

## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### MIRAE ASSET DISCOVERY FUNDS Emerging Markets Fund Asia Fund Emerging Markets Great Consumer Fund

Mirae Asset Discovery Funds (the “Trust”) is an open-end management investment company that consists of four series. This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) includes information about the Class A, Class C and Class I Shares of the following series of the Trust - Emerging Markets Fund, Asia Fund and Emerging Markets Great Consumer Fund (each a “Fund” and collectively the “Funds”).

This SAI is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus of the applicable Fund, dated August 28, 2018, as amended from time to time (the “Prospectus”). A copy of the Prospectus may be obtained without charge by calling the Trust toll-free at 1-888-335-3417 or by visiting the Trust’s website at <http://investments.miraeasset.us>.

The Funds’ audited financial statements and related report of Cohen & Company, Ltd., the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018 are incorporated by reference into this Statement of Additional Information. No other part of the annual report is incorporated by reference herein. The Funds’ annual report is available, free of charge, by calling 1-888-335-3417 or on the Trust’s website at <http://investments.miraeasset.us>.

	<b>Emerging Markets Fund</b>	<b>Asia Fund</b>	<b>Emerging Markets Great Consumer Fund</b>
<b>Class A</b>	MALGX	MALAX	MECGX
<b>Class C</b>	MCLGX	MCLAX	MCCGX
<b>Class I</b>	MILGX	MILAX	MICGX

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## MIRAE ASSET DISCOVERY FUNDS

Mirae Asset Discovery Funds (the “Trust”) is an open-end management investment company that continually offers and redeems its shares. The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 7, 2010. Currently, the Trust consists of four series. This SAI includes information about the following series of the Trust: Emerging Markets Fund, Asia Fund and Emerging Markets Great Consumer Fund (“EM Great Consumer Fund”). Each may be referred to individually as a “Fund” and collectively as the “Funds.” The Trust also includes a fixed income fund that is covered in a separate SAI.

Each Fund is classified as “diversified” under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). To be diversified, at least 75% of the value of a Fund’s total assets must be comprised of (i) cash and cash items, (ii) securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, (iii) securities of other investment companies, or (iv) other securities, provided that no more than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets are invested in the securities of a single issuer and the Fund does not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of a single issuer. The remaining 25% of the value of a diversified fund’s total assets may be invested in a single issuer, or in multiple issuers not subject to the above limitations. Each Fund intends to qualify for the special tax treatment available to “regulated investment companies” under Subchapter M of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and thus intends to satisfy the diversification requirements contained therein. See “Taxes.”

### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND LIMITATIONS

The following policies and limitations supplement those set forth in the Prospectus. Unless otherwise noted, whenever an investment policy or limitation states a maximum percentage of a Fund’s assets that may be invested in any security or other asset, or sets forth a policy regarding quality standards, such standard or percentage limitation will be determined immediately after and as a result of the Fund’s acquisition of such security or other asset. Accordingly, any subsequent change in values, net assets, or other circumstances will not be considered when determining whether the investment complies with the Fund’s investment policies and limitations.

Each Fund’s fundamental investment limitations as listed below cannot be changed without approval by a “majority of the outstanding voting securities” of the applicable Fund. Under the 1940 Act, “a majority of the outstanding voting securities” of a Fund is the lesser of (a) 67% or more of the voting securities present at a meeting of shareholders, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of a Fund are present or represented by proxy, or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of a Fund.

Each Fund has adopted the following fundamental investment limitations, set forth below in their entirety. Each Fund may not:

- (a) Borrow money, except that (a) the Fund, to the extent permitted by applicable law, may borrow from banks (as defined in the 1940 Act), other affiliated investment companies and other persons or through reverse repurchase agreements in amounts up to 33½% of its total assets (including the amount borrowed), (b) the Fund may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, borrow up to an additional 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes, (c) the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities, (d) the Fund may purchase securities on margin to the extent permitted by applicable law and (e) the Fund may engage in transactions in mortgage dollar rolls which are accounted for as financings.
- (b) Issue senior securities to the extent such issuance would violate applicable law.
- (c) Engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by others, except to the extent that the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities.
- (d) Purchase or sell real estate, which term does not include securities of companies which deal in real estate or mortgages or investments secured by real estate or interests therein, except that the Fund reserves freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate acquired as a result of the Fund’s ownership of securities.
- (e) Purchase physical commodities or contracts relating to physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing or selling options and futures contracts or from investing in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities).
- (f) Make loans to other persons except by (i) lending portfolio securities, (ii) entering into repurchase agreements and (iii) acquiring debt instruments or interests in indebtedness in accordance with the Fund’s investment objective and policies.
- (g) Invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities of companies within a single industry, provided that there is no limitation with respect to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or any agencies or instrumentalities.

Additionally, as a fundamental investment policy, each Fund will not make any investment inconsistent with the Fund’s classification as a diversified company under the 1940 Act. Therefore, each Fund may not purchase securities of any one issuer (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities or certificates of deposit for any such securities) if more than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets would (taken at current value) be invested in the securities of such issuer, or more than 10% of the issuer’s outstanding voting securities would be owned by the Fund, except that up to 25% of the value of the Fund’s total assets may (taken at current value) be invested without regard to these limitations.

Notwithstanding fundamental investment limitation (a) above, applicable law currently prohibits the Funds from purchasing securities on margin. The deposit or payment by a Fund of initial or variation margin in connection with financial futures contracts or options transactions is not considered to be the purchase of a security on margin. Notwithstanding fundamental investment limitation (g) above, each Fund may invest a substantial amount of its assets (more than 25%) in issuers located in a single country or a limited number of countries.

The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, has also adopted the following non-fundamental investment restrictions, which may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval. Each Fund may not:

1. Purchase securities for the purpose of exercising control or management.
2. Purchase securities on margin or make short sales, except (i) short sales against the box, (ii) in connection with arbitrage transactions, (iii) for margin deposits in connection with futures contracts, options or other permitted investments, (iv) that transactions in futures contracts and options shall not be deemed to constitute selling securities short, and (v) that the Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of securities transactions.
3. Lend portfolio securities in an amount greater than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % (the Fund may set a lower percentage with a securities lending agent) of its total assets.
4. Purchase illiquid securities (including repurchase agreements of more than seven days' duration, certain restricted securities, and other securities which are not readily marketable), if, as a result, such securities would represent, at the time of purchase, more than 15% of the value of the Fund's net assets. In the event that illiquid securities represent more than 15% of the value of the Fund's assets, the Fund's Investment Manager (as defined below) will consider corrective action necessary to maintain a level of portfolio liquidity that is appropriate under the circumstances.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

The following pages contain more detailed information about types of instruments in which the Funds may invest, strategies each Fund's investment manager, Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC ("Mirae Asset USA" or the "Investment Manager"), and, if applicable, sub-manager, Mirae Asset Global Investments (Hong Kong) Ltd., may employ in pursuit of the Fund's investment objectives, and the related risks of such instruments and strategies. A Fund's Investment Manager may not buy all of these instruments or use all of these techniques unless it believes that doing so will help a Fund achieve its goal. References herein to a Fund's "Investment Manager" shall mean Mirae Asset USA and such Fund's sub-manager, if applicable.

