to repurchase) shares within a period of 61 days (beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of the shares). This loss disallowance rule will apply to shares received through the reinvestment of dividends during the 61-day period.
Cost-Basis Reporting. Unless you fall within certain exceptions, the custodian, broker or other administrative agent holding your shares in a Fund on your behalf must report to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) and furnish to you the cost basis information for shares of such Fund. In addition to reporting the gross proceeds from the sale of shares of a Fund, you will receive cost basis information for such shares, which will indicate whether these shares had a short-term or long-term holding period. For each sale of shares of a Fund, you are to elect from among several IRS-accepted cost basis methods, including the average basis method. In the absence of an election, the custodian, broker or other administrative agent holding your shares in the Fund will use a default cost basis method they have chosen, which should have been communicated to you. The cost basis method elected by you (or the cost basis method applied by default) for each sale of shares of a Fund may not be changed after the Settlement Date of each such sale. You should consult your tax advisor to determine the best IRS-accepted cost basis method for your tax situation and to obtain more information about how cost basis reporting applies to you. Shareholders also should carefully review any cost basis information provided to them and make any additional basis, holding period or other adjustments that are required when reporting these amounts on their federal income tax returns.

Tax-Exempt Shareholders. Certain tax-exempt shareholders, including qualified pension plans, individual retirement accounts, salary deferral arrangements, 401(k)s and other tax-exempt entities, generally are exempt from federal income taxation except with respect to their unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”). Under current law, each Fund generally serves to block UBTI from being realized by its tax-exempt shareholders. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the tax-exempt shareholder could realize UBTI by virtue of an investment in a Fund where, for example: (i) the Fund invests in residual interests of Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits (“REMICs”); (ii) the Fund invests in an REIT that is a taxable mortgage pool (“TMP”) or that has a subsidiary that is a TMP or that invests in the residual interest of an REMIC; or (iii) shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of section 514(b) of the Code. Charitable remainder trusts are subject to special rules and should consult their tax advisor. The IRS has issued guidance with respect to these issues and prospective shareholders, especially charitable remainder trusts, are strongly encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding these issues.

Backup Withholding. Each Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold, at a rate of 24%, and remit to the United States Treasury the amount withheld on amounts payable to any shareholder who: (i) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all; (ii) is subject to backup withholding by the IRS for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends; (iii) has failed to certify to the Fund that such shareholder is not subject to backup withholding; or (iv) has failed to certify to the Fund that the shareholder is a U.S. person (including a resident alien).

Non-U.S. Shareholders. If you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, each Fund’s ordinary income dividends will generally be subject to a 30% U.S. withholding tax, unless a lower treaty rate applies or unless such income is effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business. A Fund may, under certain circumstances, report all or a portion of a dividend as an “interest-related dividend” or a “short-term capital gain dividend,” which would generally be exempt from this 30% U.S. withholding tax, provided certain other requirements are met. Short-term capital gain dividends received by a nonresident alien individual who is present in the U.S. for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the taxable year are not exempt from this 30% withholding tax. Gains realized by foreign shareholders from the sale or other disposition of shares of a Fund generally are not subject to U.S. taxation, unless the recipient is an individual who is physically present in the U.S. for 183 days or more per year. Foreign shareholders who fail to provide an applicable IRS form may be subject to backup withholding on certain payments from a Fund. Backup withholding will not be applied to payments that are subject to the 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate) withholding tax described in this paragraph. Different tax consequences may result if the foreign shareholder is engaged in a trade or business within the United States. In addition, the tax consequences to a foreign shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of a tax treaty may be different than those described above.

A U.S. withholding tax at a 30% rate is imposed on dividends for shareholders who own their shares through non-U.S. accounts or non-U.S. intermediaries if certain disclosure requirements related to U.S. accounts or ownership are not satisfied. A Fund will not pay any additional amounts in respect to any amounts withheld.
In order for a non-U.S. investor to qualify for an exemption from backup withholding, the non-U.S. investor must comply with special certification and filing requirements. Non-U.S. investors in a Fund should consult their tax advisors in this regard. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the appropriate information is furnished to the IRS.

A beneficial holder of shares who is a non-U.S. person may be subject to state and local tax and to the U.S. federal estate tax, in addition to the federal income tax consequences referred to above. If a shareholder is eligible for the benefits of a tax treaty, any effectively connected income or gain will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis only if it is also attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the shareholder in the United States.

**Non-U.S. Investors are encouraged to consult their tax advisor prior to investing in a Fund.**

**Retirement Accounts.** If you hold your shares in a tax-qualified retirement account, you generally will not be subject to federal taxation on income and capital gains distribution from a Fund until you begin receiving payments from your retirement account. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the tax rules that apply to your retirement account.

