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## Federated MDT Large Cap Growth Fund

A Portfolio of Federated MDT Series

This Statement of Additional Information (SAI) is not a Prospectus. Read this SAI in conjunction with the Prospectus for Federated MDT Large Cap Growth Fund (“Fund”), dated September 30, 2011.

This SAI incorporates by reference the Fund’s Annual Report. Obtain the Prospectus or the Annual Report without charge by calling 1-800-341-7400.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FEDERATED FUNDS

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## **SUPPLEMENT TO CURRENT STATEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Effective December 31, 2011, R. James Nicholson and James F. Will retired from their positions on the Federated Funds Board. Messrs. Nicholson and Will also retired from their positions on the Nominating Committee.

Effective January 1, 2012, John S. Walsh replaced Charles F. Mansfield as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Mr. Mansfield remains a member of the Audit Committee.

The Federated Funds include all of the following registrants (including any of their portfolios and/or share classes):

### **CASH TRUST SERIES II**

Federated Treasury Cash Series II

### **CASH TRUST SERIES, INC.**

Federated Government Cash Series  
Federated Municipal Cash Series  
Federated Prime Cash Series  
Federated Treasury Cash Series

### **FEDERATED ASSET ALLOCATION FUND**

### **FEDERATED ADJUSTABLE RATE SECURITIES FUND**

### **FEDERATED EQUITY FUNDS**

Federated Capital Appreciation Fund  
Federated Clover Small Value Fund  
Federated Clover Value Fund  
Federated Global Equity Fund  
Federated InterContinental Fund  
Federated International Strategic Value Dividend Fund  
Federated Kaufmann Fund  
Federated Kaufmann Large Cap Fund  
Federated Kaufmann Small Cap Fund  
Federated Market Opportunity Fund  
Federated Mid-Cap Growth Strategies Fund  
Federated Prudent Bear Fund  
Federated Strategic Value Dividend Fund

### **FEDERATED EQUITY INCOME FUND, INC.**

### **FEDERATED FIXED INCOME SECURITIES, INC.**

Federated Municipal Ultrashort Fund  
Federated Strategic Income Fund

### **FEDERATED GNMA TRUST**

### **FEDERATED HIGH INCOME BOND FUND, INC.**

### **FEDERATED HIGH YIELD TRUST**

## **FEDERATED INCOME SECURITIES TRUST**

Federated Capital Income Fund  
Federated Floating Rate Strategic Income Fund  
Federated Fund for U.S. Government Securities  
Federated Intermediate Corporate Bond Fund  
Federated Muni and Stock Advantage Fund  
Federated Prudent DollarBear Fund  
Federated Real Return Bond Fund  
Federated Short-Term Income Fund  
Federated Unconstrained Bond Fund

## **FEDERATED INCOME TRUST**

## **FEDERATED INDEX TRUST**

Federated Max-Cap Index Fund  
Federated Mid-Cap Index Fund

## **FEDERATED INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT FUND, INC.**

## **FEDERATED INSTITUTIONAL TRUST**

Federated Government Ultrashort Duration Fund  
Federated Institutional High Yield Bond Fund  
Federated Intermediate Government/Corporate Fund

## **FEDERATED INTERNATIONAL SERIES, INC.**

Federated International Bond Fund

## **FEDERATED INVESTMENT SERIES FUNDS, INC.**

Federated Bond Fund

## **FEDERATED MDT SERIES**

Federated MDT All Cap Core Fund  
Federated MDT Balanced Fund  
Federated MDT Large Cap Growth Fund  
Federated MDT Small Cap Core Fund  
Federated MDT Small Cap Growth Fund

## **FEDERATED MANAGED POOL SERIES**

Federated Corporate Bond Strategy Portfolio  
Federated High-Yield Strategy Portfolio  
Federated International Bond Strategy Portfolio  
Federated Mortgage Strategy Portfolio

## **FEDERATED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES FUND, INC.**

## **FEDERATED MUNICIPAL SECURITIES INCOME TRUST**

Federated Michigan Intermediate Municipal Trust  
Federated Municipal High Yield Advantage Fund  
Federated New York Municipal Income Fund  
Federated Ohio Municipal Income Fund  
Federated Pennsylvania Municipal Income Fund

## **FEDERATED MDT STOCK TRUST**

## **FEDERATED SHORT-INTERMEDIATE DURATION MUNICIPAL TRUST**

## **FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN GOVERNMENT BOND FUND**

## **FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN SERIES, INC.**

Federated Mortgage Fund  
Federated Total Return Bond Fund  
Federated Ultrashort Bond Fund

## **FEDERATED U.S. GOVERNMENT BOND FUND**

## **FEDERATED GOVERNMENT INCOME SECURITIES, INC.**

## **FEDERATED U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND: 1-3 YEARS**

## **FEDERATED U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND: 2-5 YEARS**

## **FEDERATED WORLD INVESTMENT SERIES, INC.**

Federated Emerging Market Debt Fund  
Federated International Leaders Fund  
Federated International Small-Mid Company Fund

## **INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL TRUST**

Federated Intermediate Municipal Trust

## **MONEY MARKET OBLIGATIONS TRUST**

Federated Alabama Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Automated Cash Management Trust  
Federated Automated Government Cash Reserves  
Federated Automated Government Money Trust  
Federated California Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Capital Reserves Fund  
Federated Connecticut Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Florida Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Georgia Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Government Obligations Fund  
Federated Government Obligations Tax-Managed Fund  
Federated Government Reserves Fund  
Federated Liberty U.S. Government Money Market Trust  
Federated Massachusetts Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Master Trust  
Federated Michigan Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Minnesota Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Money Market Management  
Federated Municipal Obligations Fund  
Federated Municipal Trust  
Federated New Jersey Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated New York Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated North Carolina Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Ohio Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Pennsylvania Municipal Cash Trust  
Federated Prime Cash Obligations Fund  
Federated Prime Management Obligations Fund  
Federated Prime Obligations Fund  
Federated Prime Value Obligations Fund  
Federated Tax-Free Obligations Fund  
Federated Tax-Free Trust  
Federated Treasury Obligations Fund  
Federated Trust for U.S. Treasury Obligations Fund  
Federated U.S. Treasury Cash Reserves  
Federated Virginia Municipal Cash Trust  
Tax-Free Money Market Fund

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## How is the Fund Organized?

The Fund is a diversified portfolio of Federated MDT Series (“Trust”). The Trust is an open-end, management investment company that was established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 18, 2006. The Trust may offer separate series of shares representing interests in separate portfolios of securities.

The Board of Trustees (“Board”) has established four classes of shares of the Fund, known as Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares and Institutional Shares (“Shares”). This SAI relates to all classes of Shares. The Fund’s investment adviser is Federated MDTA LLC (“MDT Advisers”).

MDT Large Cap Growth Fund (“Predecessor Fund”) was reorganized into the Fund as of the close of business on December 8, 2006. Prior to the reorganization, the Fund had no investment operations. The Fund is the successor to the Predecessor Fund. The performance information and financial information presented incorporates the operations of the Predecessor Fund, which, as a result of the reorganization, are the Fund’s performance and operations.

## Additional Investment Strategies

The Fund’s principal investment strategies are described in the Fund’s Prospectus. As a non-principal investment strategy, the Fund may also invest in derivatives, such as options or futures, in a manner that is consistent with its investment objective.

The Fund may use derivative contracts and/or hybrid instruments to implement elements of its investment strategy. For example, the Fund may use derivative contracts and/or hybrid instruments to increase or decrease the portfolio’s exposure to the investment(s) underlying the derivative or hybrid in an attempt to benefit from changes in the value of the underlying investments. The Fund may also, for example, use derivative contracts to:

- obtain premiums from the sale of derivative contracts;
- realize gains from trading a derivative contract; or
- hedge against potential losses.

There can be no assurance that the Fund’s use of derivative contracts or hybrid instruments will work as intended.

## Securities in Which the Fund Invests

The principal securities or other investments in which the Fund invests are described in the Fund’s Prospectus. The Fund also may invest in securities or other investments as non-principal investments for any purpose that is consistent with its investment objective. The following information is either additional information in respect of a principal security or other investment referenced in the Prospectus or information in respect of a non-principal security or other investment (in which case there is no related disclosure in the Prospectus).

### **SECURITIES DESCRIPTIONS AND TECHNIQUES**

#### **EQUITY SECURITIES**

Equity securities represent a share of an issuer’s earnings and assets, after the issuer pays its liabilities. The Fund cannot predict the income it will receive from equity securities because issuers generally have discretion as to the payment of any dividends or distributions. However, equity securities offer greater potential for appreciation than many other types of securities, because their value increases directly with the value of the issuer’s business. The following describes the types of equity securities in which the Fund invests.

#### **Preferred Stocks**

Preferred stocks have the right to receive specified dividends or distributions before the issuer makes payments on its common stock. Some preferred stocks also participate in dividends and distributions paid on common stock. Preferred stocks may also permit the issuer to redeem the stock. The Fund may also treat such redeemable preferred stock as a fixed-income security.

#### **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)**

REITs are real estate investment trusts that lease, operate and finance commercial real estate. REITs are exempt from federal corporate income tax if they limit their operations and distribute most of their income. Such tax requirements limit a REIT’s ability to respond to changes in the commercial real estate market.

## **Warrants**

Warrants give the Fund the option to buy the issuer's equity securities at a specified price (the "exercise price") at a specified future date (the "expiration date"). The Fund may buy the designated securities by paying the exercise price before the expiration date. Warrants may become worthless if the price of the stock does not rise above the exercise price by the expiration date. This increases the market risks of warrants as compared to the underlying security. Rights are the same as warrants, except companies typically issue rights to existing stockholders.

## **FIXED-INCOME SECURITIES**

Fixed-income securities pay interest, dividends or distributions at a specified rate. The rate may be a fixed percentage of the principal or may be adjusted periodically. In addition, the issuer of a fixed-income security must repay the principal amount of the security, normally within a specified time. Fixed-income securities provide more regular income than equity securities. However, the returns on fixed-income securities are limited and normally do not increase with the issuer's earnings. This limits the potential appreciation of fixed-income securities as compared to equity securities.

A security's yield measures the annual income earned on a security as a percentage of its price. A security's yield will increase or decrease depending upon whether it costs less (a "discount") or more (a "premium") than the principal amount. If the issuer may redeem the security before its scheduled maturity, the price and yield on a discount or premium security may change based upon the probability of an early redemption. Securities with higher risks generally have higher yields.

The following describes the types of fixed-income securities in which the Fund invests.

### **Treasury Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Treasury securities are direct obligations of the federal government of the United States. Treasury securities are generally regarded as having the lowest credit risks.

### **Government Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Government securities are issued or guaranteed by a federal agency or instrumentality acting under federal authority. Some government securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. These include the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), Small Business Administration, Federal Financing Bank, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Export-Import Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Other government securities receive support through federal subsidies, loans or other benefits. For example, the U.S. Treasury is authorized to purchase specified amounts of securities issued by (or otherwise make funds available to) the Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac"), Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") and Tennessee Valley Authority in support of such obligations.

A few government securities have no explicit financial support, but are regarded as having implied support because the federal government sponsors their activities. These include Farm Credit System and Financing Corporation securities.

The Fund treats mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by a federal agency or instrumentality as government securities. Although such a guarantee protects against credit risks, it does not reduce other risks.

**Recent Events Related to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.** The extreme and unprecedented volatility and disruption that impacted the capital and credit markets beginning in 2008 led to market concerns regarding the ability of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae to withstand future credit losses associated with securities held in their investment portfolios, and on which they provide guarantees, without the direct support of the federal government. On September 7, 2008, both Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae were placed under the conservatorship of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), a newly created independent regulator. Under the plan of conservatorship, the FHFA assumed control of, and generally has the power to direct, the operations of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, and is empowered to exercise all powers collectively held by their respective shareholders, directors and officers, including the power to: (1) take over the assets of and operate Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae with all the powers of the shareholders, the directors, and the officers of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and conduct all business of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae; (2) collect all obligations and money due to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae; (3) perform all functions of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae which are consistent with the conservator's appointment; (4) preserve and conserve the assets and property of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae; and (5) contract for assistance in fulfilling any function, activity, action or duty of the conservator.

In connection with the actions taken by the FHFA, the Treasury has entered into certain preferred stock purchase agreements (SPAs) with each of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae which establish the Treasury as the holder of a new class of senior preferred stock in each of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The senior preferred stock was issued in connection with financial contributions from the Treasury to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae; the Treasury is obligated to provide such financial contributions under the SPAs through 2012. The SPAs impose significant restrictions on the activities of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

The future status and role of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae could be impacted by (among other things) the actions taken and restrictions placed on Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae by the FHFA in its role as conservator, the restrictions placed on Freddie Mac's and Fannie Mae's operations and activities under the SPAs, market responses to developments at Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and future legislative and regulatory action that alters the operations, ownership, structure and/or mission of these institutions, each of which may, in turn, impact the value of, and cash flows on, any securities guaranteed by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae.

#### **Corporate Debt Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Corporate debt securities are fixed-income securities issued by businesses. Notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper are the most prevalent types of corporate debt securities. The Fund may also purchase interests in bank loans to companies. The credit risks of corporate debt securities vary widely among issuers.

In addition, the credit risk of an issuer's debt security may vary based on its priority for repayment. For example, higher ranking ("senior") debt securities have a higher priority than lower ranking ("subordinated") securities. This means that the issuer might not make payments on subordinated securities while continuing to make payments on senior securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy, holders of senior securities may receive amounts otherwise payable to the holders of subordinated securities. Some subordinated securities, such as trust preferred and capital securities notes, also permit the issuer to defer payments under certain circumstances. For example, insurance companies issue securities known as surplus notes that permit the insurance company to defer any payment that would reduce its capital below regulatory requirements.

#### **Commercial Paper (A Type of Corporate Debt Security)**

Commercial paper is an issuer's obligation with a maturity of less than nine months. Companies typically issue commercial paper to pay for current expenditures. Most issuers constantly reissue their commercial paper and use the proceeds (or bank loans) to repay maturing paper. If the issuer cannot continue to obtain liquidity in this fashion, its commercial paper may default. The short maturity of commercial paper generally reduces both the market and credit risks as compared to other debt securities of the same issuer.

#### **Demand Instruments (A Type of Corporate Debt Security)**

Demand instruments are corporate securities that require the issuer or a third party, such as a dealer or bank (the "Demand Provider"), to repurchase the security for its face value upon demand. Some demand instruments are "conditional," so that the occurrence of certain conditions relieves the Demand Provider of its obligation to repurchase the security. Other demand instruments are "unconditional," so that there are no conditions under which the Demand Provider's obligation to repurchase the security can terminate. The fund treats demand instruments as short-term securities, even though their stated maturity may extend beyond one year.

#### **Mortgage-Backed Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Mortgage-backed securities represent interests in pools of mortgages. The mortgages that comprise a pool normally have similar interest rates, maturities, and other terms. Mortgages may have fixed or adjustable interest rates. Interests in pools of adjustable-rate mortgages are known as ARMs.

Mortgage-backed securities come in a variety of forms. The simplest forms of mortgage-backed securities are pass-through certificates. Holders of pass-through certificates receive a pro rata share of all net interest and principal payments and prepayments from the underlying mortgages. As a result, the holders assume all interest rate and prepayment risks of the underlying mortgages. Other mortgage-backed securities may have more complicated financial structures.

The Fund may invest in both agency mortgage-backed securities and in mortgage-backed securities that are issued by private entities. Securities issued by private entities must be rated investment grade by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). The ability to invest in securities issued by a private entity creates additional credit risk.

#### **Zero-Coupon Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Zero-coupon securities do not pay interest or principal until final maturity unlike debt securities that provide periodic payments of interest (referred to as a coupon payment). Investors buy zero-coupon securities at a price below the amount payable at maturity. The difference between the purchase price and the amount paid at maturity represents interest on the zero-coupon security. Investors must wait until maturity to receive interest and principal, which increases the interest rate and credit risks of a zero-coupon security. A zero-coupon step-up security converts to a coupon security before final maturity.