### **Borrowing** (*All Funds*)

Each Fund may borrow from banks. Except as otherwise provided in this SAI, each Fund may borrow money as permitted by the 1940 Act, including up to 5% of the value of its total assets at the time of such borrowings for temporary purposes and in excess of the 5% limit to meet redemption requests. This borrowing may be unsecured. The 1940 Act requires each Fund to maintain continuous asset coverage of 300% of the amount borrowed. If the 300% asset coverage should decline as a result of market fluctuations or other reasons, a Fund may be required to sell some of its portfolio holdings within three days to reduce the debt and restore the 300% asset coverage, even though it may be disadvantageous from an investment standpoint to sell securities at that time. A Fund may also be required to maintain minimum average balances in connection with such borrowing or to pay a commitment fee or other fees to maintain a line of credit; either of these requirements would increase the cost of borrowing over the stated interest rate. Each Fund may, in connection with permissible borrowings, transfer securities owned by the Fund as collateral. If a Fund borrows money, the borrowing may magnify increases and decreases in the share price until such borrowing is paid off. If a Fund makes additional investments while borrowings are outstanding, this may be considered a form of leverage. Leverage may exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of portfolio securities on the interest and other costs, which may or not exceed the income or gains received from the securities purchased with borrowed funds. Additionally, borrowed funds are subject to interest costs that may or may not be offset by amounts earned on the borrowed funds.

### **Cash Management** (*All Funds*)

Each Fund can hold uninvested cash, including cash collateral from securities lending (if any), or can invest in cash equivalents such as money market securities, or shares of money market or short-term bond funds, or units of registered or unregistered collective investment vehicles (which invest in Rule 2a-7 (money market fund) permitted assets). Generally, these securities offer less potential for gains than other types of securities.

### **Common Stock** (*All Funds*)

Common stock represents an equity or ownership interest in an issuer. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds and preferred stock take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

## **Cybersecurity and Disaster Recovery Risks (All Funds)**

Information and technology systems relied upon by the Funds, the Investment Manager, the sub-manager, the Funds' service providers (including, but not limited to, Fund accountants, custodian, transfer agent, administrator, distributor and other financial intermediaries) and/or the issuers of securities in which a Fund invests may be vulnerable to damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons, security breaches, usage errors, power outages and catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. Although the Investment Manager has implemented measures to manage risks relating to these types of events, if these systems are compromised, become inoperable for extended periods of time or cease to function properly, significant investment may be required to fix or replace them. The failure of these systems and/or of disaster recovery plans could cause significant interruptions in the operations of the Funds, the Investment Manager, the sub-manager, the Funds' service providers and/or issuers of securities in which a Fund invests and may result in a failure to maintain the security, confidentiality or privacy of sensitive data, including personal information relating to investors (and the beneficial owners of investors), impact a Fund's ability to calculate its net asset value or impede trading. Such a failure could also harm the reputation of the Funds, the Investment Manager and sub-manager, the Funds' service providers and/or issuers of securities in which a Fund invests, subject such entities and their respective affiliates to legal claims or otherwise affect their business and financial performance.

## **Depository Receipts (All Funds)**

American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") as well as other "hybrid" forms of ADRs, including European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"), are certificates evidencing ownership of shares of a foreign issuer. These certificates are issued by depository banks and generally trade on an established market in the United States or elsewhere. The underlying shares are held in trust by a custodian bank or similar financial institution in the issuer's home country. The depository bank may not have physical custody of the underlying securities at all times and may charge fees for various services, including forwarding dividends and interest and corporate actions. ADRs are alternatives to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their national markets and currencies. However, ADRs continue to be subject to many of the risks associated with investing directly in foreign securities. These risks include foreign exchange risk as well as the political and economic risks of the underlying issuer's country.

## **Derivative Instruments (All Funds)**

Derivative instruments are financial instruments that derive their value from another instrument, security, index, currency or other asset. Each Fund may use derivatives for hedging purposes or to enhance return (which may be considered speculative since the Fund is primarily seeking to achieve gains, not offset the risk of other positions). A Fund may enter into derivatives transactions with respect to any security or other instrument in which it is permitted to invest. A Fund incurs costs in opening and closing derivatives positions. Each Fund does not intend to invest more than 5% of its assets in derivative instruments. In December of 2015, the SEC proposed a new rule to regulate registered investment companies' use of derivatives. If adopted, the effect of such rule on the Funds could be substantial and adverse.

***Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. (All Funds).*** The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank"), enacted in July 2010, grants prudential and financial regulators, notably the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC"), the jurisdictional and rulemaking authority necessary to impose comprehensive regulations on the over-the-counter ("OTC") and cleared derivatives markets. These regulations include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to disclosure, trade processing, trade reporting, margin and registration requirements. For example, under Dodd-Frank, regulations are now in effect that require swap dealer to post and collect variation margin (comprised of specified liquid instruments and subject to a required haircut) in connection with trading of OTC swaps with a Fund. Requirements for posting of initial margin in connection with OTC swaps will be phased-in over the next several years. The implementation of these margin requirements with respect to OTC swaps, as well as the other types of regulations and other global regulatory initiatives, could adversely impact the Funds by increasing transaction costs and/or regulatory compliance costs, limiting the availability of certain derivatives or otherwise adversely affecting the value or performance of derivatives that each Fund trades.

In addition, regulations adopted by prudential regulators that will begin to take effect in 2019 will require certain bank-regulated counterparties and certain of their affiliates to include in certain financial contracts, including many derivatives contracts, terms that delay or restrict the rights of counterparties, such as the Fund, to terminate such contracts, foreclose upon collateral, exercise other default rights or restrict transfers of credit support in the event that the counterparty and/or its affiliates are subject to certain types of resolution or insolvency proceedings. It is possible that these new requirements, as well as potential additional government regulation and other developments in the market, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing derivatives agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements. No assurance can be made that the U.S. Government or any U.S. regulatory body (or other authority or regulatory body) will not continue to take further legislative or regulatory action in response to an economic crisis or otherwise. The Funds may incur additional costs to comply with new requirements as well as to monitor for compliance in the future. In addition, Congress may determine to repeal or revise Dodd-Frank or portions thereof and other laws and regulations. The effect of such actions, if taken, cannot be known.

To the extent a Fund uses derivative instruments that are not regulated by the CFTC or the SEC, the Fund's use of such derivative instruments may be subject to regulation and oversight by regulators in other jurisdictions. Compliance with regulations in these jurisdictions may cause the Fund to incur additional costs.

***Hedging (All Funds).*** A Fund may use derivatives to offset the risks associated with other Fund holdings. This strategy is known as hedging. Losses on the other Fund securities may be reduced by gains on a derivative that responds in an opposite manner to market movements. Although hedging can reduce losses impacting a Fund, it can also reduce or eliminate gains or cause losses if the market moves in a manner different from that anticipated by the Fund or if the cost of the derivative outweighs the benefit of the hedge.

Hedging also involves correlation risk, *i.e.* the risk that changes in the value of the derivative will not match those of the holdings being hedged as expected by a Fund. The inability to close options and futures positions also could have an adverse impact on a Fund's ability to hedge effectively its portfolio. There is also a risk of loss by the Fund of margin deposits or collateral in the event of bankruptcy of a broker with whom the Fund has an open position in a cleared derivative. Other risks that hedging may involve are the risk of losses resulting from interest rate, spread or other market movements not anticipated by a Fund's Investment Manager, and, possibly, the obligation to meet additional margin or other payment requirements, all of which could worsen the Fund's position. To the extent that any hedging strategy involves the use of OTC derivatives transaction, such a strategy would be affected by the implementation of the various regulations adopted pursuant to Dodd-Frank. There can be no guarantee that a Fund's hedging strategies will be effective. No Fund is required to engage in hedging transactions, and each Fund may choose not to do so.