Because each shareholder’s tax situation is different, you should consult your tax advisor about the tax implications of an investment in a Fund.

**Tax Shelter Reporting Regulations.** Under U.S. Treasury regulations, generally, if a shareholder recognizes a loss of $2 million or more (in the case of an individual shareholder) or $10 million or more (in the case of a corporate shareholder), the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC such as the Funds are not excepted. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer’s treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

**State Taxes.** Distributions by a Fund to shareholders and the ownership of shares may be subject to state and local taxes. Rules of state and local taxation of dividend and capital gains distributions from RICs often differ from the rules for federal income taxation described above. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisors as to the consequences of these and other state and local tax rules affecting an investment in Fund shares.

**Creation and Redemption of Creation Units.** A person who purchases a Creation Unit by exchanging securities in-kind generally will recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between (i) the sum of the market value of the Creation Units at the time of the exchange and any net amount of cash received by the Authorized Participant in the exchange, and (ii) the sum of the purchaser’s aggregate basis in the securities surrendered and any net amount of cash paid for the Creation Units. The ability of Authorized Participants to receive a full or partial cash redemption of Creation Units of the Funds may limit the tax efficiency of the Funds. A person who redeems Creation Units and receives securities in-kind from a Fund will generally recognize a gain or loss equal to the difference between the redeemer’s basis in the Creation Units, and the aggregate market value of the securities received and any net cash received. The IRS, however, may assert that a loss realized upon an in-kind exchange of securities for Creation Units or an exchange of Creation Units for securities cannot be deducted currently, under the rules governing “wash sales” (for a person who does not mark-to-market their holdings) or, on the basis that there has been no significant change in economic position. Persons effecting in-kind creations or redemptions should consult their own tax adviser with respect to these matters.

The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, has the right to reject an order for a purchase of shares of the Trust if the purchaser (or group of purchasers) would, upon obtaining the shares so ordered, own 80% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund and if, pursuant to Section 351 of the Code, the Fund would have a basis in the securities different from the market value of such securities on the date of deposit. The Trust also has the right to require information necessary to determine beneficial share ownership for purposes of the 80% determination.

Persons purchasing or redeeming Creation Units should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax treatment of any creation or redemption transaction and whether the wash sales rule applies and when a loss may be deductible.
Taxation of Certain Investments

Each Fund may invest in complex securities. These investments may be subject to numerous special and complex tax rules. These rules could affect a Fund’s ability to qualify as a RIC, affect whether gains and losses recognized by a Fund are treated as ordinary income or loss or capital gain or loss, accelerate the recognition of income to the Fund and/or defer such Fund’s ability to recognize losses and, in limited cases, subject the Funds to U.S. federal income tax on income from certain of their foreign securities. In turn, those rules may affect the amount, timing or character of the income distributed to you by such Fund.

Each Fund’s transactions in certain investments may be subject to special provisions of the Code (including provisions relating to hedging transactions and integrated transactions, foreign currency contracts, forward foreign currency contracts, notional principal contracts straddles) that, among other things, may affect the character of gains and losses realized by the Fund (i.e., may affect whether gains or losses are ordinary or capital), accelerate recognition of income to the Fund and defer Fund losses. These rules could therefore affect the character, amount and timing of distributions to shareholders. These provisions also (i) may require the Fund to mark-to-market certain types of the positions in its portfolio (e.g., treat them as if they were closed out at the end of each year), which may cause the Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to pay dividends or make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the distribution requirements for avoiding income and excise taxes. Accordingly, in order to avoid certain income and excise taxes, a Fund may be required to liquidate its investments at a time when the investments at a time when the investment adviser might not otherwise have chosen to do so. Each Fund will monitor its transactions, and intends to make the appropriate tax elections and intends to make the appropriate entries in its books and records when it acquires any zero coupon security, non-U.S. currency, forward contract, option, futures contract or hedged investment in order to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of a Fund as a RIC.

A Fund’s investment in so-called “Section 1256 contracts,” such as regulated futures contracts, most non-U.S. currency forward contracts traded in the interbank market and options on most security indexes, are subject to special tax rules. All Section 1256 contracts held by a Fund at the end of its taxable year are required to be marked to their market value, and any unrealized gain or loss on those positions will be included in the Fund’s income as if each position had been sold for its fair market value at the end of the taxable year. The resulting gain or loss will be combined with any gain or loss realized by a Fund from positions in Section 1256 contracts closed during the taxable year. Provided such positions were held as capital assets and were not part of a “hedging transaction” nor part of a “straddle,” 60% of the resulting net gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss, and 40% of such net gain or loss will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss, regardless of the period of time the positions were actually held by a Fund. Application of this rule may alter the timing and character of distributions to shareholders. A Fund may be required to defer the recognition of losses on futures contracts, options contracts and swaps to the extent of any unrecognized gains on offsetting positions held by the Fund. These provisions may also require the Funds to mark-to-market certain types of positions in their portfolios (i.e., treat them as if they were closed out), which may cause a Fund to recognize income without receiving cash with which to make distributions in amounts necessary to satisfy the Distribution Requirement and for avoiding the excise tax discussed above.