There are many forms of zero-coupon securities. Some are issued at a discount and are referred to as zero coupon or capital appreciation bonds. Others are created from interest bearing bonds by separating the right to receive the bond's coupon payments from the right to receive the bond's principal due at maturity, a process known as coupon stripping. Treasury STRIPs, IOs and POs are the most common forms of stripped zero-coupon securities. In addition, some securities give the issuer the option to deliver additional securities in place of cash interest payments, thereby increasing the amount payable at maturity. These are referred to as pay-in-kind or PIK securities.

### **Stripped Securities**

As a non-principal strategy, the Fund may have the ability to purchase participations in trusts that hold U.S. Treasury and agency securities (such as TIGRs and CATs) and also may purchase Treasury receipts and other "stripped" securities that evidence ownership in either the future interest payments or the future principal payments of U.S. government obligations. These participations are issued at a discount to their "face value," and may (particularly in the case of stripped mortgage-backed securities) exhibit greater price volatility than ordinary debt securities because of the manner in which their principal and interest are returned to investors.

### **Asset-Backed Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Asset-backed securities are payable from pools of obligations other than mortgages. Most asset-backed securities involve consumer or commercial debts with maturities of less than ten years. However, almost any type of fixed-income assets (including other fixed-income securities) may be used to create an asset-backed security. Asset-backed securities may take the form of commercial paper, notes, or pass through certificates. Asset-backed securities have prepayment risks. Like CMOs, asset-backed securities may be structured like Floaters, Inverse Floaters, IOs and POs.

### **Bank Instruments (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Bank instruments are unsecured interest bearing deposits with banks. Bank instruments include, but are not limited to, bank accounts, time deposits, certificates of deposit and banker's acceptances. Yankee instruments are denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by U.S. branches of foreign banks. Eurodollar instruments are denominated in U.S. dollars and issued by non-U.S. branches of U.S. or foreign banks.

### **CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES**

Convertible securities are fixed-income securities or preferred stocks that the Fund has the option to exchange for equity securities at a specified conversion price. The option allows the Fund to realize additional returns if the market price of the equity securities exceeds the conversion price. For example, the Fund may hold fixed-income securities that are convertible into shares of common stock at a conversion price of \$10 per share. If the market value of the shares of common stock reached \$12, the Fund could realize an additional \$2 per share by converting its fixed-income securities.

Convertible securities have lower yields than comparable fixed-income securities. In addition, at the time a convertible security is issued the conversion price exceeds the market value of the underlying equity securities. Thus, convertible securities may provide lower returns than non-convertible fixed-income securities or equity securities depending upon changes in the price of the underlying equity securities. However, convertible securities permit the Fund to realize some of the potential appreciation of the underlying equity securities with less risk of losing its initial investment.

The Fund treats convertible securities as both fixed-income and equity securities for purposes of its investment policies and limitations, because of their unique characteristics.

### **FOREIGN SECURITIES**

Foreign securities are securities of issuers based outside the United States. The Fund considers an issuer to be based outside the United States if:

- it is organized under the laws of, or has a principal office located in, another country;
- the principal trading market for its securities is in another country; or
- it (directly or through its consolidated subsidiaries) derived in its most current fiscal year at least 50% of its total assets, capitalization, gross revenue or profit from goods produced, services performed or sales made in another country.

Foreign securities are primarily denominated in foreign currencies. Along with the risks normally associated with domestic securities of the same type, foreign securities are subject to currency risks and risks of foreign investing. Trading in certain foreign markets is also subject to liquidity risks.

For purposes of complying with any limitation on the investment in foreign securities, the Adviser will not consider securities of a company organized outside of the United States to be “foreign securities” if: (1) their principal trading market is in the United States; (2) the securities are denominated in U.S. dollars; and (3) the issuer/company files financial statements with the SEC or other U.S. regulatory authority. However, these securities may still be subject to the risks associated with foreign securities described in the Fund’s Prospectus and/or SAI.

### **Depository Receipts (A Type of Foreign Equity Security)**

Depository receipts represent interests in underlying securities issued by a foreign company. Depository receipts are not traded in the same market as the underlying security. The foreign securities underlying American Depository Receipts (ADRs) are traded outside the United States. ADRs provide a way to buy shares of foreign-based companies in the United States rather than in overseas markets. ADRs are also traded in U.S. dollars, eliminating the need for foreign exchange transactions. The foreign securities underlying European Depository Receipts (EDRs), Global Depository Receipts (GDRs) and International Depository Receipts (IDRs), are traded globally or outside the United States. Depository receipts involve many of the same risks of investing directly in foreign securities, including currency risks and risks of foreign investing.

### **Foreign Exchange Contracts**

In order to convert U.S. dollars into the currency needed to buy a foreign security, or to convert foreign currency received from the sale of a foreign security into U.S. dollars, the Fund may enter into spot currency trades. In a spot trade, the Fund agrees to exchange one currency for another at the current exchange rate. The Fund may also enter into derivative contracts in which a foreign currency is an underlying asset. The exchange rate for currency derivative contracts may be higher or lower than the spot exchange rate. Use of these derivative contracts may increase or decrease the Fund’s exposure to currency risks.

### **Foreign Government Securities**

Foreign government securities generally consist of fixed-income securities supported by national, state or provincial governments or similar political subdivisions. Foreign government securities also include debt obligations of supranational entities, such as international organizations designed or supported by governmental entities to promote economic reconstruction or development, international banking institutions and related government agencies. Examples of these include, but are not limited to, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank), the Asian Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Foreign government securities also include fixed-income securities of quasi-governmental agencies that are either issued by entities owned by a national, state or equivalent government or are obligations of a political unit that are not backed by the national government’s full faith and credit. Further, foreign government securities include mortgage-related securities issued or guaranteed by national, state or provincial governmental instrumentalities, including quasi-governmental agencies.

### **Emerging Market Securities**

As a non-principal strategy, the Fund may also invest in emerging market countries or developing countries. Developing countries may impose restrictions on a Fund’s ability to repatriate investment income or capital. Even where there is no outright restriction on repatriation of investment income or capital, the mechanics of repatriation may affect certain aspects of the operations of the Fund. For example, funds may be withdrawn from the People’s Republic of China only in U.S. or Hong Kong dollars and only at an exchange rate established by the government once each week. Furthermore, some of the currencies in emerging markets have experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and major adjustments have been made periodically in certain of such currencies. Certain developing countries face serious exchange constraints.

Governments of some developing countries exercise substantial influence over many aspects of the private sector. In some countries, the government owns or controls many companies, including the largest in the country. As such, government actions in the future could have a significant effect on economic conditions in developing countries in these regions, which could affect private sector companies, a portfolio and the value of its securities. Furthermore, certain developing countries are among the largest debtors to commercial banks and foreign governments. Trading in debt obligations issued or guaranteed by such governments or their agencies and instrumentalities involve a high degree of risk.

## **DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS**

Derivative contracts are financial instruments that require payments based upon changes in the values of designated securities, commodities, currencies, indices, or other assets or instruments including other derivative contracts, (each a “Reference Instrument” and collectively, “Reference Instruments”). Each party to a derivative contract is referred to as a counterparty. Some derivative contracts require payments relating to an actual, future trade involving the Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are frequently referred to as “physically settled” derivatives. Other derivative contracts require payments relating to the income or returns from, or changes in the market value of, a Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are known as “cash settled” derivatives, since they require cash payments in lieu of delivery of the Reference Instrument.

Many derivative contracts are traded on securities or commodities exchanges. In this case, the exchange sets all the terms of the contract except for the price. Investors make payments due under their contracts through the exchange. Most exchanges require investors to maintain margin accounts through their brokers to cover their potential obligations to the exchange. Parties to the contract make (or collect) daily payments to the margin accounts to reflect losses (or gains) in the value of their contracts. This protects investors against potential defaults by the counterparty. Trading contracts on an exchange also allows investors to close out their contracts by entering into offsetting contracts.

For example, the Fund could close out an open contract to buy an asset at a future date by entering into an offsetting contract to sell the same asset on the same date. If the offsetting sale price is more than the original purchase price, the Fund realizes a gain; if it is less, the Fund realizes a loss. Exchanges may limit the amount of open contracts permitted at any one time. Such limits may prevent the Fund from closing out a position. If this happens, the Fund will be required to keep the contract open (even if it is losing money on the contract), and to make any payments required under the contract (even if it has to sell portfolio securities at unfavorable prices to do so). Inability to close out a contract could also harm the Fund by preventing it from disposing of or trading any assets it has been using to secure its obligations under the contract.

The Fund may also trade derivative contracts over-the-counter (OTC) in transactions negotiated directly between the Fund and the counterparty. OTC contracts do not necessarily have standard terms, so they may be less liquid and more difficult to close-out than exchange-traded contracts. In addition, OTC contracts with more specialized terms may be more difficult to value than exchange traded contracts, especially in times of financial stress.

Depending on how the Fund uses derivative contracts and the relationships between the market value of a derivative contract and the Reference Instrument, derivative contracts may increase or decrease the Fund’s exposure to the risks of the Reference Instrument, and may also expose the fund to liquidity and leverage risks. OTC contracts also expose the Fund to credit risks in the event that a counterparty defaults on the contract.

The Fund may invest in a derivative contract if it is permitted to own, invest in, or otherwise have economic exposure to the Reference Instrument. The Fund is not required to own a Reference Instrument in order to buy or sell a derivative contract relating to that Reference Instrument. The Fund may trade in the following specific types and/or combinations of derivative contracts:

### **Futures Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a Reference Instrument at a specified price, date and time. Entering into a contract to buy a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as buying a contract or holding a long position in the asset. Entering into a contract to sell a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as selling a contract or holding a short position in the Reference Instrument. Futures contracts are considered to be commodity contracts. The Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” under the Commodity Exchange Act and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under that Act. Futures contracts traded OTC are frequently referred to as forward contracts. The Fund can buy or sell financial futures (such as interest rate futures, index futures and security futures), as well as, currency futures and currency forward contracts.

### **Interest Rate Futures**

An interest-rate futures contract is an exchange-traded contract for which the Reference Instrument is an interest-bearing fixed-income security or an inter-bank deposit. Two examples of common interest rate futures contracts are U.S. Treasury futures contracts and Eurodollar futures contracts. The Reference Instrument for a U.S. Treasury futures contract is a U.S. Treasury security. The Reference Instrument for a Eurodollar futures contract is the London Interbank Offered Rate (commonly referred to as LIBOR); Eurodollar futures contracts enable the purchaser to obtain a fixed rate for the lending of funds over a stated period of time and the seller to obtain a fixed rate for a borrowing of funds over that same period.

## **Index Futures**

An index futures contract is an exchange-traded contract to make or receive a payment based upon changes in the value of an index. An index is a statistical composite that measures changes in the value of designated Reference Instruments. An index is usually computed by a sum product of a list of the designated Reference Instruments' current prices and a list of weights assigned to these Reference Instruments.

## **Security Futures**

A security futures contract is an exchange-traded contract to purchase or sell in the future a specific quantity of a security (other than a Treasury security) or a narrow-based securities index at a certain price. Presently, the only available security futures contracts use shares of a single equity security as the Reference Instrument. However, it is possible that in the future security futures contracts will be developed that use a single fixed-income security as the Reference Instrument.

## **Currency Futures and Currency Forward Contracts (A Type of Futures Contracts)**

A currency futures contract is an exchange-traded contract to buy or sell a particular currency at a specific price at some time in the future (commonly three months or more). A currency forward contract is an OTC derivative that represents an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, at a price set at the time of the contract and for a period agreed upon by the parties which may be either a window of time or a fixed number of days from the date of the contract. Currency futures and forward contracts are highly volatile, with a relatively small price movement potentially resulting in substantial gains or losses to the Fund. Additionally, the Fund may lose money on currency futures and forward contracts if changes in currency rates do not occur as anticipated or if the Fund's counterparty to the contract were to default.

## **Option Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Option contracts (also called "options") are rights to buy or sell a Reference Instrument for a specified price (the exercise price) during, or at the end of, a specified period. The seller (or writer) of the option receives a payment, or premium, from the buyer, which the writer keeps regardless of whether the buyer uses (or exercises) the option. Options can trade on exchanges or in the OTC market and may be bought or sold on a wide variety of Reference Instruments. Options that are written on futures contracts will be subject to margin requirements similar to those applied to futures contracts.

The Fund may buy and/or sell the following types of options:

### **Call Options**

A call option gives the holder (buyer) the right to buy the Reference Instrument from the seller (writer) of the option. The Fund may use call options in the following ways:

- Buy call options on a Reference Instrument in anticipation of an increase in the value of the Reference Instrument; and
- Write call options on a Reference Instrument to generate income from premiums, and in anticipation of a decrease or only limited increase in the value of the Reference Instrument. If the Fund writes a call option on a Reference Instrument that it owns and that call option is exercised, the Fund foregoes any possible profit from an increase in the market price of the Reference Instrument over the exercise price plus the premium received.

### **Put Options**

A put option gives the holder the right to sell the Reference Instrument to the writer of the option. The Fund may use put options in the following ways:

- Buy put options on a Reference Instrument in anticipation of a decrease in the value of the Reference Instrument; and
- Write put options on a Reference Instrument to generate income from premiums, and in anticipation of an increase or only limited decrease in the value of the Reference Instrument. In writing puts, there is a risk that the Fund may be required to take delivery of the Reference Instrument when its current market price is lower than the exercise price.

The Fund may also buy or write options, as needed, to close out existing option positions.

Finally, the Fund may enter into combinations of options contracts in an attempt to benefit from changes in the prices of those options contracts (without regard to changes in the value of the Reference Instrument).

## **Swap Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

A swap contract (also known as a "swap") is a type of derivative contract in which two parties agree to pay each other (swap) the returns derived from Reference Instruments. Most swaps do not involve the delivery of the underlying assets by either party, and the parties might not own the Reference Instruments. The payments are usually made on a net basis so that, on any given day, the Fund would receive (or pay) only the amount by which its payment under the contract is less than (or exceeds) the amount of the other party's payment. Swap agreements are sophisticated instruments that can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. Common swap agreements that the Fund may use include:

## **Interest Rate Swaps**

Interest rate swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make regular payments equal to a fixed or floating interest rate times a stated principal amount (commonly referred to as a “notional principal amount”) in return for payments equal to a different fixed or floating rate times the same principal amount, for a specific period. For example, a \$10 million London Interbank Offered Rate (commonly referred to as LIBOR) swap would require one party to pay the equivalent of the London Interbank Offered Rate of interest (which fluctuates) on \$10 million principal amount in exchange for the right to receive the equivalent of a stated fixed rate of interest on \$10 million principal amount.

## **Total Return Swaps**

A total return swap is an agreement between two parties whereby one party agrees to make payments of the total return from a Reference Instrument (or a basket of such instruments) during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from another Reference Instrument. Alternately, a total return swap can be structured so that one party will make payments to the other party if the value of a Reference Instrument increases, but receive payments from the other party if the value of that instrument decreases.

## **Credit Default Swaps**

A credit default swap (CDS) is an agreement between two parties whereby one party (the “Protection Buyer”) agrees to make payments over the term of the CDS to the other party (the “Protection Seller”), provided that no designated event of default, restructuring or other credit related event (each a “Credit Event”) occurs with respect to Reference Instrument that is usually a particular bond or the unsecured credit of an issuer, in general (the “Reference Obligation”). Many CDS are physically settled, which means that if a Credit Event occurs, the Protection Seller must pay the Protection Buyer the full notional value, or “par value,” of the Reference Obligation in exchange for delivery by the Protection Buyer of the Reference Obligation or another similar obligation issued by the issuer of the Reference Obligation (the “Deliverable Obligation”). The Counterparties agree to the characteristics of the Deliverable Obligation at the time that they enter into the CDS. Alternately, a CDS can be “cash settled,” which means that upon the occurrence of a Credit Event, the Protection Buyer will receive a payment from the Protection Seller equal to the difference between the par amount of the Reference Obligation and its market value at the time of the Credit Event. The Fund may be either the Protection Buyer or the Protection Seller in a CDS. If the Fund is a Protection Buyer and no Credit Event occurs, the Fund will lose its entire investment in the CDS (i.e., an amount equal to the payments made to the Protection Seller over the term of the CDS). However, if a Credit Event occurs, the Fund (as Protection Buyer) will deliver the Deliverable Obligation and receive a payment equal to the full notional value of the Reference Obligation, even though the Reference Obligation may have little or no value. If the Fund is the Protection Seller and no Credit Event occurs, the Fund will receive a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the CDS. However, if a Credit Event occurs, the Fund (as Protection Seller) will pay the Protection Buyer the full notional value of the Reference Obligation and receive the Deliverable Obligation from the Protection Buyer. A CDS may involve greater risks than if the Fund invested directly in the Reference Obligation. For example, a CDS may increase credit risk since the Fund has exposure to both the issuer of the Reference Obligation and the Counterparty to the CDS.