A Fund may use derivative instruments and trading strategies, including the following:

**Options (All Funds).** By purchasing a put option, the purchaser obtains the right (but not the obligation) to sell the option's underlying instrument at a fixed strike price. In return for this right, the purchaser pays the current market price for the option (known as the option premium). Options have various types of underlying assets, including specific securities, indices of securities prices, and futures contracts. The purchaser may terminate its position in a put option by allowing it to expire or by exercising the option. If the option is allowed to expire, the purchaser will lose the entire premium. If the option is exercised, the purchaser completes the sale of the underlying instrument at the strike price. A purchaser may also terminate a put option position by closing it out in the secondary market at its current price, if a liquid secondary market exists.

The buyer of a typical put option may realize a gain if security prices fall substantially. However, if the underlying instrument's price does not fall enough to offset the cost of purchasing the option, a put buyer may suffer a loss (limited to the amount of the premium, plus related transaction costs).

The features of call options are essentially the same as those of put options, except that the purchaser of a call option obtains the right to purchase, rather than sell, the underlying asset at the option's strike price. A call buyer typically attempts to participate in potential price increases of the underlying instrument with risk limited to the cost of the option if security prices fall. At the same time, the buyer can expect to suffer a loss if security prices do not rise sufficiently to offset the cost of the option.

The writer of a put or call option takes the opposite side of the transaction from the option's purchaser. In return for receipt of the premium, the writer assumes the obligation to pay or receive the strike price for the option's underlying instrument if the other party to the option chooses to exercise it. The writer may seek to terminate a position in a put option before exercise by closing out the option in the secondary market at its current price. If the secondary market is not liquid for a put option, however, the writer must continue to be prepared to pay the strike price while the option is outstanding, regardless of price changes. When writing an option on a futures contract, a Fund will be required to make margin payments to a futures commission merchant as described below for futures contracts.

If security prices rise, a put writer would generally expect to profit, although its gain would be limited to the amount of the premium it received. If security prices remain the same over time, it is likely that the writer will also profit, because it should be able to close out the option at a lower price. If security prices fall, the put writer would expect to suffer a loss. This loss should be less than the loss from purchasing the underlying instrument directly, however, because the premium received for writing the option should mitigate the effects of the decline.

Writing a call option obligates the writer to sell or deliver the option's underlying instrument, in return for the strike price, upon exercise of the option. The characteristics of writing call options are similar to those of writing put options, except that writing calls generally is a profitable strategy if prices remain the same or fall and there is no limit on potential losses. Through receipt of the option premium, a call writer mitigates the effects of a price increase. At the same time, because a call writer must be prepared to deliver the underlying instrument in return for the strike price, even if its current value is greater, a call writer is exposed to the risk of security price increases.

There is no assurance that a liquid market will exist for any particular options contract at any particular time. Options may have relatively low trading volume and liquidity if their strike prices are not close to the underlying instrument's current price. In addition, exchanges may establish daily price fluctuation limits for options contracts, and may halt trading if a contract's price moves upward or downward more than the limit in a given day. On volatile trading days when the price fluctuation limit is reached or a trading halt is imposed, it may be impossible to enter into new positions or close out existing positions. If the market for a contract is not liquid because of price fluctuation limits or otherwise, it could prevent prompt liquidation of unfavorable positions, and potentially could require a Fund to continue to hold a position until delivery or expiration regardless of changes in its value. As a result, a Fund's access to other assets held to cover its options positions could also be impaired.

Unlike exchange-traded options, which are standardized with respect to the underlying asset, expiration date, contract size, and strike price, the terms of over-the-counter options (options not traded on exchanges, known as "OTC options") generally are established through negotiation with the other party to the option contract. While this type of arrangement allows the purchaser or writer greater flexibility to tailor an option to its needs, OTC options generally are less liquid and involve greater credit risk than exchange-traded options, which are backed by the clearing organization of the exchanges where they are traded.

Combined positions involve purchasing and writing options in combination with each other, or in combination with futures or forward contracts, to adjust the risk and return characteristics of the overall position. For example, purchasing a put option and writing a call option on the same underlying instrument would construct a combined position whose risk and return characteristics are similar to selling a futures contract. Another possible combined position would involve writing a call option at one strike price and buying a call option at a higher price, to reduce the risk of the written call option in the event of a substantial price increase. Because combined options positions involve multiple trades, they result in higher transaction costs and may be more difficult to open and close out.

Because there are a limited number of types of exchange-traded options contracts, it is likely that the standardized contracts available will not match a Fund's current or anticipated investments exactly. Each Fund may invest in options contracts based on securities with different issuers, maturities, or other characteristics from the securities in which the Fund typically invests, which involves a risk that the options position will not track the performance of the Fund's other investments.

Options prices can also diverge from the prices of their underlying instruments, even if the underlying instruments match the Fund's investments well. Options prices are affected by such factors as current and anticipated short-term interest rates, changes in volatility of the underlying instrument, and the time remaining until expiration of the contract, which may not affect security prices the same way. Imperfect correlation may also result from differing levels of demand in the options and futures markets and the securities markets, from structural differences in how options and futures and securities are traded, or from imposition of daily price fluctuation limits or trading halts. Each Fund may purchase or sell options contracts with a greater or lesser value than the securities it wishes to hedge or intends to purchase in order to attempt to compensate for differences in volatility between the contract and the securities, although this may not be successful in all cases. If price changes in a Fund's options positions are poorly correlated with its other investments, the positions may fail to produce anticipated gains or result in losses that are not offset by gains in other investments.

**Futures (All Funds).** A Fund may engage in transactions in futures and options on futures. Futures are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that obligate a purchaser to take delivery, and a seller to make delivery, of a specific amount of an asset at a specified future date at a specified price (except that some futures contracts are cash settled). No price is paid upon entering into a futures contract. Rather, upon purchasing or selling a futures contract a Fund is required to deposit collateral ("margin") equal to a percentage (generally less than 10%) of the contract value. Each day thereafter until the futures position is closed, the Fund will pay additional margin representing any loss experienced as a result of the futures position the prior day or be entitled to a payment representing any profit experienced as a result of the futures position the prior day. Futures involve substantial leverage risk.

The sale of a futures contract limits a Fund's risk of loss from a decline in the market value of portfolio holdings correlated with the futures contract prior to the futures contract's expiration date. In the event the market value of the portfolio holdings correlated with the futures contract increases rather than decreases, however, a Fund will realize a loss on the futures position and a lower return on the portfolio holdings than would have been realized without the purchase of the futures contract.

The purchase of a futures contract may protect a Fund from having to pay more for securities as a consequence of increases in the market value for such securities during a period when the Fund was attempting to identify specific securities in which to invest in a market the Fund believes to be attractive. In the event that such securities decline in value, or a Fund determines not to complete an anticipatory hedge transaction relating to a futures contract however, the Fund may realize a loss relating to the futures position.

A Fund is also authorized to purchase or sell call and put options on futures contracts including financial futures and stock indices. Generally, these strategies would be used under the same market and market sector conditions (*i.e.*, conditions relating to specific types of investments) in which the Fund entered into futures transactions. A Fund may purchase put options or write call options on futures contracts and stock indices in lieu of selling the underlying futures contract in anticipation of a decrease in the market value of its securities. Similarly, a Fund can purchase call options or contracts and stock indices, as a substitute for the purchase of such futures to hedge against the increased cost resulting from an increase in the market value of securities that the Fund intends to purchase.