Passive Foreign Investment Companies

If a Fund holds shares in “passive foreign investment companies” (“PFICs”), it may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of any “excess distribution” or gain from the disposition of such shares even if such income is distributed as a taxable dividend by such Fund to its shareholders. Additional charges in the nature of interest may be imposed on a Fund in respect of deferred taxes arising from such distributions or gains.

Each Fund may be eligible to elect to treat a PFIC as a “qualified electing fund” under the Code, in which case such Fund would generally be required to include in income each year a portion of the ordinary earnings and net capital gains of the qualified electing fund, even if not distributed to the Fund, and such amounts would be subject to the 90% and excise tax distribution requirements described above. In order to make this election with respect to a PFIC, a Fund would be required to obtain certain annual information from the PFIC, which may be difficult or impossible to obtain.
Alternatively, each Fund may make a mark-to-market election that would result in the Fund being treated as if it had sold and repurchased its PFIC stock at the end of each year. In such case, a Fund would report any gains resulting from such deemed sales as ordinary income, and would deduct any losses resulting from such deemed sales as ordinary losses to the extent of previously recognized gains. The election must be made separately for each PFIC owned by the Fund, and once made, would be effective for all subsequent taxable years, unless revoked with the consent of the IRS. By making the election, a Fund could potentially ameliorate the adverse tax consequences with respect to its ownership of shares in a PFIC, but in any particular year may be required to recognize income in excess of the distributions it receives from PFICs and its proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock. The Fund may have to distribute this excess income and gain to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement and to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax.

In order to distribute this income and avoid a tax at the Fund level, a Fund might be required to liquidate portfolio securities that it might otherwise have continued to hold, potentially resulting in additional taxable gain or loss.

Non-U.S. Investments

Under Section 988 of the Code, gains or losses attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the time a Fund accrues income or receivables or expenses or other liabilities denominated in a currency other than the Fund’s “functional currency” and the time the Fund actually collects such income or receivables or pays such expenses or liabilities are generally treated as ordinary income or ordinary loss. In general, assuming a Fund’s functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is the U.S. dollar, gains (and losses) realized on debt instruments will be treated as Section 988 gain (or loss), to the extent attributable to changes in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and the currencies in which the instruments are denominated. Similarly, gain or losses on non-U.S. currency, non-U.S. currency forward contracts and certain non-U.S. currency options or futures contracts denominated in non-U.S. currency, to the extent attributable to fluctuations in exchange rates between the acquisition and disposition dates, are also treated as ordinary income or loss, unless a Fund were to elect otherwise. Each Fund (specifically, a “qualified business unit” of each Fund) may instead treat the RMB as its functional currency. Under those circumstances, such Fund generally would not be expected to recognize gains or losses on its RMB-denominated securities based on the value of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar, but the Fund may recognize Section 988 gain (or loss) based on fluctuations in the value of the RMB relative to the U.S. dollar between the acquisition and disposition dates of U.S. currency, between the date on which the Fund dividend is declared and the date on which it is paid, and potentially in connection with Fund redemptions.

The U.S. Treasury Department has authority to issue regulations that would exclude foreign currency gains from the Qualifying Income Test described above if such gains are not directly related to a fund’s business of investing in stock or securities. Accordingly, regulations may be issued in the future that could treat some or all of a Fund’s non-U.S. currency gains as non-qualifying income, thereby potentially jeopardizing such Fund’s status as a RIC for all years to which the regulations are applicable.

Income received by a Fund from sources within non-U.S. countries (including, for example, interest and dividends on securities of non-U.S. issuers) may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries, including the PRC taxes described below under “PRC Taxation.” Tax treaties between such countries and the U.S. may reduce or eliminate such taxes. Non-U.S. taxes paid by a Fund will reduce the return from such Fund’s investments.