## **Currency Swaps**

Currency swaps are contracts which provide for interest payments in different currencies. The parties might agree to exchange the notional principal amounts of the currencies as well (commonly called a “foreign exchange swap”).

## **Caps and Floors (A Type of Swap Contract)**

Caps and Floors are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments only if an interest rate or index goes above (Cap) or below (Floor) a certain level in return for a fee from the other party.

## **OTHER INVESTMENTS, TRANSACTIONS, TECHNIQUES**

### **Delayed Delivery Transactions**

Delayed delivery transactions, including when-issued transactions, are arrangements in which the Fund buys securities for a set price, with payment and delivery of the securities scheduled for a future time. During the period between purchase and settlement, no payment is made by the Fund to the issuer and no interest accrues to the Fund. The Fund records the transaction when it agrees to buy the securities and reflects their value in determining the price of its Shares. Settlement dates may be a month or more after entering into these transactions so that the market values of the securities bought may vary from the purchase prices. Therefore, delayed delivery transactions create interest rate risks for the Fund. Delayed delivery transactions also involve credit risks in the event of a counterparty default.

## **Repurchase Agreements**

Repurchase agreements are transactions in which the Fund buys a security from a dealer or bank and agrees to sell the security back at a mutually agreed upon time and price. The repurchase price exceeds the sale price, reflecting the Fund's return on the transaction. This return is unrelated to the interest rate on the underlying security. The Fund will enter into repurchase agreements only with banks and other recognized financial institutions, such as securities dealers, deemed creditworthy by the Adviser.

The Fund's custodian or subcustodian will take possession of the securities subject to repurchase agreements. The Adviser or subcustodian will monitor the value of the underlying security each day to ensure that the value of the security always equals or exceeds the repurchase price.

Repurchase agreements are subject to credit risks.

## **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

Reverse repurchase agreements are repurchase agreements in which the Fund is the seller (rather than the buyer) of the securities, and agrees to repurchase them at an agreed upon time and price. A reverse repurchase agreement may be viewed as a type of borrowing by the Fund. Reverse repurchase agreements are subject to credit risks. In addition, reverse repurchase agreements create leverage risks because the Fund must repurchase the underlying security at a higher price, regardless of the market value of the security at the time of repurchase.

## **Hybrid Instruments**

Hybrid instruments combine elements of two different kinds of securities or financial instruments (such as a derivative contract). Frequently, the value of a hybrid instrument is determined by reference to changes in the value of a Reference Instrument (that is a designated security, commodity, currency, index, or other asset or instrument including a derivative contract). Hybrid instruments can take on many forms including, but not limited to, the following forms. First, a common form of a hybrid instrument combines elements of a derivative contract with those of another security (typically a fixed-income security). In this case all or a portion of the interest or principal payable on a hybrid security is determined by reference to changes in the price of a Reference Instrument. Second, a hybrid instrument may also combine elements of a fixed-income security and an equity security. Third, hybrid instruments may include convertible securities with conversion terms related to a Reference Instrument.

Depending on the type and terms of the hybrid instrument, its risks may reflect a combination of the risks of investing in the Reference Instrument with the risks of investing in other securities, currencies and derivative contracts. Thus, an investment in a hybrid instrument may entail significant risks in addition to those associated with traditional securities or the Reference Instrument. Hybrid instruments are also potentially more volatile than traditional securities or the Reference Instrument. Moreover, depending on the structure of the particular hybrid, it may expose the Fund to leverage risks or carry liquidity risks.

## **Credit Linked Note (A Type of Hybrid Instrument)**

A credit linked note (CLN) is a type of hybrid instrument in which a special purpose entity issues a structured note (the "Note Issuer") with respect to which the Reference Instrument is a single bond, a portfolio of bonds, or the unsecured credit of an issuer, in general (each a "Reference Credit"). The purchaser of the CLN (the "Note Purchaser") invests a par amount and receives a payment during the term of the CLN that equals a fixed or floating rate of interest equivalent to a high rated funded asset (such as a bank certificate of deposit) plus an additional premium that relates to taking on the credit risk of the Reference Credit. Upon maturity of the CLN, the Note Purchaser will receive a payment equal to: (i) the original par amount paid to the Note Issuer, if there is no occurrence of a designated event of default, restructuring or other credit event (each a "Credit Event") with respect to the issuer of the Reference Credit; or (ii) the market value of the Reference Credit, if a Credit Event has occurred. Depending upon the terms of the CLN, it is also possible that the Note Purchaser may be required to take physical delivery of the Reference Credit in the event of a Credit Event. Most credit linked notes use a corporate bond (or a portfolio of corporate bonds) as the Reference Credit. However, almost any type of fixed-income security (including foreign government securities), index, or derivative contract (such as a credit default swap) can be used as the Reference Credit.

## **Equity Linked Note (A Type of Hybrid Instrument)**

An equity linked note (ELN) is a type of hybrid instrument that provides the noteholder with exposure to a single equity security, a basket of equity securities, or an equity index (the "Reference Equity Instrument"). Typically, an ELN pays interest at agreed rates over a specified time period and, at maturity, either converts into shares of a Reference Equity Instrument or returns a payment to the noteholder based on the change in value of a Reference Equity Instrument.

## **Short Sales**

As a non-principal strategy, the Fund has the ability to make short sales. Short sales are transactions where the Fund sells securities it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the securities. The Fund must borrow the security to deliver it to the buyer. The Fund is then obligated to replace the security borrowed at the market price at the time of replacement. Until the security is replaced, the Fund is required to pay the lender any dividends or interest which accrues on the security during the loan period. To borrow the security, the Fund also may be required to pay a premium, which would increase the cost of the security sold. To the extent necessary to meet margin requirements, the broker will retain proceeds of the short sale until the short position is closed out. The Adviser anticipates that the frequency of short sales will vary substantially under different market conditions and the Fund does not intend that any significant amount of its assets, as a matter of practice, will be in short sales, if any.

In addition to the short sales discussed above, the Fund also has the ability to make short sales “against the box,” a transaction in which the Fund enters into a short sale of a security owned by such Fund. A broker holds the proceeds of the short sale until the settlement date, at which time the Fund delivers the security to close the short position. The Fund receives the net proceeds from the short sale.

When the Fund’s portfolio manager anticipates that the price of a security will decline, the portfolio manager may sell the security short and borrow the same security from a broker or other institution to complete the sale. The Fund may make a profit or incur a loss depending upon whether the market price of the security decreases or increases between the date of the short sale and the date on which the Fund must replace the borrowed security. An increase in the value of a security sold short by the Fund over the price at which it was sold short will result in a loss to the Fund, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to close out the position at any particular time or at an acceptable price. Use of short sales by the Fund may have the effect of providing the Fund with investment leverage.

The Fund may sell a security short in an effort to take advantage of an anticipated decline in the price of the security. In a short sale, the Fund sells a security it does not own, and must borrow the security in order to deliver it at completion of the sale. The Fund then has an obligation to replace the borrowed security. If it can buy the security back at a lower price than it sold it for, a profit results. If it has to buy the security back at a higher price, a loss results. Short sales are speculative in nature, and may reduce returns or increase volatility.

## **Securities Lending**

The Fund may lend portfolio securities to borrowers that the Adviser deems creditworthy. In return, the Fund receives cash or liquid securities from the borrower as collateral. The borrower must furnish additional collateral if the market value of the loaned securities increases. Also, the borrower must pay the Fund the equivalent of any dividends or interest received on the loaned securities.

The Fund will reinvest cash collateral in securities that qualify as an acceptable investment for the Fund. However, the Fund must pay interest to the borrower for the use of cash collateral.

Loans are subject to termination at the option of the Fund or the borrower. The Fund will not have the right to vote on securities while they are on loan. However, the Fund will attempt to terminate a loan in an effort to reacquire the securities in time to vote on matters that are deemed to be material by the Adviser. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have sufficient notice of such matters to be able to terminate the loan in time to vote thereon. The Fund may pay administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan and may pay a negotiated portion of the interest earned on the cash collateral to a securities lending agent or broker.

Securities lending activities are subject to interest rate risks and credit risks. These transactions create leverage risks.

## **Asset Segregation**

In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and SEC staff positions regarding the interpretation of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“1940 Act”), with respect to derivatives that create a future payment obligation of the Fund, the Fund must “set aside” (referred to sometimes as “asset segregation”) liquid assets, or engage in other SEC- or staff-approved measures, while the derivative contracts are open. For example, with respect to forwards and futures contracts that are not contractually required to “cash-settle,” the Fund must cover its open positions by setting aside cash or readily marketable securities equal to the contracts’ full, notional value. With respect to forwards and futures that are contractually required to “cash-settle,” however, the Fund is permitted to set aside cash or readily marketable securities in an amount equal to the Fund’s daily marked-to-market (“net”) obligations, if any (i.e., the Fund’s daily net liability, if any), rather than the notional value.

The Fund will employ another approach to segregating assets to cover options that it sells. If the Fund sells a call option, the Fund will set aside either the Reference Instrument subject to the option, cash or readily marketable securities with a value that equals or exceeds the current market value of the Reference Instrument. In no event, will the value of the cash or readily marketable securities set aside by the Fund be less than the exercise price of the call option. If the Fund sells a put option, the Fund will set aside cash or readily marketable securities with a value that equals or exceeds the exercise price of the put option.

The Fund's asset segregation approach for swap agreements varies among different types of swaps. For example, if the Fund enters into a credit default swap as the Protection Buyer, then it will set aside cash or readily marketable securities necessary to meet any accrued payment obligations under the swap. By comparison, if the Fund enters into a credit default swap as the Protection Seller, then the Fund will set aside cash or readily marketable securities equal to the full notional amount of the swap that must be paid upon the occurrence of a Credit Event. For some other types of swaps, such as interest rate swaps, the Fund will calculate the obligations of the counterparties to the swap on a net basis. Consequently, the Fund's current obligation (or rights) under this type of swap will equal only the net amount to be paid or received based on the relative values of the positions held by each counterparty to the swap (the "net amount"). The net amount currently owed by or to the Fund will be accrued daily and the Fund will set aside cash or readily marketable securities equal to any accrued but unpaid net amount owed by the Fund under the swap.

The Fund may reduce the liquid assets segregated to cover obligations under a derivative contract by entering into an offsetting derivative contract. For example, if the Fund sells a put option for the same Reference Instrument as a call option the Fund has sold, and the exercise price of the call option is the same as or higher than the exercise price of the put option, then the Fund may net its obligations under the options and set aside cash or readily marketable securities (including any margin deposited for the options) with a value equal to the greater of: (a) the current market value of the Reference Instrument deliverable under the call option; or (b) the exercise price of the put option.

By setting aside cash or readily marketable securities equal to only its net obligations under swaps and certain cash-settled derivative contracts, the Fund will have the ability to employ leverage to a greater extent than if the Fund were required to segregate cash or readily marketable securities equal to the full notional value of such contracts. The use of leverage involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors." Unless the Fund has other cash or readily marketable securities to set aside, it cannot trade assets set aside in connection with derivative contracts or special transactions without entering into an offsetting derivative contract or terminating a special transaction. This may cause the Fund to miss favorable trading opportunities or to realize losses on derivative contracts or special transactions. The Fund reserves the right to modify its asset segregation policies in the future to comply with any changes in the positions articulated from time to time by the SEC and its staff.

Generally, special transactions do not cash-settle on a net basis. Consequently, with respect to special transactions, the Fund will set aside cash or readily marketable securities with a value that equals or exceeds the Fund's obligations.

### **Hedging**

Hedging transactions are intended to reduce specific risks. For example, to protect the Fund against circumstances that would normally cause the Fund's portfolio securities to decline in value, the Fund may buy or sell a derivative contract that would normally increase in value under the same circumstances. The Fund may also attempt to hedge by using combinations of different derivative contracts, or derivative contracts and securities. The Fund's ability to hedge may be limited by the costs of the derivative contracts. The Fund may attempt to lower the cost of hedging by entering into transactions that provide only limited protection, including transactions that: (1) hedge only a portion of its portfolio; (2) use derivative contracts that cover a narrow range of circumstances; or (3) involve the sale of derivative contracts with different terms. Consequently, hedging transactions will not eliminate risk even if they work as intended. In addition, hedging strategies are not always successful, and could result in increased expenses and losses to the Fund.

### **Investing in Securities of Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of other investment companies, including the securities of affiliated money market funds, as an efficient means of implementing its investment strategies and/or managing its uninvested cash. These other investment companies are managed independently of the Fund and incur additional fees and/or expenses which would, therefore, be borne indirectly by the Fund in connection with any such investment. However, the Adviser believes that the benefits and efficiencies of this approach should outweigh the potential additional fees and/or expenses. The Fund may invest in money market securities directly.

### **Investing in Exchange Traded Funds**

The Fund may invest in exchange traded funds (ETFs) as an efficient means of carrying out its investment strategies. As with traditional mutual funds, ETFs charge asset-based fees, although these fees tend to be relatively low. ETFs are traded on stock exchanges or on the over-the-counter market. ETFs do not charge initial sales charges or redemption fees and investors pay only customary brokerage fees to buy and sell ETF shares.

### **Inter-Fund Borrowing and Lending Arrangements**

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has granted an exemption that permits the Fund and all other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Investors, Inc. (“Federated funds”) to lend and borrow money for certain temporary purposes directly to and from other Federated funds. Participation in this inter-fund lending program is voluntary for both borrowing and lending Federated funds, and an inter-fund loan is only made if it benefits each participating Federated fund. Federated Investors, Inc. (“Federated”) administers the program according to procedures approved by the Fund’s Board, and the Board monitors the operation of the program. Any inter-fund loan must comply with certain conditions set out in the exemption, which are designed to assure fairness and protect all participating Federated funds.

For example, inter-fund lending is permitted only: (a) to meet shareholder redemption requests; (b) to meet commitments arising from “failed” trades; and (c) for other temporary purposes. All inter-fund loans must be repaid in seven days or less. The Fund’s participation in this program must be consistent with its investment policies and limitations, and must meet certain percentage tests. Inter-fund loans may be made only when the rate of interest to be charged is more attractive to the lending Federated fund than market-competitive rates on overnight repurchase agreements (“Repo Rate”) and more attractive to the borrowing Federated fund than the rate of interest that would be charged by an unaffiliated bank for short-term borrowings (“Bank Loan Rate”), as determined by the Board. The interest rate imposed on inter-fund loans is the average of the Repo Rate and the Bank Loan Rate.

### **INVESTMENT RATINGS FOR INVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES**

The Adviser will determine whether a security is investment-grade based upon the credit ratings given by one or more nationally recognized rating services. For example, Standard & Poor’s, a rating service, assigns ratings to investment-grade securities (AAA, AA, A and BBB) based on their assessment of the likelihood of the issuer’s inability to pay interest or principal (default) when due on each security. Lower credit ratings correspond to higher credit risk. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Adviser’s credit assessment that the security is comparable to investment-grade.

## **Investment Risks**

There are many risk factors which may affect an investment in the Fund. The Fund’s principal risks are described in its Prospectus. The following information is either additional information in respect of a principal risk factor referenced in the Prospectus or information in respect of a non-principal risk factor applicable to the Fund (in which case there is no related disclosure in the Prospectus).

### **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk includes the possibility that a party to a transaction (such as a derivative contract) involving the Fund will fail to meet its obligations. This could cause the Fund to lose the benefit of the transaction or prevent the Fund from selling or buying other securities to implement its investment strategy.

### **LIQUIDITY RISK**

Trading opportunities are more limited for equity securities that are not widely held. This may make it more difficult to sell or buy a security at a favorable price or time. Consequently, the Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on the Fund’s performance. Infrequent trading of securities may also lead to an increase in their price volatility.