The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts and options are (a) the imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the instruments held by a Fund and the price of the futures contract or option; (b) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; (c) losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited; (d) the inability of a Fund's Investment Manager to predict correctly the direction of securities prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates and other economic factors; and (e) the possibility that the counterparty will default in the performance of its obligations. In addition, the CFTC and the United States commodities exchanges impose limits referred to as "speculative position limits" on the maximum net long or net short speculative positions that any person may hold or control in any particular futures or options contracts traded on United States commodities exchanges. For example, the CFTC currently imposes speculative position limits on a number of agricultural commodities (e.g., corn, oats, wheat, soybeans and cotton) and United States commodities exchanges currently impose speculative position limits on many other commodities. Dodd-Frank significantly expands the CFTC's authority to impose position limits with respect to futures contracts and options as well as swaps that are economically equivalent to futures or options on futures, and swaps that are traded on a regulated exchange and certain swaps that perform a significant price discovery function. In response to this expansion of its authority, in 2016, the CFTC re-proposed a series of new speculative position limits with respect to futures and options on futures on 25 energy, metals and agricultural futures contracts as well as economically equivalent swaps. Those proposed speculative position limits are not yet finalized. If the CFTC adopts these proposed position limits, the counterparties with which a Fund deals may further limit the size or duration of positions available to the Fund. All accounts owned or managed by the Investment Manager are likely to be combined for speculative position limit purposes. A Fund could be required to liquidate positions it holds in order to comply with such limits, or may not be able to fully implement trading instructions generated by its trading models, in order to comply with such limits. Any such liquidation or limited implementation could result in substantial costs to a Fund.

The derivatives in which the Funds may invest have become subject to comprehensive statutes and regulations. In the event that a Fund's investments in derivative instruments regulated under the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), including futures, swaps and options, exceeds a certain threshold, the Investment Manager may be required to register as a "commodity pool operator." In addition, the Investment Manager may be required to register as a "commodity trading advisor". In the event the Investment Manager is required to register with the CFTC, it will become subject to additional recordkeeping and reporting requirements with respect to the Fund, which may increase the Fund's expenses. However, the Trust has filed a notice of eligibility claiming an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" pursuant to Rule 4.5 under the CEA with respect to each Fund. Each Fund currently intends to operate in a manner that would permit it to continue to claim an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" pursuant to Rule 4.5 under the CEA.

**Risk factors involving derivatives (All Funds).** Derivatives are volatile and involve significant risks, including:

**Credit Risk** — The risk that the counterparty in a derivative transaction will be unable to honor its financial obligation to a Fund, or the risk that the reference entity in a credit default swap or similar derivative will not be able to honor its financial obligations. The counterparty risk for cleared derivatives is generally lower than for uncleared OTC derivative transactions since generally a clearing organization becomes the counterparty to each party to a cleared derivative contract and, in effect, guarantees the parties' performance under the contract as each party to a trade looks only to the clearinghouse for performance of financial obligations. However, there can be no assurance that the clearinghouse, or its members, will satisfy their obligations to a Fund.

**Risks Related to the Fund's Clearing Broker and Central Clearing Counterparty** — The CEA requires swaps and futures clearing brokers registered as "futures commission merchants" to segregate all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of U.S. domestic futures contracts and cleared swaps from the brokers' proprietary assets. Similarly, the CEA requires each FCM to hold in separate secure accounts all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of foreign futures contracts and cleared swaps and segregate any such funds. However, all funds and other property received by a clearing broker from its customers are held by the clearing broker on a commingled basis in an omnibus account and may be invested in certain instruments permitted under applicable regulations. There is a risk that assets deposited by a Fund with any swaps or futures clearing broker as margin for futures contracts or cleared swaps may, in certain circumstances and to varying degrees for swaps and futures and options contracts, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing broker. In addition, for both cleared swaps and futures and options contracts, the assets of a Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the Fund's clearing broker's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a *pro rata* share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing broker's customers for the relevant account class.

Similarly, the CEA requires a clearing organization approved by the CFTC as a derivatives clearing organization to segregate all funds and other property received from a clearing member's clients in connection with domestic cleared derivative contracts from any funds held at the clearing organization to support the clearing member's proprietary trading. Nevertheless, all customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any futures contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. All customer funds held at a clearing organization with respect to cleared swaps of customers of a clearing broker are also held in an omnibus account, but CFTC rules require that the clearing broker notify the clearing organization of the amount of the initial margin provided by the clearing broker to the clearing organization that is attributable to each customer.

With respect to futures and options contracts, a clearing organization may use assets of a non-defaulting customer held in an omnibus account of a clearing member at the clearing organization to satisfy payment obligations to the clearing organization of a defaulting customer of the clearing member that also defaults on its payment obligations to the clearing organization. With respect to cleared swaps, a clearing organization generally cannot do so, but may do so if the clearing member does not provide accurate reporting to the clearing organization as to the attribution of margin among its clients. Also, since clearing brokers generally provide to clearing organizations the net amount of variation margin required for cleared swaps for all of its customers in the aggregate, rather than the gross amount of each customer, a Fund is subject to the risk that a clearing organization will not make variation margin payments owed to the Fund if another customer of the clearing member has suffered a loss and is in default. As a result, in the event of a default of the clearing broker's other clients or the clearing broker's failure to extend its own funds in connection with any such default, a Fund may not be able to recover the full amount of assets deposited by the clearing broker on behalf of the Fund with the clearing organization.

**Currency Risk** — the risk that changes in the exchange rate between two currencies will adversely affect the value (in U.S. dollar terms) of an investment.

**Leverage Risk** — the risk associated with certain types of investments or trading strategies (such as, for example, borrowing money to increase the amount of investments) that relatively small market movements may result in large changes in the value of an investment. Certain investments or trading strategies that involve leverage can result in losses that greatly exceed the amount originally invested.



*Liquidity Risk* — the risk that certain securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time that the seller would like or at the price that the seller believes the security is currently worth. This risk is heightened to the extent a Fund engages in OTC derivative transactions, which are generally less liquid than exchange-traded instruments. Although both OTC and exchange-traded derivatives markets may experience lack of liquidity, OTC non-standardized derivative transactions are generally less liquid than exchange-traded instruments. The absence of liquidity may also make it more difficult for a Fund to ascertain a market value for such instruments. The inability to close open derivatives positions also could have an adverse impact on a Fund's ability to effectively hedge its portfolio.

*Correlation Risk* — the risk that changes in the value of a derivative will not match the changes in the value of the portfolio holdings that are being hedged or of the particular market or security to which the Fund seeks exposure.

*Index Risk* — If the derivative is linked to the performance of an index, it will be subject to the risks associated with changes in that index. If the index changes, a Fund could receive lower interest payments or experience a reduction in the value of the derivative to below what that Fund paid. Certain indexed securities, including inverse securities (which move in an opposite direction to the index), may create leverage, to the extent that they increase or decrease in value at a rate that is a multiple of the changes in the applicable index.

*Regulatory Risk*—In December 2015, the SEC proposed new regulations relating to a mutual fund's use of derivatives and related instruments. If these or other regulations are adopted, they could significantly limit or impact the Fund's ability to invest in derivatives and other instruments and may adversely affect the Fund's performance and ability to pursue its investment objective. Certain aspects of the tax treatment of derivative instruments may be affected by changes in legislation, regulations or other legally binding authority that could affect the character, timing and amount of the Fund's taxable income or gains and distributions. There can be no assurance that any new governmental regulation will not adversely affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment result.