If more than 50% of the value of a Fund’s assets at the close of any taxable year consists of stock or securities of non-U.S. corporations, which for this purpose may include obligations of non-U.S. Governmental issuers, such Fund may elect, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to treat any non-U.S. income or withholding taxes paid by the Fund as paid by its shareholders. For any year that a Fund is eligible for and makes such an election, each shareholder of the Fund will be required to include in income an amount equal to his or her allocable share of qualified non-U.S. income taxes paid by the Fund, and shareholders will be entitled, subject to certain holding period requirements and other limitations, to credit their portions of these amounts against their U.S. federal income tax due, if any, or to deduct their portions from their U.S. taxable income, if any. No deductions for non-U.S. taxes paid by a Fund may be claimed, however, by non-corporate shareholders who do not itemize deductions.
One of the limitations on a shareholder’s ability to claim a credit for non-U.S. taxes is that the amount of the credit claimed cannot exceed the proportion of the shareholder’s total liability equal to the ratio of the shareholder’s taxable income from non-U.S. sources to the shareholder’s total taxable income. In computing that limitation, the portion of Fund distributions that is derived from capital gains on the sale of securities and from currency exchange gain may be treated as income from U.S. sources. As a result, it is possible that shareholders may have insufficient income from non-U.S. sources to claim a full credit for taxes passed through by a Fund, particularly to the extent those taxes are imposed on capital gains or on any portion of the Fund’s income attributable to currency exchange gain.

**PRC Taxation**

Each Fund’s investments in A-Shares will be subject to a number of PRC tax rules, and the application of some of those rules is at present uncertain. Moreover, the PRC has implemented a number of tax reforms in recent years including value added tax reform, and may continue to amend or revise existing PRC tax laws in the future. Changes in applicable PRC tax law could reduce the after-tax profits of a Fund, directly or indirectly, by reducing the after-tax profits of companies in the PRC in which such Fund invests.

PRC taxes that may apply to a Fund’s investments include corporate income tax or withholding taxes on dividends and interest earned by such Fund, withholding taxes on capital gains, value added tax and stamp duty.

If the Trust or a Fund were considered to be a tax resident enterprise of the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax at the rate of 25% on its worldwide taxable income. If the Trust or a Fund were considered to be a non-tax resident enterprise with a “permanent establishment” in the PRC, it would be subject to PRC corporate income tax on the profits attributable to the permanent establishment. The Adviser intends to operate the Trust and each Fund in a manner that will prevent them from being treated as tax resident enterprises of the PRC and from having a permanent establishment in the PRC. It is possible, however, that the PRC could disagree with that conclusion, or that changes in PRC tax law could affect the PRC corporate income tax status of the Trust or the Funds.

Effective as of November 17, 2014, Chinese authorities issued two circulars (Caishui [2014] 79 and Caishui [2014] 81) clarifying the corporate income tax policy of China in respect of QFIIs and RQFIIs and investments through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program. Pursuant to the circulars, each Fund is expected to be temporarily exempt from withholding tax on capital gains out of trading in A-Shares. Since there is no indication how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, it is possible each Fund may be subject to such withholding tax in future. If in the future China begins applying tax rules regarding the taxation of income from A-Shares investment to QFIIs and RQFIIs or investments through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect program, and/or begins collecting capital gains taxes on such investments, each Fund could be subject to withholding tax liability if a Fund determines that such liability cannot be reduced or eliminated by applicable tax treaties. The negative impact of any such tax liability on a Fund’s return could be substantial.

Stamp duty under the PRC laws generally applies to the execution and receipt of taxable documents, which include contracts for the sale of China A and B-Shares traded on PRC stock exchanges. In the case of such contracts, the stamp duty is currently imposed on the seller but not on the purchaser, at the rate of 0.1%. The sale or other transfer by the Adviser of A-Shares or B-Shares will accordingly be subject to PRC Stamp Duty, but the Adviser will not be subject to PRC Stamp Duty when it acquires A-Shares and B-Shares.

In the absence of specific guidance, RQFIIs such as the Adviser may be potentially subject to PRC value added tax at the rate of 6% on capital gains derived from the trading of A-Shares and interest income (if any). Existing guidance provides a temporary value added tax exemption for QFIIs and RQFIIs in respect of their gains derived from the trading of PRC securities. Since there is no indication of how long the temporary exemption will remain in effect, it is possible the Funds may be subject to such value added tax in the future. In addition, urban maintenance and construction tax (currently at rates ranging from 1% to 7%), educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 3%) and local educational surcharge (currently at the rate of 2%) (collectively, the “surtaxes”) are imposed based on value added tax liabilities, so if the Adviser or a Fund were liable for value added tax, it would also be required to pay the applicable surtaxes.
The PRC rules for taxation of RQFIIs and QFIIs are evolving and the tax regulations to be issued by the PRC State Administration of Taxation and/or PRC Ministry of Finance to clarify the subject matter may apply retrospectively, even if such rules are adverse to a Fund and its shareholders. The applicability of reduced treaty rates of withholding, in the case of an RQFII acting for a foreign investor such as each Fund, is also uncertain. The imposition of such taxes, particularly on a retrospective basis, could have a material adverse effect on a Fund’s returns.