Liquidity risk also refers to the possibility that the Fund may not be able to sell a security or close out a derivative contract when it wants to. If this happens, the Fund will be required to continue to hold the security or keep the position open, and the Fund could incur losses.

OTC derivative contracts generally carry greater liquidity risk than exchange-traded contracts. This risk may be increased in times of financial stress, if the trading market for OTC derivative contracts becomes restricted.

### **CURRENCY RISK**

Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The combination of currency risk and market risk tends to make securities traded in foreign markets more volatile than securities traded exclusively in the United States.

The Adviser attempts to manage currency risk by limiting the amount the Fund invests in securities denominated in a particular currency. However, diversification will not protect the Fund against a general increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies.

**LEVERAGE RISK**

Leverage risk is created when an investment, which includes, for example, an investment in a derivative contract, exposes the Fund to a level of risk that exceeds the amount invested. Changes in the value of such an investment magnify the Fund's risk of loss and potential for gain. Investments can have these same results if their returns are based on a multiple of a specified index, security or other benchmark.

**INTEREST RATE RISK**

Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in the interest rate paid by similar securities. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged.

Interest rate changes have a greater effect on the price of fixed-income securities with longer durations. Duration measures the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates.

**CALL RISK**

Call risk is the possibility that an issuer may redeem a fixed-income security before maturity (a call) at a price below its current market price. An increase in the likelihood of a call may reduce the security's price.

If a fixed-income security is called, the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed-income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks, or other less favorable characteristics.

**RISK RELATED TO INVESTING FOR VALUE**

Due to their relatively low valuations, value stocks are typically less volatile than growth stocks. For instance, the price of a value stock may experience a smaller increase on a forecast of higher earnings, a positive fundamental development, or positive market development. Further, value stocks tend to have higher dividends than growth stocks. This means they depend less on price changes for returns and may lag behind growth stocks in an up market.

**RISK OF FOREIGN INVESTING**

Foreign securities pose additional risks because foreign economic or political conditions may be less favorable than those of the United States. Securities in foreign markets may also be subject to taxation policies that reduce returns for U.S. investors.

Foreign companies may not provide information (including financial statements) as frequently or to as great an extent as companies in the United States. Foreign companies may also receive less coverage than U.S. companies by market analysts and the financial press. In addition, foreign countries may lack uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or regulatory requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. These factors may prevent the Fund and its Adviser from obtaining information concerning foreign companies that is as frequent, extensive and reliable as the information available concerning companies in the United States.

Foreign countries may have restrictions on foreign ownership of securities or may impose exchange controls, capital flow restrictions or repatriation restrictions which could adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's investments.

**RISK OF INVESTING IN EMERGING MARKET COUNTRIES**

Securities issued or traded in emerging markets generally entail greater risks than securities issued or traded in developed markets. For example, their prices may be significantly more volatile than prices in developed countries. Emerging market economies may also experience more severe downturns (with corresponding currency devaluations) than developed economies.

Emerging market countries may have relatively unstable governments and may present the risk of nationalization of businesses, expropriation, confiscatory taxation or, in certain instances, reversion to closed market, centrally planned economies.

**RISK OF INVESTING IN ADRS AND DOMESTICALLY TRADED SECURITIES OF FOREIGN ISSUERS**

Because the Fund may invest in ADRs and other domestically traded securities of foreign companies, The Fund's Share price may be more affected by foreign economic and political conditions, taxation policies and accounting and auditing standards than would otherwise be the case. Foreign companies may not provide information as frequently or to as great an extent as companies in the United States. Foreign companies may also receive less coverage than U.S. companies by market analysts and the financial press. In addition, foreign companies may lack uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or regulatory requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. These factors may prevent the Fund and its Adviser from obtaining information concerning foreign companies that is as frequent, extensive and reliable as the information concerning companies in the United States.

## **PREPAYMENT RISK**

Unlike traditional fixed-income securities, which pay a fixed rate of interest until maturity (when the entire principal amount is due) payments on mortgage-backed securities include both interest and a partial payment of principal. Partial payment of principal may be comprised of scheduled principal payments as well as unscheduled payments from the voluntary prepayment, refinancing, or foreclosure of the underlying loans. These unscheduled prepayments of principal create risks that can adversely affect the Fund holding mortgage-backed securities.

For example, when interest rates decline, the values of mortgage-backed securities generally rise. However, when interest rates decline, unscheduled prepayments can be expected to accelerate, and the Fund would be required to reinvest the proceeds of the prepayments at the lower interest rates then available. Unscheduled prepayments would also limit the potential for capital appreciation on mortgage-backed securities.

Conversely, when interest rates rise, the values of mortgage-backed securities generally fall. Since rising interest rates typically result in decreased prepayments, this could lengthen the average lives of mortgage-backed securities, and cause their value to decline more than traditional fixed-income securities.

Generally, mortgage-backed securities compensate for the increased risk associated with prepayments by paying a higher yield. The additional interest paid for risk is measured by the difference between the yield of a mortgage-backed security and the yield of a U.S. Treasury security with a comparable maturity (the “spread”). An increase in the spread will cause the price of the mortgage-backed security to decline. Spreads generally increase in response to adverse economic or market conditions. Spreads may also increase if the security is perceived to have an increased prepayment risk or is perceived to have less market demand.

## **RISK ASSOCIATED WITH NONINVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES**

Securities rated below investment grade, also known as junk bonds, generally entail greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities. For example, their prices are more volatile, economic downturns and financial setbacks may affect their prices more negatively, and their trading market may be more limited.

## **SHORT SELLING RISK**

A short sale by the Fund involves borrowing securities from a lender which are then sold in the open market. At a future date, the securities are repurchased by the Fund and returned to the lender. While the securities are borrowed, the proceeds from the sale are deposited with the lender and the Fund pays interest to the lender. If the value of the securities declines between the time that the Fund borrows the securities and the time it repurchases and returns the securities to the lender, the Fund makes a profit on the difference (less any interest the Fund is required to pay the lender). Short selling involves risk. There is no assurance that securities will decline in value during the period of the short sale and make a profit for the Fund. Securities sold short may instead appreciate in value creating a loss for the Fund. The Fund also may experience difficulties repurchasing and returning the borrowed securities if a liquid market for the securities does not exist. The lender may also recall borrowed securities at any time. The lender from whom the Fund has borrowed securities may go bankrupt and the Fund may lose the collateral it has deposited with the lender. The Fund will adhere to controls and limits that are intended to offset these risks by short selling only liquid securities and by limiting the amount of exposure for short sales.

## **RISK RELATED TO THE ECONOMY**

Low-grade corporate bond returns are sensitive to changes in the economy. The value of the Fund’s portfolio may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the stock market based on negative developments in the U.S. and global economies.

## **EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS RISK**

An investment in an exchange-traded fund (ETF) generally presents the same primary risks as an investment in a conventional fund (i.e., one that is not exchange traded) that has the same investment objectives, strategies and policies. The price of an ETF can fluctuate up or down, and the Fund could lose money investing in an ETF if the prices of the securities owned by the ETF go down. In addition, ETFs may be subject to the following risks that do not apply to conventional funds: (i) the market price of an ETF’s shares may trade above or below their net asset value; (ii) an active trading market for an ETF’s shares may not develop or be maintained; or (iii) trading of an ETF’s shares may be halted if the listing exchange’s officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are delisted from the exchange or the activation of market-wide “circuit breakers” (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally.

## **RISK OF INVESTING IN DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS AND HYBRID INSTRUMENTS**

The Fund's exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments (either directly or through its investment in another investment company) involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. First, changes in the value of the derivative contracts and hybrid instruments in which the Fund invests may not be correlated with changes in the value of the underlying Reference Instruments or, if they are correlated, may move in the opposite direction than originally anticipated. Second, while some strategies involving derivatives may reduce the risk of loss, they may also reduce potential gains or, in some cases, result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in portfolio holdings. Third, there is a risk that derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may be erroneously priced or improperly valued and, as a result, the Fund may need to make increased cash payments to the counterparty. Fourth, exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may have tax consequences to the Fund and its shareholders. For example, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to realize increased ordinary income or short-term capital gains (which are treated as ordinary income for Federal income tax purposes) and, as a result, may increase taxable distributions to shareholders. In addition, under certain circumstances certain derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to: (a) incur an excise tax on a portion of the income related to those contracts and instruments; and/or (b) reclassify, as a return of capital, some or all of the distributions previously made to shareholders during the fiscal year as dividend income. Fifth, a common provision in OTC derivative contracts permits the counterparty to terminate any such contract between it and the Fund, if the value of the Fund's total net assets declines below a specified level over a given time period. Factors that may contribute to such a decline (which usually must be substantial) include significant shareholder redemptions and/or a marked decrease in the market value of the Fund's investments. Any such termination of the Fund's OTC derivative contracts may adversely affect the Fund (for example, by increasing losses and/or costs, and/or preventing the Fund from fully implementing its investment strategies). Sixth, the Fund may use a derivative contract to benefit from a decline in the value of a Reference Instrument. If the value of the Reference Instrument declines during the term of the contract, the Fund makes a profit on the difference (less any payments the Fund is required to pay under the terms of the contract). Any such strategy involves risk. There is no assurance that the Reference Instrument will decline in value during the term of the contract and make a profit for the Fund. The Reference Instrument may instead appreciate in value creating a loss for the Fund. Finally, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may also involve other risks described herein or in the Fund's prospectus, such as stock market, interest rate, credit, currency, liquidity and leverage risks.

## **RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ACCOUNTS**

Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other accounts managed by the Adviser and accounts managed by affiliates of the Adviser. Therefore, it is possible that investment-related actions taken by such other accounts could adversely impact the Fund with respect to, for example, the value of Fund portfolio holdings, and/or prices paid to or received by the Fund on its portfolio transactions, and/or the Fund's ability to obtain or dispose of portfolio securities. Related considerations are discussed elsewhere in this SAI under "Brokerage Transactions and Investment Allocation."

## **Investment Objective and Investment Limitations**

The Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. The investment objective may not be changed by the Fund's Trustees without shareholder approval.

## **INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS**

### **Diversification**

With respect to securities comprising 75% of the value of its total assets, the Fund will not purchase securities of any one issuer (other than cash; cash items; securities issued or guaranteed by the government of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities and repurchase agreements collateralized by such U.S. government securities; and securities of other investment companies) if, as a result, more than 5% of the value of its total assets would be invested in the securities of that issuer, or the Fund would own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of that issuer.

### **Borrowing Money and Issuing Senior Securities**

The Fund may borrow money, directly or indirectly, and issue senior securities to the maximum extent permitted under the 1940 Act, any rule or order thereunder, or any SEC staff interpretation thereof.

### **Investing in Real Estate**

The Fund may not purchase or sell real estate, provided that this restriction does not prevent the Fund from investing in issuers which invest, deal, or otherwise engage in transactions in real estate or interests therein, or investing in securities that are secured by real estate or interests therein. The Fund may exercise its rights under agreements relating to such securities, including the right to enforce security interests and to hold real estate acquired by reason of such enforcement until that real estate can be liquidated in an orderly manner.

### **Underwriting**

The Fund may not underwrite the securities of other issuers, except that the Fund may engage in transactions involving the acquisition, disposition or resale of its portfolio securities, under circumstances where it may be considered to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933.

### **Lending**

The Fund may not make loans if, as a result, more than 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets would be loaned to other parties, except that the Fund may: (i) purchase or hold debt instruments in accordance with its investment objective and policies; (ii) enter into repurchase agreements; (iii) lend its securities; and (iv) it may make loans to affiliated investment companies in accordance with SEC exemptive relief.

### **Investing in Commodities**

The Fund may invest in commodities to the maximum extent permitted under the 1940 Act.

### **Concentration**

The Fund will not make investments that will result in the concentration of its investments in the securities of issuers primarily engaged in the same industry. Government securities and municipal securities will not be deemed to constitute an industry.

**The above limitations cannot be changed unless authorized by the Board and by the “vote of a majority of its outstanding voting securities,” as defined by the 1940 Act. The following limitations, however, may be changed by the Board without shareholder approval. Shareholders will be notified before any material change in these limitations becomes effective.**

### **Illiquid Securities**

The Fund will not purchase securities for which there is no readily available market, or enter into repurchase agreements or purchase time deposits that the Fund cannot dispose of within seven days, if immediately after and as a result, the value of such securities would exceed, in the aggregate, 15% of the Fund's net assets.

### **Purchases on Margin**

The Fund will not purchase securities on margin, provided that the Fund may obtain short-term credits necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of securities, and further provided that the Fund may make margin deposits in connection with its use of financial options and futures, forward and spot currency contracts, swap transactions and other financial contracts or derivative instruments.

### **Pledging Assets**

The Fund will not mortgage, pledge, or hypothecate any of its assets, provided that this shall not apply to the transfer of securities in connection with any permissible borrowing or to collateral arrangements in connection with permissible activities.

### **Additional Information**

For purposes of the concentration limitation: (a) utility companies will be divided according to their services (for example, gas, gas transmission, electric and telephone will be considered a separate industry); (b) financial service companies will be classified according to the end users of their services (for example, automobile finance, bank finance and diversified finance will each be considered a separate industry); and (c) asset-backed securities will be classified according to the underlying assets securing such securities. To conform to the current view of the SEC that only domestic bank instruments may be excluded from industry concentration limitations, as a matter of non-fundamental policy, the Fund will not exclude foreign bank instruments from industry concentration limits as long as the policy of the SEC remains in effect. In addition, investments in bank instruments, and investments in certain industrial development bonds funded by activities in a single industry, will be deemed to constitute investment in an industry, except when held for temporary defensive purposes. The investment of more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets in any one industry will constitute “concentration.”

For purposes of the above limitations, the Fund considers certificates of deposit and demand and time deposits issued by a U.S. branch of a domestic bank or savings association having capital, surplus, and undivided profits in excess of \$100,000,000 at the time of investment to be “cash items.”

Except with respect to borrowing money, if a percentage limitation is adhered to at the time of investment, a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from any change in the value or net assets will not result in a violation of such limitation.

## What Do Shares Cost?

### **DETERMINING MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES**

A Share's net asset value (NAV) is determined as of the end of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) each day the NYSE is open. The Fund calculates the NAV of each class by valuing the assets allocated to the Share's class, subtracting the liabilities allocated to the class and dividing the balance by the number of Shares of the class outstanding. The NAV for each class of Shares may differ due to the variance in daily net income realized by each class. Such variance will reflect only accrued net income to which the Shareholders of a particular class are entitled. The NAV is calculated to the nearest whole cent per Share.

In calculating its NAV, the Fund generally values investments as follows:

- Equity securities listed on a U.S. securities exchange or traded through the U.S. national market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market. If a price is not readily available, such equity securities are valued based upon the mean of closing bid and asked quotations from one or more dealers.
- Other equity securities traded primarily in the United States are valued based upon the mean of closing bid and asked quotations from one or more dealers.
- Equity securities traded primarily through securities exchanges and regulated market systems outside the United States are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market. These prices may be adjusted for significant events occurring after the closing of such exchanges or market systems as described below. If a price is not readily available, such equity securities are valued based upon the mean of closing bid and asked quotations from one or more dealers.
- Fixed-income securities and repurchase agreements acquired with remaining maturities of greater than 60 days are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Board. The methods used by pricing services to determine such price evaluations are described below. If a price evaluation is not readily available, such fixed-income securities are fair valued based upon price evaluations from one or more dealers.
- Fixed-income securities and repurchase agreements acquired with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at their amortized cost as described below.
- Futures contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement price. Option contracts listed on exchanges are valued based upon the mean of closing bid and asked quotations reported by the exchange or from one or more futures commission merchants.
- OTC derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by various pricing services approved by the Board. The methods used by pricing services to determine such price evaluations are described below. If a price evaluation is not readily available, such derivative contracts are fair valued based upon price evaluations from one or more dealers or using a recognized pricing model for the contract.
- Shares of other mutual funds are valued based upon their reported NAVs. The prospectuses for these mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, the Fund uses the fair value of the investment determined in accordance with the procedures described below. There can be no assurance that the Fund could purchase or sell an investment at the price used to calculate the Fund's NAV. The Fund will not use a pricing service or dealer who is an affiliated person of the Adviser to value investments.