A Fund intends to enter into transactions involving derivatives only if there appears to be a liquid secondary market for such instruments or, in the case of illiquid instruments traded in OTC transactions, such instruments satisfy the criteria set forth below under "Additional Risk Factors of OTC Transactions; Limitations on the Use of OTC Derivatives." However, there can be no assurance that, at any specific time, either a liquid secondary market will exist for a derivative or the Fund will otherwise be able to sell such instrument at an acceptable price. It may, therefore, not be possible to close a position in a derivative without incurring substantial losses, if at all.

Certain transactions in derivatives (such as futures transactions or sales of put options) involve substantial leverage risk and may expose a Fund to potential losses that exceed the amount originally invested by the Fund. When a Fund engages in such a transaction, the Fund will segregate liquid assets with a value at least equal to the Fund's exposure, on a mark-to-market basis, to the transaction (as calculated pursuant to requirements of the SEC).

The Funds intend to enter into transactions involving derivatives only if there appears to be a liquid secondary market for such instruments or, in the case of illiquid instruments traded in OTC transactions, such instruments satisfy the criteria set forth below under "Additional risk factors of OTC transactions; Limitations on the use of OTC derivatives." However, there can be no assurance that, at any specific time, either a liquid secondary market will exist for a derivative or a Fund will otherwise be able to exit its position at an acceptable price. It may therefore not be possible to close a position in a derivative without incurring substantial losses, if at all.

Certain transactions in derivatives (such as futures transactions or sales of put options) involve substantial leverage risk and may expose the Fund to potential losses, that exceed the amount originally invested by the Fund. When the Fund engages in such a transaction, the Fund will deposit in a segregated account at its custodian liquid securities or cash and cash equivalents with a value at least equal to the Fund's exposure, on a mark-to-market basis, to the transaction (as calculated pursuant to requirements of the SEC). Such segregation will ensure that the Fund has assets available to satisfy its obligations with respect to the transaction, but will not limit the Fund's exposure to loss.

***Additional risk factors of OTC transactions; Limitations on the use of OTC derivatives (All Funds).*** Certain derivatives traded in OTC markets, including indexed securities, swaps and OTC options, involve substantial liquidity risk. The absence of liquidity may make it difficult or impossible for the Fund to exit its position promptly at an acceptable price. The absence of liquidity may also make it more difficult for the Fund to ascertain a market value for its position. To reduce these liquidity risks, a Fund will acquire illiquid OTC instruments (i) if the agreement pursuant to which the instrument is purchased contains a formula price at which the instrument may be terminated or sold, or (ii) for which the Investment Manager anticipates the Fund can receive on each business day at least two independent bids or offers, unless a quotation from only one dealer is available, in which case that dealer's quotation may be used.

To the extent that a Fund has unrealized gains in OTC derivatives or has deposited collateral with its counterparties, the Fund is at risk that its counterparties will become bankrupt or otherwise fail to honor their obligations. A Fund will attempt to minimize the risk that a counterparty will become bankrupt or otherwise fail to honor its obligations by engaging in transactions in derivatives traded in OTC markets on the basis of clearing such transactions through a central counterparty (if such clearing is mandatory or otherwise available), or otherwise on a bilateral, uncleared, basis only with financial institutions that appear to have substantial capital or that have provided the Fund with a third-party guaranty or other credit enhancement.

## **Foreign Securities** *(All Funds)*

Each Fund will invest in foreign securities, including securities from issuers located in emerging markets countries. These securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in a foreign currency. Investing in foreign securities involves risks not typically associated with investing in securities of companies organized and operated in the United States, in addition to the risks inherent in investments in the United States. These risks can increase the chances that a Fund will lose money.

In June 2016, the United Kingdom held a referendum in which voters approved an exit from the European Union (“Brexit”). Although the effects of Brexit remain unclear, they could be significant and widespread.

Certain foreign market economies may rely heavily on particular industries or foreign capital and may be more vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures.

Because there are generally fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of shares traded each day, it may be difficult for a Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may fluctuate more than prices of securities traded in the United States. Foreign investments also involve risks relating to local political, economic, regulatory or social instability, military action or unrest, or adverse diplomatic developments, and may be affected by actions of foreign governments adverse to the interests of U.S. investors. The governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investing, including through the imposition of punitive taxes, in their capital markets or in certain industries. These actions could severely affect security prices, impair a Fund’s ability to purchase or sell foreign securities or transfer the Fund’s assets or income back into the United States, or otherwise adversely affect a Fund’s operations. Additional foreign market risks include those relating to exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on foreign government securities, difficulties in enforcing favorable legal judgments in foreign courts, and political and social conditions, such as diplomatic relations, confiscatory taxation, expropriation, limitation on the removal of funds or assets, or imposition of (or change in) exchange control regulations. Investors in certain foreign countries may have limited legal remedies. In addition, changes in government administrations or economic or monetary policies in the United States or abroad could result in appreciation or depreciation of portfolio securities and could favorably or adversely affect a Fund’s operations. Also, brokerage commissions and other costs of buying or selling securities often are higher in foreign countries than they are in the United States. This reduces the amount the Fund can earn on its investments. Dividends or interest on, or proceeds from the sale of, foreign securities may also be subject to foreign withholding taxes.

Investments in foreign securities may result in currency risk. Foreign securities generally are denominated and pay dividends or interest in foreign currencies. Therefore, the value of a Fund that invests in foreign securities as measured in U.S. dollars will be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in exchange rates. A stronger U.S. dollar will reduce returns for U.S. investors while a weak U.S. dollar will increase those returns.

Many foreign governments supervise and regulate stock exchanges, brokers and the sale of securities less than does the United States. Some countries may not have laws that protect investors similar to the protections provided by U.S. securities laws. Accounting standards in other countries are not necessarily the same as in the United States, and if the accounting standards in another country do not require as much detail as U.S. accounting standards, it may be harder for a Fund’s Investment Manager to completely and accurately determine a company’s financial condition. In addition, the U.S. Government has from time to time in the past imposed restrictions, through penalties and otherwise, on foreign investments by U.S. investors such as a Fund. If such restrictions should be reinstated, it might become necessary for a Fund to invest all or substantially all of its assets in U.S. securities.

A Fund generally holds its foreign securities and cash in foreign banks and securities depositories, some of which may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. There may also be limited or no regulatory oversight over their operations. A Fund’s ability to recover its assets if a foreign bank or depository or issuer of a security or any of their agents goes bankrupt may be limited by the laws of certain countries. In addition, it is often more expensive for a Fund to buy, sell and hold securities in certain foreign markets than in the United States. This may reduce a Fund’s returns on its investments.

In general, less information is publicly available with respect to foreign issuers than is available with respect to U.S. companies. A Fund’s foreign investments may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities in U.S. companies. In addition, there is generally less government supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, brokers and issuers in foreign countries than in the United States. Settlement and clearance procedures in certain foreign markets differ significantly from those in the United States. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations also may involve certain risks not typically generated by the settlement of U.S. investments. Settlements in certain foreign countries at times have not kept pace with the number of securities transactions, and these problems may make it difficult for a Fund to carry out transactions. If a Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a purchase of securities, it may miss attractive investment opportunities and certain of its assets may be uninvested with no return earned thereon for some period. If a Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a sale of securities, it may lose money if the value of the security then declines or, if it has contracted to sell the security to another party, a Fund could be liable to that party for any losses incurred.