The foregoing discussion is a summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax (and, where noted, PRC tax) considerations only and is not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Purchasers of shares should consult their own tax advisers as to the tax consequences of investing in such shares, including under state, local and non-U.S. tax laws. Finally, the foregoing discussion is based on applicable provisions of tax law, regulations, judicial authority and administrative interpretations in effect on the date of this SAI. Changes in applicable authority could materially affect the conclusions discussed above, and such changes often occur.

**DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION**

The Trust has adopted a Portfolio Holdings Policy (the “Policy”) designed to govern the disclosure of Fund portfolio holdings and the use of material non-public information about Fund holdings. The Policy applies to all officers, employees, and agents of a Fund, including the Adviser. The Policy is designed to ensure that the disclosure of information about a Fund’s portfolio holdings is consistent with applicable legal requirements and otherwise in the best interest of the Fund.

As an ETF, information about a Fund’s portfolio holdings is made available on a daily basis in accordance with the provisions of any exemptive order of the SEC applicable to the Fund, regulations of the Exchange and other applicable SEC regulations, orders and no-action relief. Such information typically reflects all or a portion of a Fund’s anticipated portfolio holdings as of the next Business Day. This information is used in connection with the creation and redemption process and is disseminated on a daily basis through the facilities of the Exchange, the NSCC and/or third-party service providers.

A Fund may disclose on its website at the start of each Business Day the identities and quantities of the securities and other assets held by the Fund that will form the basis of the Fund’s calculation of its NAV on that Business Day. The portfolio holdings so disclosed will be based on information as of the close of business on the prior Business Day and/or trades that have been completed prior to the opening of business on that Business Day and that are expected to settle on that Business Day.

Daily access to a Fund’s portfolio holdings with no lag time is permitted to personnel of the Adviser, the Fund’s distributor and the Fund’s administrator, custodian and accountant and other agents or service providers of the Trust who have need of such information in connection with the ordinary course of their respective duties to the Fund. The Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”) may authorize disclosure of portfolio holdings.

Each Fund may disclose its complete portfolio holdings or a portion of its portfolio holdings online at www.csopasset.us/en-us/home/. Online disclosure of such holdings is publicly available at no charge.

Each Fund files a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund’s Form N-Q is available on the SEC’s website at http://www.sec.gov and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC’s Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operations of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TRUST**

The Declaration of Trust authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of each Fund. Each share issued by a Fund has a pro rata interest in the assets of that Fund. Shares have no preemptive, exchange, subscription or conversion rights and are freely transferable. Each share is entitled to participate equally in dividends and distributions declared by the Board with respect to the relevant Fund, and in the net distributable assets of such Fund on liquidation.

Each share has one vote with respect to matters upon which a shareholder vote is required consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder. Shares of a Fund vote together as a single class.
Each share held entitles the shareholder of record to one vote. As a Delaware statutory trust, the Trust is not required to hold annual meetings of shareholders, but approval will be sought for certain changes in the operation of the Trust and for the election of Trustees under certain circumstances. In addition, a Trustee may be removed by the remaining Trustees or by shareholders at a special meeting called upon written request of shareholders owning at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust. In the event that such a meeting is requested, the Trust will provide appropriate assistance and information to the shareholders requesting the meeting.

Where the Prospectus or this SAI states that an investment limitation or a fundamental policy may not be changed without shareholder approval, such approval means the vote of: (i) 67% or more of a Fund’s shares present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of a Fund’s outstanding shares, whichever is less.

Following the creation of the initial Creation Unit(s) of shares of a Fund and immediately prior to the commencement of trading in such Fund’s shares, a holder of shares may be a “control person” of a Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act. A Fund cannot accurately predict the length of time for which one or more shareholders may remain a control person or persons of such Fund.

Any series of the Trust may reorganize or merge with one or more other series of the Trust or another investment company. Any such reorganization or merger shall be pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in an agreement and plan of reorganization authorized and approved by the Trustees and entered into by the relevant series in connection therewith. In addition, such reorganization or merger may be authorized by vote of a majority of the Trustees then in office and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, without the approval of shareholders of any series.