Noninvestment assets and liabilities are valued in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The NAV calculation includes expenses, dividend income, interest income and other income through the date of the calculation. Changes in holdings of investments and in the number of outstanding Shares are included in the calculation not later than the first business day following such change. Any assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into U.S. dollars using an exchange rate obtained from one or more currency dealers.

The Fund follows procedures that are common in the mutual fund industry regarding errors made in the calculation of its NAV. This means that, generally, the Fund will not correct errors of less than one cent per Share or errors that did not result in net dilution to the Fund.

## **Amortized Cost Values**

Under the amortized cost valuation method, an investment is valued initially at its cost as determined in accordance with GAAP. The Fund then adjusts the amount of interest income accrued each day over the term of the investment to account for any difference between the initial cost of the investment and the amount payable at its maturity. If the amount payable at maturity exceeds the initial cost (a “discount”), then the daily accrual is increased; if the initial cost exceeds the amount payable at maturity (a “premium”), then the daily accrual is decreased. The Fund adds the amount of the increase to (in the case of a discount), or subtracts the amount of the decrease from (in the case of a premium), the investment’s cost each day. The Fund uses this adjusted cost to value the investment.

## **Fair Valuation and Significant Events Procedures**

The Board has ultimate responsibility for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Board has appointed a Valuation Committee comprised of officers of the Fund and of the Adviser to assist in this responsibility and in overseeing the calculation of the NAV. The Board has also authorized the use of pricing services recommended by the Valuation Committee to provide price evaluations of the current fair value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV.

**Pricing Service Valuations.** Based on the recommendations of the Valuation Committee, the Board has authorized the Fund to use pricing services that provide daily fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments, primarily fixed-income securities and OTC derivatives contracts. Different pricing services may provide different price evaluations for the same security because of differences in their methods of evaluating market values. Factors considered by pricing services in evaluating an investment include the yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, call rights and other potential prepayments, terms and type, reported transactions, indications as to values from dealers and general market conditions. A pricing service may find it more difficult to apply these and other factors to relatively illiquid or volatile investments, which may result in less frequent or more significant changes in the price evaluations of these investments. If a pricing service determines that it does not have sufficient information to use its standard methodology, it may evaluate an investment based on the present value of what investors can reasonably expect to receive from the issuer’s operations or liquidation.

Some pricing services provide a single price evaluation reflecting the bid-side of the market for an investment (a “bid” evaluation). Other pricing services offer both bid evaluations and price evaluations indicative of a price between the prices bid and asked for the investment (a “mid” evaluation). The Fund normally uses bid evaluations for U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and municipal securities. The Fund normally uses mid evaluations for other types of fixed-income securities and OTC derivative contracts.

**Fair Valuation Procedures.** The Board has established procedures for determining the fair value of investments for which price evaluations from pricing services or dealers and market quotations are not readily available. The procedures define an investment’s “fair value” as the price that the Fund might reasonably expect to receive upon its current sale. The procedures assume that any sale would be made to a willing buyer in the ordinary course of trading. The procedures require consideration of factors that vary based on the type of investment and the information available. Factors that may be considered in determining an investment’s fair value include: (1) the last reported price at which the investment was traded; (2) information provided by dealers or investment analysts regarding the investment or the issuer; (3) changes in financial conditions and business prospects disclosed in the issuer’s financial statements and other reports; (4) publicly announced transactions (such as tender offers and mergers) involving the issuer; (5) comparisons to other investments or to financial indices that are correlated to the investment; (6) with respect to fixed-income investments, changes in market yields and spreads; (7) with respect to investments that have been suspended from trading, the circumstances leading to the suspension; and (8) other factors that might affect the investment’s value.

The Valuation Committee is responsible for the day-to-day implementation of these procedures. The Valuation Committee may also authorize the use of a financial valuation model to determine the fair value of a specific type of investment. The Board periodically reviews and approves the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee and any changes made to the procedures.

Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from an investment’s most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their NAVs. The fair value of an investment will generally remain unchanged in the absence of new information relating to the investment or its issuer, such as changes in the issuer’s business or financial results, or relating to external market factors, such as trends in the market values of comparable securities. This may result in less frequent, and larger, changes in fair value prices as compared to prices based on market quotations or price evaluations from pricing services or dealers.

**Significant Events.** The Board has adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Adviser determines that a significant event affecting the value of the investment has occurred between the time as of which the price of the investment would otherwise be determined and the time as of which the NAV is computed. An event is considered significant if there is both an affirmative expectation that the investment's value will change in response to the event and a reasonable basis for quantifying the resulting change in value. Examples of significant events that may occur after the close of the principal market on which a security is traded, or the time of a price evaluation provided by a pricing service or a dealer, include:

- With respect to securities traded principally in foreign markets, significant trends in U.S. equity markets or in the trading of foreign securities index futures or options contracts;
- With respect to price evaluations of fixed-income securities determined before the close of regular trading on the NYSE, actions by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee and other significant trends in U.S. fixed-income markets;
- Political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded; and
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations or litigation developments, or a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry.

The Valuation Committee uses a pricing service to determine the fair value of equity securities traded principally in foreign markets when the Adviser determines that there has been a significant trend in the U.S. equity markets or in index futures trading. The pricing service uses models that correlate changes between the closing and opening price of equity securities traded primarily in non-U.S. markets to changes in prices in U.S.-traded securities and derivative contracts. The pricing service seeks to employ the model that provides the most significant correlation based on a periodic review of the results. The model uses the correlation to adjust the reported closing price of a foreign equity security based on information available up to the close of the NYSE.

For other significant events, the Fund may seek to obtain more current quotations or price evaluations from alternative pricing sources. If a reliable alternative pricing source is not available, the fair value of the investment is determined using the methods discussed above in "Fair Valuation Procedures." The Board has ultimate responsibility for any fair valuations made in response to a significant event.

## How is the Fund Sold?

Under the Distributor's Contract with the Fund, the Distributor (Federated Securities Corp.) offers Shares on a continuous, best-efforts basis.

### **RULE 12b-1 PLAN (CLASS A SHARES, CLASS B SHARES AND CLASS C SHARES)**

As a compensation-type plan, the Rule 12b-1 Plan is designed to pay the Distributor for activities principally intended to result in the sale of Shares such as advertising and marketing of Shares (including printing and distributing prospectuses and sales literature to prospective shareholders and financial intermediaries) and providing incentives to financial intermediaries to sell Shares. The Plan is also designed to cover the cost of administrative services performed in conjunction with the sale of Shares, including, but not limited to, shareholder services, recordkeeping services and educational services, as well as the costs of implementing and operating the Plan. The Rule 12b-1 Plan allows the Distributor to contract with financial intermediaries to perform activities covered by the Plan. The Rule 12b-1 Plan is expected to benefit the Fund in a number of ways. For example, it is anticipated that the Plan will help the Fund attract and retain assets, thus providing cash for orderly portfolio management and Share redemptions and possibly helping to stabilize or reduce other operating expenses.

In addition, the Plan is integral to the multiple class structure of the Fund, which promotes the sale of Shares by providing a range of options to investors. The Fund's service providers that receive asset-based fees also benefit from stable or increasing Fund assets.

The Fund may compensate the Distributor more or less than its actual marketing expenses. In no event will the Fund pay for any expenses of the Distributor that exceed the maximum Rule 12b-1 Plan fee.

For some classes of shares, the maximum Rule 12b-1 Plan fee that can be paid in any one year may not be sufficient to cover the marketing-related expenses the Distributor has incurred. Therefore, it may take the Distributor a number of years to recoup these expenses.

In addition, in connection with the sale of Class B Shares and Class C Shares, Federated and its subsidiaries make advance commission payments to financial intermediaries and in return may receive Rule 12b-1 fees and contingent deferred sales loads from the Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Federated and its subsidiaries may benefit or sustain losses from such arrangements.

## ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

The Distributor may pay out of its own resources amounts (including items of material value) to certain financial intermediaries. In some cases, such payments may be made by, or funded from the resources of, companies affiliated with the Distributor (including the Adviser). While Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) regulations limit the sales charges that you may bear, there are no limits with regard to the amounts that the Distributor may pay out of its own resources. In addition to the payments which are generally described herein and in the Prospectus, the financial intermediary also may receive payments under the Rule 12b-1 Plan and/or Service Fees. In connection with these payments, the financial intermediary may elevate the prominence or profile of the Fund and/or other Federated funds within the financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or granting the Distributor preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the funds in various ways within the financial intermediary's organization. You can ask your financial intermediary for information about any payments it receives from the Distributor or the Federated funds and any services provided.

The following examples illustrate the types of instances in which the Distributor may make additional payments to financial intermediaries.

### Supplemental Payments

The Distributor may make supplemental payments to certain financial intermediaries that are holders or dealers of record for accounts in one or more of the Federated funds. These payments may be based on such factors as: the number or value of Shares the financial intermediary sells or may sell; the value of client assets invested; or the type and nature of services or support furnished by the financial intermediary.

### Processing Support Payments

The Distributor may make payments to financial intermediaries that sell Federated fund shares to help offset their costs associated with client account maintenance support, statement processing and transaction processing. The types of payments that the Distributor may make under this category include: payment of ticket charges on a per-transaction basis; payment of networking fees; and payment for ancillary services such as setting up funds on the financial intermediary's mutual fund trading system.

### Retirement Plan Program Servicing Payments

The Distributor may make payments to certain financial intermediaries who sell Federated fund shares through retirement plan programs. A financial intermediary may perform retirement plan program services itself or may arrange with a third party to perform retirement plan program services. In addition to participant recordkeeping, reporting or transaction processing, retirement plan program services may include: services rendered to a plan in connection with fund/investment selection and monitoring; employee enrollment and education; plan balance rollover or separation; or other similar services.

### Other Benefits to Financial Intermediaries

From time to time, the Distributor, at its expense, may provide additional compensation to financial intermediaries that sell or arrange for the sale of Shares. Such compensation may include financial assistance to financial intermediaries that enable the Distributor to participate in or present at conferences or seminars, sales or training programs for invited employees, client and investor events and other financial intermediary-sponsored events.

The Distributor also may hold or sponsor, at its expense, sales events, conferences and programs for employees or associated persons of financial intermediaries and may pay the travel and lodging expenses of attendees. The Distributor also may provide, at its expense, meals and entertainment in conjunction with meetings with financial intermediaries. Other compensation may be offered to the extent not prohibited by applicable laws, regulations or the rules of any self-regulatory agency, such as FINRA.

## UNDERWRITING COMMISSIONS

The following chart reflects the total front-end sales charges and/or contingent deferred sales charges paid in connection with the sale of A, B and C classes and the amount retained by the Distributor for the last three fiscal years ended July 31:

	2011		2010		2009	
	Total Sales Charges	Amount Retained	Total Sales Charges	Amount Retained	Total Sales Charges	Amount Retained
A Class	\$22,450	\$2,285	\$15,506	\$1,585	\$40,071	\$4,952
B Class	5,652	—	14,041	—	20,484	—
C Class	144	144	2,409	88	5,327	545

## Purchases In-Kind

You may contact the Distributor to request a purchase of Shares using securities you own. The Fund reserves the right to determine whether to accept your securities and the minimum market value to accept. The Fund will value your securities in the same manner as it values its assets. An in-kind purchase may be treated as a sale of your securities for federal tax purposes; please consult your tax adviser regarding potential tax liability.

## Subaccounting Services

Certain financial intermediaries may wish to use the transfer agent's subaccounting system to minimize their internal recordkeeping requirements. The transfer agent may charge a fee based on the level of subaccounting services rendered. Financial intermediaries holding Shares in a fiduciary, agency, custodial or similar capacity may charge or pass through subaccounting fees as part of or in addition to normal trust or agency account fees. They may also charge fees for other services that may be related to the ownership of Shares. This information should, therefore, be read together with any agreement between the customer and the financial intermediary about the services provided, the fees charged for those services and any restrictions and limitations imposed.

## Redemption In-Kind

Although the Fund generally intends to pay Share redemptions in cash, it reserves the right, on its own initiative or in response to a shareholder request, to pay the redemption price in whole or in part by a distribution of the Fund's portfolio securities.

Because the Fund has elected to be governed by Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, the Fund is obligated to pay Share redemptions to any one shareholder in cash only up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets represented by such Share class during any 90-day period.

Any Share redemption payment greater than this amount will also be in cash unless the Fund elects to pay all or a portion of the remainder of the redemption in portfolio securities, valued in the same way as the Fund determines its NAV.

Redemption in-kind is not as liquid as a cash redemption. Shareholders receiving the portfolio securities could have difficulty selling them, may incur related transaction costs and would be subject to risks of fluctuations in the securities' values prior to sale.

## Massachusetts Partnership Law

Under certain circumstances, shareholders may be held personally liable as partners under Massachusetts law for obligations of the Trust. To protect its shareholders, the Trust has filed legal documents with Massachusetts that expressly disclaim the liability of its shareholders for acts or obligations of the Trust.

In the unlikely event a shareholder is held personally liable for the Trust's obligations, the Trust is required by the Declaration of Trust to use its property to protect or compensate the shareholder. On request, the Trust will defend any claim made and pay any judgment against a shareholder for any act or obligation of the Trust. Therefore, financial loss resulting from liability as a shareholder will occur only if the Trust itself cannot meet its obligations to indemnify shareholders and pay judgments against them.

## Account and Share Information

### **VOTING RIGHTS**

Each Share of the Fund gives the shareholder one vote in Trustee elections and other matters submitted to shareholders for vote.

All Shares of the Trust have equal voting rights, except that in matters affecting only a particular Fund or class, only shares of that Fund or class are entitled to vote.

Trustees may be removed by the Board or by shareholders at a special meeting. A special meeting of shareholders will be called by the Board upon the written request of shareholders who own at least 10% of the Trust's outstanding Shares of all series entitled to vote.

As of September 6, 2011, the following shareholders owned of record, beneficially or both, 5% or more of outstanding Class A Shares: Edward Jones & Co., Maryland Hts., MO, owned approximately 575,325 Shares (13.49%); First Clearing, LLC, St. Louis, MO, owned approximately 472,974 Shares (11.09%); Pershing LLC, Jersey City, NJ, owned approximately 366,546 Shares (8.59%); and Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Jacksonville, FL, owned approximately 222,528 Shares (5.21%).

As of September 6, 2011, the following shareholders owned of record, beneficially or both, 5% or more of outstanding Class B Shares: Pershing LLC, Jersey City, NJ, owned approximately 154,906 Shares (24.55%); First Clearing, LLC, St. Louis, MO, owned approximately 98,770 Shares (15.65%); and Edward Jones & Co, Maryland Hts., MO, owned approximately 35,743 Shares (5.66%).

As of September 6, 2011, the following shareholders owned of record, beneficially or both, 5% or more of outstanding Class C Shares: Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Jacksonville, FL, owned approximately 136,936 Shares (18.27%); First Clearing, LLC, St. Louis, MO, owned approximately 122,901 Shares (16.40%); Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., New York, NY, owned approximately 66,039 Shares (8.81%); and Pershing LLC, Jersey City, NJ, owned approximately 58,848 Shares (7.85%).

As of September 6, 2011, the following shareholders owned of record, beneficially or both, 5% or more of outstanding Institutional Shares: NFS LLC, Somerset, PA, owned approximately 147,609 Shares (35.14%); Fernal of Waverly First National Bank, Waverly, IA, owned approximately 58,033 Shares (13.81%); Lebank, Lake Elmo, MN, owned approximately 37,767 Shares (8.99%); Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, Jacksonville, FL, owned approximately 36,863 Shares (8.77%); and Life's Work of Western PA, Pittsburgh, PA, owned approximately 33,128 Shares (7.88%).

Shareholders owning 25% or more of outstanding Shares may be in control and be able to affect the outcome of certain matters presented for a vote of shareholders.

NFS LLC is organized in the state of Delaware and is a subsidiary of Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC; organized in the state of Delaware.

## Tax Information

### FEDERAL INCOME TAX

The Fund intends to meet requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”) applicable to regulated investment companies. If these requirements are not met, it will not receive special tax treatment and will be subject to federal corporate income tax.

The Fund will be treated as a single, separate entity for federal income tax purposes so that income earned and capital gains and losses realized by the Trust’s other portfolios will be separate from those realized by the Fund.