The expense ratios of the Funds investing significantly in foreign securities can be expected to be higher than those of Funds investing primarily in domestic securities. The costs attributable to investing abroad are usually higher for several reasons, such as the higher cost of custody of foreign securities, higher commissions paid on comparable transactions on foreign markets and additional costs arising from delays in settlements of transactions involving foreign securities.

***Investments in emerging markets (All Funds).*** Each Fund may invest in the securities of issuers in emerging markets countries or investments that are tied economically to emerging markets countries. Investments in global emerging markets can magnify the risks of foreign investing described above. Such investments also involve additional risks that do not generally apply to investments in securities of issuers in more developed capital markets. These risks include (i) low or non-existent trading volume, resulting in a lack of liquidity and increased volatility in prices for such securities, as compared to securities of comparable issuers in more developed capital markets; (ii) uncertain national policies and social, political and economic instability, increasing the potential for expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, high rates of inflation or unfavorable diplomatic developments; (iii) possible fluctuations in exchange rates, differing legal systems and the existence or possible imposition of exchange controls, custodial restrictions or other foreign or U.S. governmental laws or restrictions applicable to such investments; (iv) national policies that may limit a Fund's investment opportunities such as restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests; and (v) the lack or relatively early development of legal structures governing private and foreign investments and private property. In addition to withholding taxes on investment income, some countries with emerging markets may impose differential capital gains taxes on foreign investors.

Political and economic structures in emerging market countries may be undergoing significant evolution and rapid development, and these countries may lack the social, political and economic stability characteristic of more developed countries. In such an environment, there can be no assurance that any or all of these capital markets will continue to present viable investment opportunities for a Fund. In the past, governments of such nations have expropriated substantial amounts of private property, and most claims of the property owners have never been fully settled. There is no assurance that such expropriations will not reoccur. In such an event, it is possible that a Fund could lose the entire value of its investments in the affected market. As a result, the risks described above, including the risks of nationalization or expropriation of assets, may be heightened. In addition, unanticipated political or social developments may affect the value of investments in these countries and the availability to a Fund of additional investments. The small size and inexperience of the securities markets in certain of these countries and the limited volume of trading in securities in these countries may make investments in the countries illiquid and more volatile than investments in Japan or most Western European countries.

Emerging market securities may be substantially less liquid and more volatile than those of mature markets, and company shares may be held by a limited number of persons. This may adversely affect the timing and pricing of a Fund's acquisition or disposal of securities.

Practices in relation to settlement of securities transactions in emerging markets involve higher risks than those in developed markets, in part because a Fund will need to use brokers and counterparties that are less well capitalized, and custody and registration of assets in some countries may be unreliable. The possibility of fraud, negligence, undue influence being exerted by the issuer or refusal to recognize ownership exists in some emerging markets, and, along with other factors, could result in ownership registration being completely lost. A Fund would absorb any loss resulting from such registration problems and may have no successful claim for compensation.

Several publicly traded closed-end investment companies have been organized to facilitate indirect foreign investment in emerging markets countries, and certain of such countries, such as Thailand, South Korea, Chile and Brazil, have specifically authorized such funds. There also are investment opportunities in certain of such countries in pooled vehicles that resemble open-end investment companies. The 1940 Act restricts a Fund's investment in other investment companies, which may limit opportunities for a Fund to invest indirectly in certain developing countries. Shares of certain investment companies may at times be acquired only at market prices representing premiums to their net asset values. If a Fund acquires shares of other investment companies, shareholders would bear both their proportionate share of expenses of the Fund (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of such other investment companies.

***Investments in Asian countries (All Funds).*** In addition to the risks of foreign investing and the risks of investing in emerging markets, the emerging markets Asian countries in which a Fund may invest are subject to certain additional or specific risks. Each Fund may make substantial investments in Asian countries. In many of these markets, there is a high concentration of market capitalization and trading volume in a small number of issuers representing a limited number of industries, as well as a high concentration of investors and financial intermediaries. The markets of emerging markets Asian countries also may be affected by developments with respect to more established markets in the region such as in Japan and Hong Kong. Brokers in Asian countries typically are fewer in number and less well capitalized than brokers in the United States. These factors, combined with the U.S. regulatory requirements for open-end investment companies and the restrictions on foreign investment discussed below, result in potentially fewer investment opportunities for a Fund and may have an adverse impact on the investment performance of the Fund.

Many Asian countries may be subject to a greater degree of economic, political and social instability than is the case in the United States and Western European countries. Instability may result from, among other things: (i) authoritarian governments or military involvement in political and economic decision-making, including changes in government through extra-constitutional means; (ii) popular unrest associated with demands for improved political, economic and social conditions; (iii) internal insurgencies; (iv) hostile relations with neighboring countries; and (v) ethnic, religious and racial disaffection. The governments of many such countries have a substantial role in the regulation and supervision of the economy. The governments also exercise substantial influence over many aspects of the private sector. In certain cases, the government owns or controls many companies, including the largest in the country. Accordingly, government actions in the future could have a significant effect on economic conditions of these Asian countries, which could affect private sector companies and a Fund itself, as well as the value of securities in the Fund's portfolio. In addition, economic statistics of Asian countries, which are developing markets, may be less reliable than economic statistics of more developed nations.

Most Asian countries are developing markets and are heavily dependent upon international trade. Certain economies also depend to a significant degree upon exports of primary commodities and, therefore, are vulnerable to changes in commodity prices that, in turn, may be affected by a variety of factors. The existence of overburdened infrastructure and obsolete financial systems also presents risks in certain countries, as do environmental problems. Certain developing Asian countries are especially large debtors to commercial banks and foreign governments.

The legal systems in certain developing markets in Asia also may have an adverse impact on a Fund. Similarly, the rights of investors of Asian companies in these developing markets may be more limited than those of shareholders of U.S. corporations. It may be difficult or impossible to obtain and/or enforce a judgment in a developing market.

Satisfactory custodial services for investment securities may not be available in some developing Asian countries, which may result in a Fund incurring additional costs and delays in providing transportation and custody services for such securities outside such countries.

There is a relative lack of publicly available information about Asian issuers. Additionally, inflation accounting rules in some Asian countries require companies that keep accounting records in the local currency, for both tax and accounting purposes, to restate certain assets and liabilities on the company's balance sheet in order to express items in terms of currency of constant purchasing power. Inflation accounting may indirectly generate losses or profits for Asian companies in developing markets.

Certain developing Asian countries prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on investments in their capital markets, particularly their equity markets, by foreign entities. There can be no assurance that a Fund will be able to meet such restrictions, such as obtaining required governmental approvals, in a timely manner. In addition, changes to restrictions on foreign ownership of securities subsequent to a Fund's purchase of such securities may have an adverse effect on the value of such shares. Certain countries may restrict investment opportunities in issuers or industries deemed important to national interests.

The manner in which foreign investors may invest in companies in certain developing Asian countries may have an adverse impact on the operations of a Fund. In certain countries, a Fund may be required to invest initially through a local broker or other entity and then have the shares purchased re-registered in the name of the Fund. It is possible that re-registration may not occur on a timely basis, resulting in a delay during which a Fund may be denied certain of its rights as an investor, including rights as to dividends or to be made aware of certain corporate actions. There also may be instances where a Fund places a purchase order but is subsequently informed, at the time of re-registration, that the permissible allocation of the investment to foreign investors has been filled, depriving the Fund of the ability to make its desired investment at that time.