LIMITATION OF TRUSTEES’ LIABILITY

The Declaration of Trust provides that a Trustee shall be liable only for his or her own willful defaults and, if reasonable care has been exercised in the selection of officers, agents, employees or administrators, shall not be liable for any neglect or wrongdoing of any such person. The Declaration of Trust also provides that the Trust will indemnify its Trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses incurred in connection with actual or threatened litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust, unless it is determined in the manner provided in the Declaration of Trust that they have not acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that their actions were in the best interests of the Trust. However, nothing in the Declaration of Trust shall protect or indemnify a Trustee against any liability for his or her willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of his or her duties.

CODES OF ETHICS

The Board has adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. In addition, the Adviser and the Distributor have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to Rule 17j-1. These Codes of Ethics apply to the personal investing activities of trustees, officers and certain employees (“access persons”). Rule 17j-1 and the Codes are designed to prevent unlawful practices in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by access persons. Under each Code of Ethics, access persons are permitted to engage in personal securities transactions, but are required to report their personal securities transactions for monitoring purposes. In addition, certain access persons are required to obtain approval before investing in initial public offerings or private placements or are prohibited from making such investments. Copies of these Codes of Ethics are on file with the SEC, and are available to the public.

CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

Although the Trust does not have information concerning the beneficial ownership of shares nominally held by the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), as of January 1, 2019, the name, address and percentage ownership of each DTC participant that owned of record 5% or more of the outstanding shares of each Fund were as follows:
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Persons who own of record or beneficially more than 25% of a Fund’s outstanding shares may be deemed to control the Fund within the meaning of the 1940 Act. Shareholders controlling a Fund could have the ability to vote a majority of the shares of the Fund on any matter requiring the approval of shareholders of the Fund.

**Management Ownership**

As of January 1, 2019, the Trustees and officers as a group owned less than 1% of each Fund’s outstanding shares.

**CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT**

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. acts as custodian, transfer agent and dividend paying agent for each Fund.

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

BBD, LLP, located at 1835 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103

**LEGAL COUNSEL**

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, located at 1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20004, serves as counsel to the Trust.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Funds’ financial statements during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, and the independent registered public accounting firm report thereon, which are contained in the Trust’s Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 6, 2018, pursuant to Section 30(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 30b2-1 thereunder (SEC Accession # 0001144204-18-063353) and are incorporated herein by reference.
APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

Description of Corporate Bond Ratings

The following descriptions of corporate bond ratings have been published by Moody’s, S&P, and Fitch, Inc., (“Fitch”), respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF MOODY’S LONG-TERM RATINGS

Aaa — Bonds 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 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 risk appear somewhat larger than the Aaa securities.

A — Bonds 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 sometime in the future.

Baa — Bonds 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.

DESCRIPTION OF S&P’S LONG-TERM RATINGS

Investment Grade

AAA — Debt rated “AAA” has the highest rating assigned by S&P. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.

AA — Debt rated “AA” has a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differs from the highest rated debt only in small degree.

A — Debt rated “A” has a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal, although it is somewhat more susceptible to adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than debt in higher-rated categories.

BBB — Debt rated “BBB” is regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas it normally exhibits adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for debt in this category than in higher rated categories.

DESCRIPTION OF FITCH’S LONG-TERM RATINGS

Investment Grade Bond

AAA — Bonds rated AAA are judged to be strictly high-grade, broadly marketable, suitable for investment by trustees and fiduciary institutions and are liable to slight market fluctuation other than through changes in the money rate. The prime feature of an AAA bond is a showing of earnings several times or many times greater than interest requirements, with such stability of applicable earnings that safety is beyond reasonable question whatever changes occur in conditions.

AA — Bonds rated AA are judged to be of safety virtually beyond question and are readily salable, whose merits are not unlike those of the AAA class, but whose margin of safety is less strikingly broad. The issue may be the obligation of a small company, strongly secured but influenced as to rating by the lesser financial power of the enterprise and more local-type market.
A — Bonds rated A are considered to be investment grade and of high credit quality. The obligor’s ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be strong, but may be more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances than bonds with higher ratings.

BBB — Bonds rated BBB are considered to be investment grade and of satisfactory credit quality. The obligor’s ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be adequate. Adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances, however, are more likely to have adverse impact on these bonds, and therefore impair timely payment. The likelihood that the ratings of these bonds will fall below investment grade is higher than for bonds with higher ratings.

Description of Commercial Paper Ratings

The following descriptions of commercial paper ratings have been published by Moody’s, Standard and Poor’s, and Fitch, Inc., respectively.

DESCRIPTION OF MOODY’S SHORT-TERM RATINGS

PRIME-1 — Issuers rated Prime-1 (or supporting institutions) have a superior ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. Prime-1 repayment ability will often be evidenced by many of the following characteristics:

- Leading market positions in well-established industries.
- High rates of return on funds employed.
- Conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection.
- Broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation.
- Well-established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.