The Fund is entitled to a loss carryforward, which may reduce the taxable income or gain that the Fund would realize, and to which the shareholder would be subject, in the future.

### TAX BASIS INFORMATION

Under the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008, the Fund’s Transfer Agent will be required to provide you with the cost basis information on the sale of any of your shares in the Fund, subject to certain exceptions. This cost basis reporting requirement is effective for shares purchased in the Fund on or after January 1, 2012.

### FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

If the Fund purchases foreign securities, their investment income may be subject to foreign withholding or other taxes that could reduce the return on these securities. Tax treaties between the United States and foreign countries, however, may reduce or eliminate the amount of foreign taxes to which the Fund would be subject. The effective rate of foreign tax cannot be predicted since the amount of Fund assets to be invested within various countries is uncertain. However, the Fund intends to operate so as to qualify for treaty-reduced tax rates when applicable.

Distributions from a Fund may be based on estimates of book income for the year. Book income generally consists solely of the income generated by the securities in the portfolio, whereas tax-basis income includes, in addition, gains or losses attributable to currency fluctuation. Due to differences in the book and tax treatment of fixed-income securities denominated in foreign currencies, it is difficult to project currency effects on an interim basis. Therefore, to the extent that currency fluctuations cannot be anticipated, a portion of distributions to shareholders could later be designated as a return of capital, rather than income, for income tax purposes, which may be of particular concern to simple trusts.

If the Fund invests in the stock of certain foreign corporations, they may constitute Passive Foreign Investment Companies (PFIC), and the Fund may be subject to federal income taxes upon disposition of PFIC investments.

If more than 50% of the value of the Fund’s assets at the end of the tax year is represented by stock or securities of foreign corporations, the Fund will qualify for certain Code provisions that allow its shareholders to claim a foreign tax credit or deduction on their U.S. income tax returns. The Code may limit a shareholder’s ability to claim a foreign tax credit. Shareholders who elect to deduct their portion of the Fund’s foreign taxes rather than take the foreign tax credit must itemize deductions on their income tax returns.

## Who Manages and Provides Services to the Fund?

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Fund’s business affairs and for exercising all the Fund’s powers except those reserved for the shareholders. The following tables give information about each Trustee and the senior officers of the Fund. Where required, the tables separately list Trustees who are “interested persons” of the Fund (i.e., “Interested” Trustees) and those who are not (i.e., “Independent” Trustees). Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed is Federated Investors Tower, 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The address of all Independent Trustees listed is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561; Attention: Mutual Fund Board. As of December 31, 2010, the Fund comprised five portfolios, and the Federated Fund Complex consisted of 43 investment companies (comprising 136 portfolios). Unless otherwise noted, each Officer is elected annually. Unless otherwise noted, each Trustee oversees all portfolios in the Federated Fund Complex and serves for an indefinite term.

As of September 6, 2011, the Fund’s Board and Officers as a group owned less than 1% of each class of the Fund’s outstanding Shares.

## QUALIFICATIONS OF INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

Individual Trustee qualifications are noted in the “Independent Trustees Background and Compensation” chart. In addition, the following characteristics are among those that were considered for each existing Trustee and will be considered for any Nominee Trustee.

- Outstanding skills in disciplines deemed by the Independent Trustees to be particularly relevant to the role of Independent Trustee and to the Federated funds, including legal, accounting, business management, the financial industry generally and the investment industry particularly.
- Desire and availability to serve for a substantial period of time, taking into account the Board’s current mandatory retirement age of 73 years.
- No conflicts which would interfere with qualifying as independent.
- Appropriate interpersonal skills to work effectively with other Independent Trustees.
- Understanding and appreciation of the important role occupied by Independent Trustees in the regulatory structure governing regulated investment companies.
- Diversity of background.

## INTERESTED TRUSTEES BACKGROUND AND COMPENSATION

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)	Aggregate Compensation From Fund (past fiscal year)	Total Compensation From Trust and Federated Fund Complex (past calendar year)
<b>John F. Donahue*</b> Birth Date: July 28, 1924 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; Chairman and Director, Federated Investors, Inc.; Chairman of the Federated Fund Complex’s Executive Committee.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Chairman of the Federated Fund Complex; Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Chairman and Director, Federated Investment Counseling.	\$0	\$0
<b>J. Christopher Donahue*</b> Birth Date: April 11, 1949 PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE Began serving: May 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Principal Executive Officer and President of the Federated Fund Complex; Director or Trustee of some of the Funds in the Federated Fund Complex; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Investors, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania and Passport Research, Ltd. (investment advisory subsidiary of Federated); Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd.	\$0	\$0

\* Family relationships and reasons for “interested” status: John F. Donahue is the father of J. Christopher Donahue; both are “interested” due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Investors, Inc. and the positions they hold with Federated and its subsidiaries.

## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships Held for Past Five Years, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications	Aggregate Compensation From Fund (past fiscal year)	Total Compensation From Fund and Federated Fund Complex (past calendar year)
<b>Nicholas P. Constantakis, CPA</b> Birth Date: September 3, 1939 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupation:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex.  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee, Michael Baker Corporation (architecture, engineering and construction services).  <b>Previous Position:</b> Partner, Andersen Worldwide SC.  <b>Qualifications:</b> Public accounting and director experience.	\$251.58	\$247,500

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships Held for Past Five Years, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications	Aggregate Compensation From Fund (past fiscal year)	Total Compensation From Fund and Federated Fund Complex (past calendar year)
<b>John F. Cunningham</b> Birth Date: March 5, 1943 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupation:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex.  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Cunningham & Co., Inc. (strategic business consulting); Trustee Associate, Boston College.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Director, Redgate Communications and EMC Corporation (computer storage systems); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Computer Consoles, Inc.; President and Chief Operating Officer, Wang Laboratories; Director, First National Bank of Boston; Director, Apollo Computer, Inc.  <b>Qualifications:</b> Business management and director experience.	\$228.72	\$225,000
<b>Maureen Lally-Green</b> Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Began serving: August 2009	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; Director, Office of Church Relations, Diocese of Pittsburgh; Adjunct Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law.  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, Auberle; Trustee, St. Francis University; Director, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh; Director, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Regent, St. Vincent Seminary; Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania; Director, Saint Thomas More Society, Allegheny County; Director, Carlow University.  <b>Previous Position:</b> Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge.  <b>Qualifications:</b> Legal and director experience.	\$228.72	\$223,526.41
<b>Peter E. Madden</b> Birth Date: March 16, 1942 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupation:</b> Director or Trustee, and Chairman of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Fund Complex.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Representative, Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Court; President, Chief Operating Officer and Director, State Street Bank and Trust Company and State Street Corporation (retired); Director, VISA USA and VISA International; Chairman and Director, Massachusetts Bankers Association; Director, Depository Trust Corporation; Director, The Boston Stock Exchange.  <b>Qualifications:</b> Business management, mutual fund services and director experience.	\$315.12	\$310,000
<b>Charles F. Mansfield, Jr.</b> Birth Date: April 10, 1945 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee and Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Federated Fund Complex; Management Consultant.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Chief Executive Officer, PBTC International Bank; Partner, Arthur Young & Company (now Ernst & Young LLP); Chief Financial Officer of Retail Banking Sector, Chase Manhattan Bank; Senior Vice President, HSBC Bank USA (formerly, Marine Midland Bank); Vice President, Citibank; Assistant Professor of Banking and Finance, Frank G. Zarb School of Business, Hofstra University; Executive Vice President DVC Group, Inc. (marketing, communications and technology).  <b>Qualifications:</b> Banking, business management, education and director experience.	\$257.30	\$253,125

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) and Other Directorships Held for Past Five Years, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications	Aggregate Compensation From Fund (past fiscal year)	Total Compensation From Fund and Federated Fund Complex (past calendar year)
<b>R. James Nicholson</b> Birth Date: February 4, 1938 TRUSTEE Began serving: January 2008	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; Senior Counsel, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schrek, P.C.; Former Secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs; Former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See; Former Chairman of the Republican National Committee.</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, Horatio Alger Association; Director, The Daniels Fund.</p> <p><b>Previous Positions:</b> Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve; Partner, Calkins, Kramer, Grimshaw and Haring, P.C.; General Counsel, Colorado Association of Housing and Building; Chairman and CEO, Nicholson Enterprises, Inc. (real estate holding company); Chairman and CEO, Renaissance Homes of Colorado.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Legal, government, business management and director experience.</p>	\$228.72	\$223,526.41
<b>Thomas M. O'Neill</b> Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Began serving: October 2006	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Board of Overseers, Children's Hospital of Boston; Visiting Committee on Athletics, Harvard College.</p> <p><b>Previous Positions:</b> Chief Executive Officer and President, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Fleet Investment Advisors; President and Chief Executive Officer, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.; General Partner, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Boston, MA; Chief Investment Officer, The Putnam Companies, Boston, MA; Credit Analyst and Lending Officer, Fleet Bank; Director and Consultant, EZE Castle Software (investment order management software); Director, Midway Pacific (lumber).</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Business management, mutual fund, director and investment experience.</p>	\$251.58	\$247,500
<b>John S. Walsh</b> Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products, Inc.</p> <p><b>Previous Position:</b> Vice President, Walsh &amp; Kelly, Inc.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Business management and director experience.</p>	\$251.58	\$247,500
<b>James F. Will</b> Birth Date: October 12, 1938 TRUSTEE Began serving: June 2006	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Fund Complex; formerly, Vice Chancellor and President, Saint Vincent College.</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Trustee, Saint Vincent College; Director, Allegheny Corporation; Trustee, Wheeling Jesuit University; Director, Liberty Tire Recycling.</p> <p><b>Previous Positions:</b> Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Armco, Inc.; President and Chief Executive Officer, Cyclops Industries; President and Chief Operating Officer, Kaiser Steel Corporation.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Business management, education and director experience.</p>	\$228.72	\$225,000

## OFFICERS\*\*

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) and Previous Position(s)
<b>John W. McGonigle</b> Birth Date: October 26, 1938 SECRETARY Began serving: May 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Federated Fund Complex; Vice Chairman, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Director, Federated Investors, Inc.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company and Federated Investment Counseling; Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Services Company and Federated Securities Corp.
<b>Richard A. Novak</b> Birth Date: December 25, 1963 TREASURER Began serving: May 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Federated Fund Complex; Senior Vice President, Federated Administrative Services; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> Controller of Federated Investors, Inc.; Vice President, Finance of Federated Services Company; held various financial management positions within The Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh; Auditor, Arthur Andersen & Co.
<b>Brian P. Bouda</b> Birth Date: February 28, 1947 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Began serving: June 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Fund Complex; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Investors, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of its subsidiaries. Mr. Bouda joined Federated in 1999 and is a member of the American Bar Association and the State Bar Association of Wisconsin.

\*\* Officers do not receive any compensation from the Fund.

In addition, the Fund has appointed an Anti-Money-Laundering Compliance Officer.

## BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

As required under the terms of certain regulatory settlements, the Chairman of the Board is not an interested person of the Fund and neither the Chairman, nor any firm with which the Chairman is affiliated, has a prior relationship with Federated or its affiliates or (other than his position as a Trustee) with the Fund.

## COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

Board Committee	Committee Members	Committee Functions	Meetings Held During Last Fiscal Year
<b>Executive</b>	John F. Donahue Peter E. Madden John S. Walsh	In between meetings of the full Board, the Executive Committee generally may exercise all the powers of the full Board in the management and direction of the business and conduct of the affairs of the Trust in such manner as the Executive Committee shall deem to be in the best interests of the Trust. However, the Executive Committee cannot elect or remove Board members, increase or decrease the number of Trustees, elect or remove any Officer, declare dividends, issue shares or recommend to shareholders any action requiring shareholder approval.	Two
<b>Audit</b>	Nicholas P. Constantakis Charles F. Mansfield, Jr. Thomas M. O'Neill John S. Walsh	The purposes of the Audit Committee are to oversee the accounting and financial reporting process of the Fund, the Fund's internal control over financial reporting and the quality, integrity and independent audit of the Fund's financial statements. The Committee also oversees or assists the Board with the oversight of compliance with legal requirements relating to those matters, approves the engagement and reviews the qualifications, independence and performance of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, acts as a liaison between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Board and reviews the Fund's internal audit function.	Eight

Board Committee	Committee Members	Committee Functions	Meetings Held During Last Fiscal Year
<b>Nominating</b>	Nicholas P. Constantakis John F. Cunningham Maureen Lally-Green Peter E. Madden Charles F. Mansfield, Jr. R. James Nicholson Thomas M. O'Neill John S. Walsh James F. Will	The Nominating Committee, whose members consist of all Independent Trustees, selects and nominates persons for election to the Fund's Board when vacancies occur. The Committee will consider candidates recommended by shareholders, Independent Trustees, officers or employees of any of the Fund's agents or service providers and counsel to the Fund. Any shareholder who desires to have an individual considered for nomination by the Committee must submit a recommendation in writing to the Secretary of the Fund, at the Fund's address appearing on the back cover of this SAI. The recommendation should include the name and address of both the shareholder and the candidate and detailed information concerning the candidate's qualifications and experience. In identifying and evaluating candidates for consideration, the Committee shall consider such factors as it deems appropriate. Those factors will ordinarily include: integrity, intelligence, collegiality, judgment, diversity, skill, business and other experience, qualification as an "Independent Trustee," the existence of material relationships which may create the appearance of a lack of independence, financial or accounting knowledge and experience and dedication and willingness to devote the time and attention necessary to fulfill Board responsibilities.	Three

### BOARD'S ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT

The Board's role in overseeing the Fund's general risks includes receiving performance reports for the Fund and risk management reports from Federated's Chief Risk Officer at each regular Board meeting. The Chief Risk Officer is responsible for enterprise risk management at Federated, which includes risk management committees for investment management and for investor services. The Board also receives regular reports from the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer regarding significant compliance risks.

On behalf of the Board, the Audit Committee plays a key role overseeing the Fund's financial reporting and valuation risks. The Audit Committee meets regularly with the Fund's Principal Financial Officer and outside auditors, as well as with Federated's Chief Audit Executive to discuss financial reporting and audit issues, including risks relating to financial controls.

### BOARD OWNERSHIP OF SHARES IN THE FUND AND IN THE FEDERATED FAMILY OF INVESTMENT COMPANIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010

Interested Board Member Name	Dollar Range of Shares Owned in Federated MDT Large Cap Growth Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares Owned in Federated Family of Investment Companies
John F. Donahue	None	Over \$100,000
J. Christopher Donahue	None	Over \$100,000
<b>Independent Board Member Name</b>		
Nicholas P. Constantakis	None	Over \$100,000
John F. Cunningham	None	Over \$100,000
Maureen Lally-Green	None	Over \$100,000
Peter E. Madden	None	Over \$100,000
Charles F. Mansfield, Jr.	None	Over \$100,000
R. James Nicholson	None	Over \$100,000
Thomas M. O'Neill	None	Over \$100,000
John S. Walsh	None	Over \$100,000
James F. Will	None	Over \$100,000

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Adviser conducts investment research and makes investment decisions for the Fund.

The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of Federated.

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

## Portfolio Manager Information

As a general matter, certain conflicts of interest may arise in connection with a portfolio manager's management of a fund's investments, on the one hand, and the investments of other accounts for which the portfolio manager is responsible, on the other. For example, it is possible that the various accounts managed could have different investment strategies that, at times, might conflict with one another to the possible detriment of the Fund. Alternatively, to the extent that the same investment opportunities might be desirable for more than one account, possible conflicts could arise in determining how to allocate them. Other potential conflicts might include conflicts created by specific portfolio manager compensation arrangements, and conflicts relating to selection of brokers or dealers to execute Fund portfolio trades and/or specific uses of commissions from Fund portfolio trades (for example, research or "soft dollars"). The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures and has structured the portfolio managers' compensation in a manner reasonably designed to safeguard the Fund from being negatively affected as a result of any such potential conflicts.

The following information about the Fund's Portfolio Manager is provided as of the end of the Fund's most recently completed fiscal year unless otherwise indicated.