Substantial limitations may exist in certain countries with respect to a Fund's ability to repatriate investment income, capital or the proceeds of sales of securities by foreign investors. A Fund could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for repatriation of capital, as well as by the application to the Fund of any restrictions on investments. It is possible that certain countries may impose currency controls or other restrictions relating to their currencies or to securities of issuers in those countries. To the extent that such restrictions have the effect of making certain investments illiquid, securities may not be available for sale to meet redemptions. Depending on a variety of financial factors, the percentage of a Fund's portfolio subject to currency controls may increase. In the event other countries impose similar controls, the portion of the Fund's assets that may be used to meet redemptions may be further decreased. Even where there is no outright restriction on repatriation of capital, the mechanics of repatriation may affect certain aspects of the operations of a Fund (for example, if funds may be withdrawn only in certain currencies and/or only at an exchange rate established by the government).

In certain countries, banks or other financial institutions may be among the leading companies or have actively traded securities available for investment. The 1940 Act restricts a Fund's investments in any equity securities of an issuer that, in its most recent fiscal year, derived more than 15% of its revenues from "securities related activities," as defined by the rules thereunder. These provisions may restrict a Fund's investments in certain foreign banks and other financial institutions.

***Investments in China (All Funds).*** The People's Republic of China ("PRC") has two stock exchanges: the Shanghai stock exchange and the Shenzhen stock exchange. Securities listed on the Shanghai or Shenzhen stock exchanges are divided into two classes: A shares, which are denominated in Renminbi ("RMB") and mostly available for trading by domestic investors, and B shares, which are available for trading by both international and domestic investors. The Funds may gain exposure to the Shanghai stock exchange by investing in A shares (see below for additional information). The Funds may gain exposure to the Shanghai or Shenzhen stock exchanges by investing in B shares. B shares which are listed on the Shenzhen stock exchange are denominated in Hong Kong dollars while B shares which are listed on the Shanghai stock exchange are denominated in U.S. dollars. In addition to B shares, the Funds may invest in H shares, Red Chip shares and shares of Hong Kong-domiciled companies and Macau-domiciled companies, all listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and shares of companies that conduct their business in China but are listed on overseas exchanges.

Hedging products available in the securities market of the PRC are less developed compared with such financial instruments available for hedging purposes in the United States. While the PRC has recently permitted the trading of stock index futures and securities lending activities, it is yet to be determined how these financial instruments and borrowing facilities will develop and impact the China financial market.

***Investments in China A Shares (All Funds).*** The Funds have access to certain eligible China A Shares via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (“Stock Connect”). Stock Connect is a mutual market access program through which foreign investors such as the Funds can deal in selected securities listed on a PRC stock exchange through the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (“SEHK”) and the clearing house in Hong Kong.

Stock Connect currently is comprised of the following: a Northbound Trading Link, through which Hong Kong and overseas investors like the Funds, through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, may purchase and hold securities listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (“SSE”) and Shenzhen Stock Exchange (“SZSE”); and a Southbound link, through which PRC investors may purchase and hold shares listed on the SEHK.

Under Stock Connect, overseas investors, such as the Funds, may be allowed, subject to rules and regulations issued/amended from time to time, to trade certain China A Shares listed on the SSE or SZSE (the “Stock Connect Shares”) through the Northbound Trading Link. As of the date hereof, the eligible shares listed on the SSE or SZSE, consist of (a) the constituent stocks of the SSE 180 Index; (b) the constituent stocks of the SSE 380 Index; (c) all the SSE-listed China A Shares that are not included as constituent stocks of the relevant indices but which have corresponding H-Shares listed on SEHK, except (i) those SSE-listed shares which are not traded in RMB and (ii) those SSE-listed shares which are included in the “risk alert board;” and (d) certain selected securities listed on the SZSE including any constituent stock of the SZSE Component Index and SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which has a market capitalization of RMB6 billion or above and all SZSE-listed shares of companies which have issued both China A-Shares and H shares. The list of eligible securities may be changed subject to the review and approval by the relevant Chinese regulators from time to time. Hong Kong and overseas investors may only trade and settle SSE Securities in RMB.

Risks associated with investing in China A shares through Stock Connect, include, but are not limited to, the following:

***Quota Limitations Risk*** — Trading under Stock Connect is subject to quota limitations. A daily quota (“Daily Quota”) is imposed to limit the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under Stock Connect for each day and will be reset every day. In particular, once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during continuous trading or the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance) for the remainder of the day. These quotas are not particular to the Funds, the Investment Manager or sub-manager, but apply to all market participants generally. If the Investment Manager or sub-manager is unable to purchase additional Stock Connect Shares, their ability to implement the Funds’ respective investment strategies may be adversely affected.

***Manual or Block Trade Not Allowed*** — The investment options of the Funds are limited because manual trade, block trade, internalization or reporting are not allowed for Stock Connect Shares.

***Suspension Risk*** — SEHK, SZSE and SSE reserve the right to suspend trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and for managing risks prudently, which could adversely affect the relevant Funds’ ability to access the mainland China market.

***Restrictions on Day Trading*** — An investor is only permitted to sell Stock Connect Shares on or after “T+1” day if such an investor buys Stock Connect Shares on “T” day because Stock Connect does not allow day (turnaround) trading. If the Funds wish to sell Stock Connect Shares on a specific trading day, the investment options of the Funds are consequently limited.

***Differences in Trading Day*** — Stock Connect only operates on days when both the mainland China and Hong Kong markets are open for trading and when banks in all relevant markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. It is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the mainland China market but Hong Kong and overseas investors cannot carry out any China A Share trading because it is not a day on which the Hong Kong market is open for trading. The Funds may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A Shares during the time when Stock Connect is not trading as a result.

*Clearing and Settlement and Custody Risks*—The Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEx (“HKSCC”), and ChinaClear are responsible for establishing the clearing links, and each of HKSCC and ChinaClear is a participant of the other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. As the national central counterparty of China’s securities market, ChinaClear operates a comprehensive network of clearing, settlement and stock holding infrastructure. ChinaClear has established a risk management framework and measures that are approved and supervised by the CSRC. The possibility of ChinaClear defaulting is considered to be remote.

Should the remote event of a ChinaClear default occur and ChinaClear be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC will, in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear’s liquidation. In that event, the relevant Fund(s) may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

The China A Shares traded through Stock Connect are issued in scripless form. As such, Hong Kong and overseas investors, such as the Funds, will not hold any physical China A Shares acquired through the Northbound Trading Link and should maintain their SSE Securities with their brokers’ or custodians’ stock accounts with the Central Clearing and Settlement System operated by HKSCC for clearing securities listed or traded on SEHK (the “Central Clearing System”).

*Operational Risk*—Stock Connect provides a new channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the China stock market directly. Stock Connect is premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this program subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house. It should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the China and Hong Kong markets differ significantly, and in order for the trial program to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis. Further, the “connectivity” in the Stock Connect program requires routing orders across the border. This requires the development of new information technology systems on the part of the SEHK and exchange participants (e.g., the new order routing system to be set up by SEHK to which exchange participants need to connect). There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems fail to function properly, trading in both markets through Stock Connect could be disrupted. The Funds’ ability to access the China A Share market (and hence to pursue their investment strategy) may be adversely affected.

*Recalling Risk and Trading Restrictions*—A stock may be recalled from the scope of eligible Stock Connect Shares for trading via Stock Connect for various reasons, and in such event, the stock can only be sold but will be restricted from being bought. The Investment Manager’s or sub-manager’s ability to implement the Funds’ investment strategies may be adversely affected.