PRIME-2 — Issuers rated Prime-2 (or supporting institutions) have a strong ability for repayment of senior short-term debt obligations. This will normally be evidenced by many of the characteristics cited above but to a lesser degree. Earnings trends and coverage ratios, while sound, may be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

S&P’S SHORT-TERM RATINGS

A-1 — This highest category indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is strong. Debt determined to possess extremely strong safety characteristics is denoted with a plus sign (+) designation.

A-2 — Capacity for timely payment on issues with this designation is satisfactory. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated “A-1”.

DESCRIPTION OF FITCH’S SHORT-TERM RATINGS

F-1 — Highest Credit Quality. Indicates the best capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote exceptionally strong credit feature.

F-2 — Good Credit Quality. A satisfactory capacity for timely payment, but the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

F-3 — Fair Credit Quality. The capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate; however, near-term adverse changes could result in a reduction to non-investment grade.
APPENDIX B
CSOP ETF TRUST
PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Policy

Form N-1A requires an investment company to describe the policies and procedures that it uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities. In connection with this requirement, the Board of Trustees of CSOP ETF Trust has delegated its responsibility for voting proxies to CSOP Asset Management Limited (the “Adviser”). The Adviser may engage a third-party proxy voting agent to vote proxy(s) and maintain proxy voting records. The procedures shall be described in the Trust’s SAI.

Procedures

The Adviser will vote proxies in strict accordance with the Adviser’s Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures adopted by the Board. The Adviser shall report to the Board on the implementation and administration of the policies and procedures, including proxy votes involving a conflict of interest for the Adviser and deviations from the stated voting guidelines.

Implementation

This policy and procedures is effective as of March 2015.

CSOP ASSET MANAGEMENT LIMITED
PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

PROXY VOTING

Policy

Adviser as a matter of policy does not accept responsibility for voting proxies for portfolio securities held within Client accounts, with the exception of ERISA accounts. There are a few non-ERISA Client accounts for which Adviser continues to exercise proxy voting responsibility under grandfathered or negotiated arrangements. With respect to accounts over which Adviser performs proxy voting, it maintains written policies and procedures as to the handling, research, voting and reporting of proxy voting and makes appropriate disclosures about Adviser’s proxy policies and practices. Our policy and practice includes the responsibility to receive and vote Client proxies where authorized and disclose any potential conflicts of interest as well as making information available to Clients about the voting of proxies for their portfolio securities and maintaining relevant and required records. Adviser’s Advisory Agreements evidence the fact that voting authority has been retained by the Client. Under ERISA, Adviser is responsible to vote proxies for the Client in the absence of specific written acknowledgement by the Client that the authority has been retained or granted elsewhere. Adviser utilizes the services of a third party voting agent, Broadridge, which will in turn inform custodian to vote on behalf of the fund.
Proxy voting is an important right of shareholders and reasonable care and diligence must be undertaken to ensure that such rights are properly and timely exercised. The purpose of these proxy voting policies and procedures are to set forth the principles, guidelines and procedures by which Adviser votes the securities owned by its Clients for which Adviser exercises voting authority and discretion (the “Proxies”). These policies and procedures have been designed to ensure that Proxies are voted in the best interests of our Clients in accordance with our fiduciary duties and Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act. Investment advisers registered with the SEC, and which exercise voting authority with respect to Client securities, are required by Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act to (a) adopt and implement written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that Client securities are voted in the best interests of Clients, which must include how an adviser addresses material conflicts that may arise between an adviser's interests and those of its Clients; (b) to disclose to Clients how they may obtain information from the adviser with respect to the voting of proxies for their securities; (c) to describe to Clients a summary of its proxy voting policies and procedures and, upon request, furnish a copy to its Clients; and (d) maintain certain records relating to the adviser's proxy voting activities when the adviser does have proxy voting authority. Responsibility for voting the Proxies is established by investment management agreements or comparable documents with our Clients, and our proxy voting guidelines have been tailored to reflect these specific contractual obligations. In addition, our proxy guidelines reflect the fiduciary standards and responsibilities for ERISA accounts set out in Department of Labor Bulletin 94-2. These policies and procedures do not apply to any Client that has retained authority and discretion to vote its own proxies or delegated such authority and discretion to a third party; Adviser takes no responsibility for the voting of any proxies on behalf of any such Client. For those Clients that have delegated such authority and discretion to Adviser, these policies and procedures apply equally to registered investment companies, institutional and retail accounts. These proxy voting policies and procedures are available to all Clients of Adviser upon request, subject to the provision that these policies and procedures are subject to change at any time without notice.