### Daniel Mahr, Portfolio Manager Information

<b>Types of Accounts Managed by Daniel Mahr</b>	<b>Total Number of Additional Accounts Managed/Total Assets</b>	<b>Additional Accounts/Assets Managed that are Subject to Advisory Fee Based on Account Performance</b>
Registered Investment Companies	6 Funds/\$566.7 million	0/\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0/\$0	0/\$0
Other Accounts	522 Accounts/\$1,877.7 million	1 Account/\$198 thousand

*Dollar value range of shares owned in the Fund: None.*

Daniel Mahr is paid a fixed base salary and a variable annual incentive. Base salary is determined within a market competitive, position-specific salary range, based on the portfolio manager's experience and performance. For purposes of calculating the annual incentive amount, each mutual fund and institutional account managed by the Adviser is categorized as reflecting one of several designated "Strategies." The annual incentive amount is based on current calendar year asset-weighted composite investment performance of each Strategy, which is measured on a total return basis gross of fees and expenses vs. the Strategy's designated benchmark (i.e., with respect to the Fund's Strategy, Russell 1000 Growth Index). As noted above, Mr. Mahr is also the portfolio manager for other accounts in addition to the Fund. Such other accounts may be categorized as reflecting different Strategies, which may have different benchmarks. Although the performance of each Strategy composite is considered in calculating the annual incentive amount, their relative weightings differ. The performance of one of the other Strategies (which does not include the Fund in its composite performance) represents a significant portion of the calculation. The remaining Strategies are divided into two groups, with each Strategy within a group receiving equal weighting. The Strategy to which the Fund is assigned and the other Strategies in the same group receive lower weighting than Strategies in the other group. As a separate matter, pursuant to the terms of a business acquisition agreement, Mr. Mahr may receive additional consideration based on the achievement of specified revenue targets.

### Fred Konopka, Portfolio Manager

<b>Types of Accounts Managed by Fred Konopka</b>	<b>Total Number of Additional Accounts Managed/Total Assets</b>	<b>Additional Accounts/Assets Managed that are Subject to Advisory Fee Based on Account Performance</b>
Registered Investment Companies	6 Funds/\$566.7 million	0/\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0/\$0	0/\$0
Other Accounts	522 Accounts/\$1,877.7 million	1 Account/\$198 thousand

*Dollar value range of shares owned in the Fund: None.*

Fred Konopka is paid a fixed base salary and a variable annual incentive. Base salary is determined within a market competitive, position-specific salary range, based on the portfolio manager's experience and performance. For purposes of calculating the annual incentive amount, each mutual fund and institutional account managed by the Adviser is categorized as reflecting one of several designated "Strategies." The annual incentive amount is based on current calendar year asset-weighted composite investment performance of each Strategy, which is measured on a total return basis gross of fees and expenses vs. the Strategy's designated benchmark (i.e., with respect to the Fund's Strategy, Russell 1000 Growth Index). As noted above, Mr. Konopka is also the portfolio manager for other accounts in addition to the Fund. Such other accounts may be categorized as reflecting different

Strategies, which may have different benchmarks. Although the performance of each Strategy composite is considered in calculating the annual incentive amount, their relative weightings differ. The performance of one of the other Strategies (which does not include the Fund in its composite performance) represents a significant portion of the calculation. The remaining Strategies are divided into two groups, with each Strategy within a group receiving equal weighting. The Strategy to which the Fund is assigned and the other Strategies in the same group receive lower weighting than Strategies in the other group. As a separate matter, pursuant to the terms of a business acquisition agreement, Mr. Konopka may receive additional consideration based on the achievement of specified revenue targets.

**Brian M. Greenberg, Portfolio Manager**

<b>Types of Accounts Managed by Brian Greenberg</b>	<b>Total Number of Additional Accounts Managed/Total Assets</b>	<b>Additional Accounts/Assets Managed that are Subject to Advisory Fee Based on Account Performance</b>
Registered Investment Companies	6 Funds/\$566.7 million	0/\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0/\$0	0/\$0
Other Accounts	522 Accounts/\$1,877.7 million	1 Account/\$198 thousand

*Dollar value range of shares owned in the Fund: None.*

Brian Greenberg is paid a fixed base salary and a variable annual incentive. Base salary is determined within a market competitive, position-specific salary range, based on the portfolio manager’s experience and performance. For purposes of calculating the annual incentive amount, each mutual fund and institutional account managed by the Adviser is categorized as reflecting one of several designated “Strategies.” The annual incentive amount is based on current calendar year asset-weighted composite investment performance of each Strategy, which is measured on a total return basis gross of fees and expenses vs. the Strategy’s designated benchmark (i.e., with respect to the Fund’s Strategy, Russell 1000 Growth Index). As noted above, Mr. Greenberg is also the portfolio manager for other accounts in addition to the Fund. Such other accounts may be categorized as reflecting different Strategies, which may have different benchmarks. Although the performance of each Strategy composite is considered in calculating the annual incentive amount, their relative weightings differ. The performance of one of the other Strategies (which does not include the Fund in its composite performance) represents a significant portion of the calculation. The remaining Strategies are divided into two groups, with each Strategy within a group receiving equal weighting. The Strategy to which the Fund is assigned and the other Strategies in the same group receive lower weighting than Strategies in the other group. As a separate matter, pursuant to the terms of a business acquisition agreement, Mr. Greenberg may receive additional consideration based on the achievement of specified revenue targets.

**Services Agreement**

Federated Advisory Services Company, an affiliate of the Adviser, provides research, quantitative analysis, equity trading and transaction settlement and certain support services to the Adviser. The fee for these services is paid by the Adviser and not by the Fund.

**Other Related Services**

Affiliates of the Adviser may, from time to time, provide certain electronic equipment and software to institutional customers in order to facilitate the purchase of Fund Shares offered by the Distributor.

**CODE OF ETHICS RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL TRADING**

As required by SEC rules, the Fund, its Adviser and its Distributor have adopted codes of ethics. These codes govern securities trading activities of investment personnel, Fund Trustees and certain other employees. Although they do permit these people to trade in securities, including those that the Fund could buy, as well as Shares of the Fund, they also contain significant safeguards designed to protect the Fund and its shareholders from abuses in this area, such as requirements to obtain prior approval for, and to report, particular transactions.

**VOTING PROXIES ON FUND PORTFOLIO SECURITIES**

The Board has delegated to the Adviser authority to vote proxies on the securities held in the Fund’s portfolio. The Board has also approved the Adviser’s policies and procedures for voting the proxies, which are described below.

## Proxy Voting Policies

The Adviser's general policy is to cast proxy votes in favor of proposals that the Adviser anticipates will enhance the long-term value of the securities being voted. Generally, this will mean voting for proposals that the Adviser believes will: improve the management of a company; increase the rights or preferences of the voted securities; and/or increase the chance that a premium offer would be made for the company or for the voted securities.

The following examples illustrate how these general policies may apply to proposals submitted by a company's board of directors. However, whether the Adviser supports or opposes a proposal will always depend on the specific circumstances described in the proxy statement and other available information.

On matters of corporate governance, generally the Adviser will vote *for* the full slate of directors nominated in an uncontested election; and *for* proposals to: require a company's audit committee to be comprised entirely of independent directors; require independent tabulation of proxies and/or confidential voting by shareholders; reorganize in another jurisdiction (unless it would reduce the rights or preferences of the securities being voted); ratify the board's selection of auditors (unless compensation for non-audit services exceeded 50% of the total compensation received from the company, or the previous auditor was dismissed because of a disagreement with the company); and repeal a shareholder rights plan (also known as a "poison pill"). The Adviser will generally vote *against* the adoption of such a plan (unless the plan is designed to facilitate, rather than prevent, unsolicited offers for the company).

On matters of capital structure, generally the Adviser will vote: *against* proposals to authorize or issue shares that are senior in priority or voting rights to the securities being voted; and *for* proposals to: reduce the amount of shares authorized for issuance; authorize a stock repurchase program; and grant preemptive rights to the securities being voted. The Adviser will generally vote *against* proposals to eliminate such preemptive rights.

On matters relating to management compensation, generally the Adviser will vote: *for* stock incentive plans that align the recipients' interests with the interests of shareholders without creating undue dilution; *against* proposals that would permit the amendment or replacement of outstanding stock incentives with new stock incentives having more favorable terms; and *against* executive compensation plans that do not disclose the maximum amounts of compensation that may be awarded or the criteria for determining awards.

On matters relating to corporate transactions, the Adviser will vote proxies relating to proposed mergers, capital reorganizations and similar transactions in accordance with the general policy, based upon its analysis of the proposed transaction. The Adviser will vote proxies in contested elections of directors in accordance with the general policy, based upon its analysis of the opposing slates and their respective proposed business strategies. Some transactions may also involve proposed changes to the company's corporate governance, capital structure or management compensation. The Adviser will vote on such changes based on its evaluation of the proposed transaction or contested election. In these circumstances, the Adviser may vote in a manner contrary to the general practice for similar proposals made outside the context of such a proposed transaction or change in the board. For example, if the Adviser decides to vote against a proposed transaction, it may vote for anti-takeover measures reasonably designed to prevent the transaction, even though the Adviser typically votes against such measures in other contexts.

The Adviser generally votes *against* proposals submitted by shareholders without the favorable recommendation of a company's board. The Adviser believes that a company's board should manage its business and policies, and that shareholders who seek specific changes should strive to convince the board of their merits or seek direct representation on the board.

In addition, the Adviser will not vote if it determines that the consequences or costs outweigh the potential benefit of voting. For example, if a foreign market requires shareholders casting proxies to retain the voted shares until the meeting date (thereby rendering the shares "illiquid" for some period of time), the Adviser will not vote proxies for such shares.

Finally, due to the nature of the Fund's investment program, the Adviser's investment personnel do not perform proprietary research on the securities held by the Fund. Therefore, the Adviser will vote proxies on the Fund's securities in accordance with its applicable general voting instructions and in the same manner as any other fund managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, and for which investment personnel do perform such proprietary research, that is voting on the same proxy matter. If neither of these two conditions applies, the Adviser will vote as recommended by Glass Lewis & Co. (GL) and, if none of the previous conditions applies, as recommended by the subject company's board of directors.

## Proxy Voting Procedures

The Adviser has established a Proxy Voting Committee ("Proxy Committee"), to exercise all voting discretion granted to the Adviser by the Board in accordance with the proxy voting policies. The Adviser has hired GL to obtain, vote and record proxies in accordance with the Proxy Committee's directions. The Proxy Committee has supplied GL with general voting instructions that represent decisions made by the Proxy Committee in order to vote common proxy proposals; however, the Proxy Committee retains the right to modify these voting instructions at any time or to vote contrary to the voting instructions at any time in order to cast proxy votes in a manner that the Proxy Committee believes is consistent with the Adviser's general policy. GL may vote any

proxy as directed in the voting instructions without further direction from the Proxy Committee and may make any determinations required to implement the voting instructions. However, if the voting instructions require case-by-case direction for a proposal, GL shall provide the Proxy Committee with all information that it has obtained regarding the proposal and the Proxy Committee will provide specific direction to GL.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Adviser has adopted procedures to address situations where a matter on which a proxy is sought may present a potential conflict between the interests of the Fund (and its shareholders) and those of the Adviser or Distributor. This may occur where a significant business relationship exists between the Adviser (or its affiliates) and a company involved with a proxy vote. A company that is a proponent, opponent or the subject of a proxy vote and which to the knowledge of the Proxy Committee has this type of significant business relationship, is referred to as an “Interested Company.”

The Adviser has implemented the following procedures in order to avoid concerns that the conflicting interests of the Adviser have influenced proxy votes. Any employee of the Adviser who is contacted by an Interested Company regarding proxies to be voted by the Adviser must refer the Interested Company to a member of the Proxy Committee, and must inform the Interested Company that the Proxy Committee has exclusive authority to determine how the Adviser will vote. Any Proxy Committee member contacted by an Interested Company must report it to the full Proxy Committee and provide a written summary of the communication. Under no circumstances will the Proxy Committee or any member of the Proxy Committee make a commitment to an Interested Company regarding the voting of proxies or disclose to an Interested Company how the Proxy Committee has directed such proxies to be voted. If the voting instructions already provide specific direction on the proposal in question, the Proxy Committee shall not alter or amend such directions. If the voting instructions require the Proxy Committee to provide further direction, the Proxy Committee shall do so in accordance with the proxy voting policies, without regard for the interests of the Adviser with respect to the Interested Company. If the Proxy Committee provides any direction as to the voting of proxies relating to a proposal affecting an Interested Company, it must disclose to the Fund’s Board information regarding: the significant business relationship; any material communication with the Interested Company; the matter(s) voted on; and how, and why, the Adviser voted as it did. Alternatively, the Proxy Committee may seek direction from the Fund’s Board on how a proposal concerning an Interested Company shall be voted, and shall follow any such direction provided by the Board. In seeking such direction, the Proxy Committee will disclose the reason such company is considered an Interested Company and may provide a recommendation on how such proposal should be voted and the basis for such recommendation.

If the Fund holds shares of another investment company for which the Adviser (or an affiliate) acts as an investment adviser, the Proxy Committee will vote the Fund’s proxies in the same proportion as the votes cast by shareholders who are not clients of the Adviser at any shareholders’ meeting called by such investment company, unless otherwise directed by the Board.

### **Proxy Voting Report**

A report on “Form N-PX” of how the Fund voted any proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available through Federated’s website. Go to [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com); from the home page, select “View All” next to “Find Products”; select the Fund name and share class, if applicable, to go to the Fund Overview page; on the Fund Overview page, select the “Documents” tab; at the bottom of that page, select “Proxy Voting Record Report (Form N-PX).” Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION**

Information concerning the Fund’s portfolio holdings is available in the “Products” section of Federated’s website at [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com). A complete listing of the Fund’s portfolio holdings as of the end of each calendar quarter is posted on the website 30 days (or the next business day) after the end of the quarter and remains posted for six months thereafter. Summary portfolio composition information as of the close of each month is posted on the website 15 days (or the next business day) after month-end and remains posted until replaced by the information for the succeeding month. The summary portfolio composition information may include: identification of the Fund’s top 10 holdings and a percentage breakdown of the portfolio by positioning and sector.

To access this information from the “Products” section of the website’s home page, select “View All” next to “Find Products.” Select the Fund name and share class, if applicable, to go to the Fund Overview page. On the Fund Overview page, select the “Portfolio Characteristics” tab for summary portfolio information or the “Documents” tab to access “Holdings.”

You may also access portfolio information as of the end of the Fund's fiscal quarters from the "Documents" tab. The Fund's Annual Shareholder Report and Semi-Annual Shareholder Report contain complete listings of the Fund's portfolio holdings as of the end of the Fund's second and fourth fiscal quarters. The Fund's Form N-Q filings contain complete listings of the Fund's portfolio holdings as of the end of the Fund's first and third fiscal quarters. Fiscal quarter information is made available on the website within 70 days after the end of the fiscal quarter. This information is also available in reports filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

The disclosure policy of the Fund and the Adviser prohibits the disclosure of portfolio holdings information to any investor or intermediary before the same information is made available to other investors. Employees of the Adviser or its affiliates who have access to nonpublic information concerning the Fund's portfolio holdings are prohibited from trading securities on the basis of this information. Such persons must report all personal securities trades and obtain pre-clearance for all personal securities trades other than mutual fund shares.

Firms that provide administrative, custody, financial, accounting, legal or other services to the Fund may receive nonpublic information about Fund portfolio holdings for purposes relating to their services. The Fund may also provide portfolio holdings information to publications that rate, rank or otherwise categorize investment companies. Traders or portfolio managers may provide "interest" lists to facilitate portfolio trading if the list reflects only that subset of the portfolio for which the trader or portfolio manager is seeking market interest. A list of service providers, publications and other third parties who may receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information appears in the Appendix to this SAI.

The furnishing of nonpublic portfolio holdings information to any third party (other than authorized governmental or regulatory personnel) requires the prior approval of the President of the Adviser and of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund. The President of the Adviser and the Chief Compliance Officer will approve the furnishing of nonpublic portfolio holdings information to a third party only if they consider the furnishing of such information to be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders. In that regard, and to address possible conflicts between the interests of Fund shareholders and those of the Adviser and its affiliates, the following procedures apply. No consideration may be received by the Fund, the Adviser, any affiliate of the Adviser or any of their employees in connection with the disclosure of portfolio holdings information. Before information is furnished, the third party must sign a written agreement that it will safeguard the confidentiality of the information, will use it only for the purposes for which it is furnished and will not use it in connection with the trading of any security. Persons approved to receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information will receive it as often as necessary for the purpose for which it is provided. Such information may be furnished as frequently as daily and often with no time lag between the date of the information and the date it is furnished. The Board receives and reviews annually a list of the persons who receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information and the purposes for which it is furnished.

#### **BROKERAGE TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT ALLOCATION**

Equity securities may be traded in the over-the-counter market through broker/dealers acting as principal or agent, or in transactions directly with other investors. Transactions may also be executed on a securities exchange or through an electronic communications network. The Adviser seeks to obtain best execution of trades in equity securities by balancing the costs inherent in trading, including opportunity costs, market impact costs and commissions. As a general matter, the Adviser seeks to add value to its investment management by using market information to capitalize on market opportunities, actively seek liquidity and discover price. The Adviser continually monitors its trading results in an effort to improve execution. Fixed-income securities are generally traded in an over-the-counter market on a net basis (i.e., without commission) through dealers acting as principal or in transactions directly with the issuer. Dealers derive an undisclosed amount of compensation by offering securities at a higher price than they bid for them. Some fixed-income securities may have only one primary market maker. The Adviser seeks to use dealers it believes to be actively and effectively trading the security being purchased or sold, but may not always obtain the lowest purchase price or highest sale price with respect to a fixed-income security. The Adviser's receipt of research services (as described below) may also be a factor in the Adviser's selection of brokers and dealers. The Adviser may also direct certain portfolio trades to a broker that, in turn, pays a portion of the Fund's operating expenses. The Adviser makes decisions on portfolio transactions and selects brokers and dealers subject to review by the Fund's Board.

Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other accounts managed by the Adviser and accounts managed by affiliates of the Adviser. When the Fund and one or more other accounts managed by the Adviser do invest in, or dispose of, the same security, available investments or opportunities for sales may be allocated among the Fund and the account(s) in a manner believed by the Adviser to be equitable. While the coordination and ability to participate in volume transactions may benefit the Fund, it is possible that this procedure could adversely impact the prices paid or received and/or positions obtained or disposed of by the Fund. Trading and allocation of investments for the Fund, including investments in initial public offerings (IPO),

may be done independently from trading and allocation of investments for certain separately managed or wrap-fee accounts, and other accounts, managed by the Adviser. The trading and allocation of investments done by the Adviser, including investments in IPOs, will be done independently from accounts managed by affiliates of the Adviser. It is possible that such independent trading activity could adversely impact the prices paid or received and/or positions obtained or disposed of by the Fund.

**Research Services**

Research services may include: advice as to the advisability of investing in securities; security analysis and reports; economic studies; industry studies; receipt of quotations for portfolio evaluations; and similar services. Research services may be used by the Adviser or by affiliates of Federated in advising other accounts. To the extent that receipt of these services may replace services for which the Adviser or its affiliates might otherwise have paid, it would tend to reduce their expenses. The Adviser and its affiliates exercise reasonable business judgment in selecting brokers to execute securities transactions where receipt of research services is a factor. They determine in good faith that commissions charged by such persons are reasonable in relationship to the value of the brokerage and research services provided.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Federated Administrative Services (FAS), a subsidiary of Federated, provides administrative personnel and services (including certain legal and financial reporting services) necessary to operate the Fund. FAS provides these at the following annual rates, based on the average aggregate daily net assets of the Fund and most of the other Federated funds:

<b>Administrative Fee</b>	<b>Average Aggregate Daily Net Assets of the Federated Funds</b>
0.150 of 1%	on the first \$5 billion
0.125 of 1%	on the next \$5 billion
0.100 of 1%	on the next \$10 billion
0.075 of 1%	on assets over \$20 billion

The administrative fee received during any fiscal year shall be at least \$150,000 per portfolio and \$40,000 per each additional class of Shares. FAS may voluntarily waive a portion of its fee and may reimburse the Fund for expenses.

FAS also provides certain accounting and recordkeeping services with respect to the Fund’s portfolio investments for a fee based on Fund assets plus out-of-pocket expenses.

**CUSTODIAN**

State Street Bank and Trust Company, Boston, Massachusetts, is custodian for the securities and cash of the Fund. Foreign instruments purchased by the Fund are held by foreign banks participating in a network coordinated by State Street Bank and Trust Company.

**TRANSFER AGENT AND DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT**

State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Fund’s registered transfer agent, maintains all necessary shareholder records.

**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund, Ernst & Young LLP, conducts its audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), which require it to plan and perform its audits to provide reasonable assurance about whether the Fund’s financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement.

## FEES PAID BY THE FUND FOR SERVICES

For the Year Ended July 31	2011	2010	2009
Advisory Fee Earned	\$490,961	\$618,677	\$704,043
Advisory Fee Reduction	431,432	396,747	432,093
Advisory Fee Reimbursement	1,173	1,608	1,163
Brokerage Commissions	115,651	176,681	511,664
Administrative Fee	215,657	215,827	215,941
<b>12b-1 Fee:</b>			
A	—	—	—
B	56,592	—	—
C	55,625	—	—
<b>Shareholder Services Fee:</b>			
A	112,290	—	—
B	18,864	—	—
C	18,402	—	—

Fees are allocated among classes based on their pro rata share of Fund assets, except for marketing (Rule 12b-1) fees and shareholder services fees, which are borne only by the applicable class of Shares.

If the Fund's expenses are capped at a particular level, the cap does not include reimbursement to the Fund of any expenses incurred by shareholders who use the transfer agent's subaccounting facilities.

## How Does the Fund Measure Performance?

The Fund may advertise Share performance by using the SEC's standard methods for calculating performance applicable to all mutual funds. The SEC also permits this standard performance information to be accompanied by non-standard performance information.

Share performance reflects the effect of non-recurring charges, such as maximum sales charges, which, if excluded, would increase the total return and yield. The performance of Shares depends upon such variables as: portfolio quality; average portfolio maturity; type and value of portfolio securities; changes in interest rates; changes or differences in the Fund's or any class of Shares' expenses; and various other factors.

Share performance fluctuates on a daily basis largely because net earnings and/or the value of portfolio holdings fluctuate daily. Both net earnings and offering price per Share are factors in the computation of yield and total return.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AND YIELD

Total returns are given for the one-year, five-year and Start of Performance periods ended July 31, 2011.

Yield is given for the 30-day period ended July 31, 2011.

	30-Day Period	1 Year	5 Years	Start of Performance 9/15/2005
<b>Class A Shares:</b>				
Total Return				
Before Taxes	N/A	17.45%	1.92%	1.94%
After Taxes on Distributions	N/A	17.45%	1.38%	1.48%
After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Shares	N/A	11.34%	1.48%	1.52%
Yield	0.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Class B Shares:</b>				
Total Return				
Before Taxes	N/A	17.87%	1.99%	2.05%
After Taxes on Distributions	N/A	17.87%	1.44%	1.59%
After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Shares	N/A	11.62%	1.55%	1.63%
Yield	0.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Class C Shares:</b>				
Total Return				
Before Taxes	N/A	22.40%	2.30%	2.14%
After Taxes on Distributions	N/A	22.40%	1.75%	1.68%
After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Shares	N/A	14.56%	1.81%	1.70%
Yield	0.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>				
Total Return				
Before Taxes	N/A	24.62%	3.34%	3.20%
After Taxes on Distributions	N/A	24.62%	2.80%	2.74%
After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Shares	N/A	16.00%	2.71%	2.61%
Yield	0.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A

## TOTAL RETURN

Total return represents the change (expressed as a percentage) in the value of Shares over a specific period of time, and includes the investment of income and capital gains distributions.

The average annual total return for Shares is the average compounded rate of return for a given period that would equate a \$10,000 initial investment to the ending redeemable value of that investment. The ending redeemable value is computed by multiplying the number of Shares owned at the end of the period by the NAV per Share at the end of the period. The number of Shares owned at the end of the period is based on the number of Shares purchased at the beginning of the period with \$10,000, less any applicable sales charge, adjusted over the period by any additional Shares, assuming the annual reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

Total returns after taxes are calculated in a similar manner, but reflect additional standard assumptions required by the SEC.

## YIELD

The yield of Shares is calculated by dividing: (i) the net investment income per Share earned by the Shares over a 30-day period; by (ii) the maximum offering price per Share on the last day of the period. This number is then annualized using semi-annual compounding. This means that the amount of income generated during the 30-day period is assumed to be generated each month over a 12-month period and is reinvested every six months. The yield does not necessarily reflect income actually earned by Shares because of certain adjustments required by the SEC and, therefore, may not correlate to the dividends or other distributions paid to shareholders.

To the extent financial intermediaries charge fees in connection with services provided in conjunction with an investment in Shares, the Share performance is lower for shareholders paying those fees.

## Financial Information

The Financial Statements for the Fund for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2011, are incorporated herein by reference to the Annual Report to Shareholders of Federated MDT Large Cap Growth Fund dated July 31, 2011.

## Investment Ratings

### STANDARD & POOR'S (S&P) LONG-TERM DEBT RATING DEFINITIONS

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

**AA—Very high credit quality.** “AA” ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

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

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

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

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

**CCC, CC, C—High default risk.** Default is a real possibility. Capacity for meeting financial commitments is solely reliant upon sustained, favorable business or economic developments. A “CC” rating indicates that default of some kind appears probable. “C” ratings signal imminent default.

**D—In payment default.** The “D” rating category is used when payments on a financial commitment are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on a financial commitment are jeopardized.

### MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE (MOODY'S) LONG-TERM DEBT RATINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Ca**—Bonds and preferred stock which are rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

**C**—Bonds and preferred stock which are rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

**NR**—Indicates that both the bonds and the obligor or credit enhancer are not currently rated by S&P or Moody's with respect to short-term indebtedness. However, management considers them to be of comparable quality to securities rated A-1 or P-1.

**NR(1)**—The underlying issuer/obligor/guarantor has other outstanding debt rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's.

**NR(2)**—The underlying issuer/obligor/guarantor has other outstanding debt rated AA by S&P or Aa by Moody's.

**NR(3)**—The underlying issuer/obligor/guarantor has other outstanding debt rated A by S&P or Moody's.

#### **FITCH RATINGS LONG-TERM DEBT RATING DEFINITIONS**

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

**AA—Very high credit quality.** “AA” ratings denote a very low expectation of credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

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

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

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

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

#### **MOODY'S COMMERCIAL PAPER 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 structure with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earning coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and 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, will be more subject to variation. Capitalization characteristics, while still appropriate, may be more affected by external conditions. Ample alternate liquidity is maintained.

#### **S&P COMMERCIAL PAPER RATINGS**

**A-1**—A short-term obligation rated “A-1” is rated in the highest category by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

**A-2**—A short-term obligation rated “A-2” is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

#### **FITCH RATINGS COMMERCIAL PAPER RATING DEFINITIONS**

**F-1**—Indicates the strongest capacity for timely payment of financial commitments relative to other issuers or issues in the same country. Under their national rating scale, this rating is assigned to the “best” credit risk relative to all others in the same country and is normally assigned to all financial commitments issued or guaranteed by the sovereign state. Where the credit risk is particularly strong, a “+” is added to the assigned rating.

**F-2**—Indicates a satisfactory capacity for timely payment of financial commitments relative to other issuers or issues in the same country. However, the margin of safety is not as great as in the case of the higher ratings.

#### **A.M. BEST LONG-TERM DEBT RATINGS**

An A.M. Best Long-Term Debt Rating (issue credit rating) is an opinion as to the issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations to security holders when due. These ratings are assigned to debt and preferred stock issues.

**aaa—Exceptional.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, an exceptional ability to meet the terms of the obligation.

**aa—Very Strong.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, a very strong ability to meet the terms of the obligation.

**a—Strong.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, a strong ability to meet the terms of the obligation.

**bbb—Adequate.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, an adequate ability to meet the terms of the obligation; however, is more susceptible to changes in economic or other conditions.

**bb—Speculative.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, speculative credit characteristics, generally due to a moderate margin of principal and interest payment protection and vulnerability to economic changes.

**b—Very Speculative.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, very speculative credit characteristics, generally due to a modest margin of principal and interest payment protection and extreme vulnerability to economic changes.

**ccc, cc, c—Extremely Speculative.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, extremely speculative credit characteristics, generally due to a minimal margin of principal and interest payment protection and/or limited ability to withstand adverse changes in economic or other conditions.

**d—In Default.** In default on payment of principal, interest or other terms and conditions. The rating also is utilized when a bankruptcy petition, or similar action, has been filed.

Ratings from "aa" to "ccc" may be enhanced with a "+" (plus) or "-" (minus) to indicate whether credit quality is near the top or bottom of a category. A company's Long-Term Credit Rating also may be assigned an Under Review modifier ("u") that generally is event-driven (positive, negative or developing) and indicates that the company's A.M. Best Rating opinion is under review and may be subject to near-term change. Ratings prefixed with an ("i") denote indicative ratings. Ratings may also be assigned a Public Data modifier ("pd") which indicates that a company does not subscribe to A.M. Best's interactive rating process.

#### **A.M. BEST SHORT-TERM DEBT RATINGS**

An A.M. Best Short-Term Debt Rating (issue credit rating) is an opinion as to the issuer's ability to meet its obligations having maturities generally less than one year, such as commercial paper.

**AMB-1+—Strongest.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, the strongest ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

**AMB-1—Outstanding.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, an outstanding ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

**AMB-2—Satisfactory.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, a satisfactory ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

**AMB-3—Adequate.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, an adequate ability to repay short-term debt obligations; however, adverse economic conditions will likely lead to a reduced capacity to meet its financial commitments on short-term debt obligations.

**AMB-4—Speculative.** Assigned to issues where the issuer has, in A.M. Best's opinion, speculative credit characteristics and is vulnerable to economic or other external changes, which could have a marked impact on the company's ability to meet its commitments on short-term debt obligations.

**d—In Default.** In default on payment of principal, interest or other terms and conditions. The rating also is utilized when a bankruptcy petition, or similar action, has been filed.

A company's Short-Term Credit Rating also may be assigned an Under Review modifier ("u") that generally is event-driven (positive, negative or developing) and indicates that the company's A.M. Best Rating opinion is under review and may be subject to near-term change. Ratings prefixed with an ("i") denote indicative ratings.

#### **A.M. BEST RATING OUTLOOK**

A.M. Best Credit Ratings (aaa to c) are assigned a Rating Outlook that indicates the potential direction of a company's rating for an intermediate period, generally defined as the next 12 to 36 months. Public Data Ratings are not assigned an Outlook. Ratings Outlooks are as follows:

**Positive**—Indicates a company's financial/market trends are favorable, relative to its current rating level, and if continued, the company has a good possibility of having its rating upgraded.

**Negative**—Indicates a company is experiencing unfavorable financial/market trends, relative to its current rating level, and if continued, the company has a good possibility of having its rating downgraded.

**Stable**—Indicates a company is experiencing stable financial/market trends and that there is a low likelihood that its rating will change in the near term.

## Addresses

### **FEDERATED MDT LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND**

#### **CLASS A SHARES**

#### **CLASS B SHARES**

#### **CLASS C SHARES**

#### **INSTITUTIONAL SHARES**

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#### **Custodian, Transfer Agent and Dividend Disbursing Agent**

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200 Clarendon Street  
Boston, MA 02116-5072

## Appendix

The following is a list of persons, other than the Adviser and its affiliates, that have been approved to receive nonpublic portfolio holdings information concerning the Federated Fund Complex; however, certain persons below might not receive such information concerning the Fund:

### **CUSTODIAN(S)**

State Street Bank and Trust Company

### **SECURITIES LENDING AGENT**

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Charles River

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Computershare, Inc.

Eagle Investment Company

Edward Jones

FactSet

Fidelity

GE Life and Annuity Assurance Company

General Electric Capital Assurance Company

Glass Lewis & Co.

Global Trading Support Services

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Middle Office Solutions, LLC

New York Life Insurance Company

OMGEO LLC

Options Clearing Corp. (OCC)

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RiskMetrics

StatPro Group Plc

SunGard

The Travelers Insurance Company

Vintage Filings

Wells Fargo/Metropolitan West Securities LLC/MetWest Financials

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XSP (Xcitek Solutions Plus)

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