Responsibility

The Chief Operating Officer (“COO”) is responsible for the implementation and monitoring of Adviser’s Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures, including associated practices, disclosures and recordkeeping, as well as oversight of the third-party voting agent. The COO may delegate responsibility for the performance of these activities but oversight and ultimate responsibility remain with the COO.

Procedures

Adviser has adopted various procedures to implement the firm’s Proxy Voting policy and reviews to monitor and ensure that the firm’s policy is observed, implemented properly and amended or updated, as appropriate. The procedures are as follows:

Proxy Voting Guidelines

The guiding principle by which Adviser votes, abstains or withholds its vote on all matters submitted to security holders is the maximization of the ultimate economic value of our Clients’ holdings. Furthermore, Adviser is mindful that for ERISA and other Covered Person benefit plans, the focus on the realization of economic value is solely for the benefit of plan participants and their beneficiaries. Adviser does not permit voting decisions to be influenced in any manner that is contrary to, or dilutive of, the guiding principle set forth above. It is our policy to avoid situations where there is any conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest affecting our voting decisions. Any conflicts of interest, regardless of whether actual or perceived, will be addressed in accordance with these policies and procedures.

It is the general policy of Adviser to consider voting on all matters presented to security holders in any Proxy, and these policies and procedures have been designed with that in mind. However, Adviser reserves the right to abstain on any particular vote or otherwise withhold its vote on any matter if in the judgment of Adviser, the costs associated with voting such Proxy outweigh the benefits to Clients or if the circumstances make such an abstention or withholding otherwise advisable and in the best interest of our Clients, in the judgment of Adviser. As a result, a standing instruction for each proxy voting category with rationale and cost/benefit analysis was pre-determined by the portfolio manager and pre-approved by the Board of Trustee of the Reportable Funds (see Appendix A-2 of the Adviser’s US Compliance Manual) for such purpose. While the guidelines included in the procedures are intended to provide a benchmark for voting standards, each vote, depending on the nature and details of proxy voting, is ultimately cast on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration Adviser’s contractual obligations to our Clients and all other relevant facts and circumstances at the time of the vote (such that these guidelines may be overridden to the extent Adviser believes appropriate). Adviser may vote proxies related to the same security differently for each Client.
For Clients that have delegated to Adviser the discretionary power to vote the securities held in their account, Adviser does not generally accept any subsequent directions on specific matters presented to security holders or particular securities held in the account, regardless of whether such subsequent directions are from the Client itself or a third party. Adviser views the delegation of discretionary voting authority as an absolute choice for its Clients. Adviser’s Clients shall be responsible for notifying their custodians of the name and address of the person or entity with voting authority.

In the event that Adviser acts as investment adviser to a closed-end and/or open-end registered investment company and is responsible for voting their proxies, such proxies will be voted in accordance with any applicable investment restrictions of the fund and, to the extent applicable, any proxy voting procedures or resolutions or other instructions approved by an authorized person of the Fund.

Absent any legal or regulatory requirement to the contrary, it is generally the policy of Adviser to maintain the confidentiality of the particular votes that it casts on behalf of its Clients. Any registered investment companies managed by Adviser disclose the votes cast on their behalf in accordance with all legal and regulatory requirements. Any Client of Adviser can obtain details of how Adviser has voted the securities in its account by contacting a service representative at Adviser. Adviser does not, however, generally disclose the results of voting decisions to third parties.

**Conflicts of Interest in Connection with Proxy Voting**

The COO has responsibility to monitor proxy voting decisions for any conflicts of interests, regardless of whether they are actual or perceived. In addition, all Covered Persons are expected to perform their tasks relating to the voting of Proxies in accordance with the principles set forth above, according the first priority to the economic interests of Adviser’s Clients. If at any time any Covered Person becomes aware of any potential or actual conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest regarding the voting policies and procedures described herein or any particular vote on behalf of any Client, he or she should contact any member of the COO or Adviser’s CCO. If any Covered Person is pressured or lobbied either from within or outside of Adviser with respect to any particular voting decision, he or she should contact the COO and/or Adviser’s CCO. The portfolio manager, COO and Adviser’s CCO will use his or her best judgment to address any such conflict of interest and ensure that it is resolved in the best interest of the Clients. The COO may cause any of the following actions to be taken in that regard:

- vote the relevant Proxy in accordance with the vote indicated by the Guidelines;
- vote the relevant Proxy as an Exception (as defined below), provided that the reasons behind the voting decision are in the best interest of the Client, are reasonably documented and are approved by the COO or CCO; or
- direct the third-party Proxy Voter to vote in accordance with its independent assessment of the matter.