*Nominee Arrangements in Holding China A Shares*—HKSCC is the “nominee holder” of the Stock Connect Shares acquired by overseas investors, such as the relevant Funds, through Stock Connect. The CSRC Stock Connect rules expressly provided that investors enjoy the rights and benefits of the SSE Securities acquired through Stock Connect in accordance with applicable laws. However, the courts in China may find that a nominee or custodian, as the registered holder of the Stock Connect Shares, has full ownership thereof. Even if the concept of beneficial owner is recognized under Chinese law, a Chinese court may find that those SSE Securities form part of the pool of assets of such nominee or custodian available for distribution to creditors of such nominee or custodian and/or that a beneficial owner has no rights whatsoever in respect thereof. Consequently, the Funds cannot ensure that the Funds’ ownership of Stock Connect Shares or title thereto is assured in all circumstances.

Under the rules of the Central Clearing System, HKSCC as nominee holder shall have no obligation to take any legal action or court proceeding to enforce any rights on behalf of the investors in respect of the Stock Connect Shares in China or elsewhere. Therefore, although the relevant Funds’ ownership may be ultimately recognized, these Funds may suffer difficulties or delays in enforcing their rights in China A Shares.

To the extent that HKSCC is deemed to be performing safekeeping functions with respect to assets held through it, it should be noted that the Funds, or anyone acting on behalf of the Funds, will have no legal relationship with HKSCC and no direct legal recourse against HKSCC in the event that a Fund suffers losses resulting from the performance or insolvency of HKSCC.

*Investor Compensation*—Investments of a Fund through the Northbound Trading Link under Stock Connect will not be covered by Hong Kong’s Investor Compensation Fund (which was established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorized financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong), because such investments do not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited. On the other hand, because such investments are carried out through securities brokers in Hong Kong and not mainland Chinese brokers, they are also not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund in China.

*Trading Costs* —In addition to paying trading fees and stamp duties in connection with China A Share trading, the Funds may be subject to new portfolio fees, dividend tax and tax in connection with income arising from stock transfers under Stock Connect, which are yet to be determined by the relevant authorities.

*Currency Risk* —The price of RMB may fluctuate. If a Fund holds a class of shares denominated in a local currency other than RMB, that Fund will be exposed to currency risk if the Fund needs to convert the local currency into RMB for investments in China A Shares via Stock Connect. Such Fund will also incur conversion costs.

*Local Market Rules, Foreign Shareholding Restrictions and Disclosure Obligations* —Under Stock Connect, China listed companies and trading of China A Shares are subject to market rules and disclosure requirements in the China stock market. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies of the China A Shares market or rules in relation to Stock Connect may affect share prices. There are also foreign shareholding restrictions and disclosure obligations that are applicable to China A Shares acquired via Stock Connect.

The Funds will be subject to restrictions on trading (including a restriction on retention of proceeds) in China A Shares as a result of its interest in the China A Shares. The Funds are solely responsible for compliance with all notifications, reports and relevant requirements in connection with their interests in China A Shares.

Under the current mainland China rules, once an investor holds more than 5% of the shares of a company listed on the SSE or SZSE, the investor is required to disclose its interest within three working days during which time it cannot trade the shares of that company. The investor is also required to disclose any change in its shareholding and comply with related trading restrictions in accordance with the mainland China rules. According to existing mainland China practices, a Fund, as a beneficial owner of China A Shares traded via Stock Connect, cannot appoint proxies to attend shareholders' meetings on its behalf.

*Regulatory Risk* —The CSRC Stock Connect rules are departmental regulations having legal effect in China. However, the application of such rules is untested, and there is no assurance that Chinese courts will recognize such rules, such as in liquidation proceedings of Chinese companies.

Stock Connect is novel in nature and is subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and to implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in mainland China and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under Stock Connect.

The regulations are untested so far and there is no certainty as to how they will be applied. Moreover, the current regulations are subject to change. There can be no assurance that Stock Connect will not be abolished. The Funds which may invest in mainland China markets through Stock Connect may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### **Illiquid Securities (All Funds)**

Each Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities are securities that cannot be sold or disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the prices at which they are valued. Difficulty in selling securities may result in a loss or may be costly to a Fund. Under the supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Board"), each Fund's Investment Manager determines the liquidity of the Fund's investments and, through reports from the Investment Manager, the Board monitors investments in illiquid securities. In determining the liquidity of a Fund's investments, various factors may be considered, including (i) the frequency and volume of trades and quotations, (ii) the number of dealers and prospective purchasers in the marketplace, (iii) dealer undertakings to make a market, and (iv) the nature of the security and the market in which it trades (including any demand, put or tender features, the mechanics and other requirements for transfer, any letters of credit or other credit enhancement features, any ratings, the number of holders, the method of soliciting offers, the time required to dispose of the security, and the ability to assign or offset the rights and obligations of the security).

#### **Initial Public Offerings (All Funds)**

The Funds may purchase securities through initial public offerings ("IPOs"). These securities are subject to many of the same risks as investing in companies with smaller market capitalizations. Securities issued in IPOs have no trading history, and information about the companies may be available for very limited periods. The prices of securities sold in IPOs may be highly volatile and a Fund may only hold such securities for a short period of time. There is no guarantee that a Fund will be able to invest in securities issued in IPOs, or invest to the extent desired, because, for example, only a small portion (if any) of the securities being offered in an IPO may be made available to the Fund. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of funds to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to any one fund may decrease. When a Fund is smaller in size, any gains or losses from IPO securities may have more impact on the Fund's performance than when the Fund is larger in size. Although initial public offering investments may have a positive impact on the performance of a Fund, investors should not rely on past gains from initial public offerings as an indication of future performance. There can be no assurance that a Fund will have favorable IPO investment opportunities in the future or that a Fund's investments in initial public offerings will have a positive impact on a Fund's performance.

### **Investment in Other Investment Companies, including Exchange Traded Funds (All Funds)**

Each Fund may, subject to applicable law, invest in other investment companies (including investment companies managed by Mirae Asset USA and its affiliates), including money market funds and exchange traded funds (“ETFs”). In accordance with the 1940 Act, a Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in securities of other investment companies. In addition, under the 1940 Act, a Fund may not own more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of any investment company, and not more than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets may be invested in securities of any investment company. In some cases, a Fund may rely on orders from the SEC that permit such Fund to invest in certain ETFs beyond these percentage limits. Additionally, pursuant to the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder, and subject to certain conditions, these percentage limitations do not apply to investments in money market funds. Each Fund, pursuant to the 1940 Act and subject to certain conditions, may invest without limitation in affiliated and unaffiliated money market funds.

Investments in other investment companies are subject to market risk and selection risk. In addition, if a Fund acquires shares in investment companies, shareholders would bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Fund (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of such investment companies (including management and advisory fees).

In addition to the risks described above, investments in ETFs include additional considerations. Typically, assets underlying the ETF shares are stocks, though they may also be commodities or other instruments. ETFs that track a particular index or other benchmark generally increase in value as the value of the index or benchmark increases. However, in the case of inverse ETFs (also called “short ETFs” or “bear ETFs”), ETF shares are expected to increase in value as the value of the underlying index or benchmark decreases. Shares of an ETF are only redeemable in large blocks (typically, 50,000 shares) often called “creation units” by persons other than a fund, and are redeemed principally in-kind at each day’s next calculated net asset value. While traditional investment companies are continuously offered at net asset value, ETFs are traded in the secondary market (e.g., on a stock exchange) on an intra-day basis at prices that may be above or below the value of their underlying portfolios.

Some of the risks of investing in an ETF are similar to those of investing in a mutual fund that has the same investment strategies. An index ETF and an index mutual fund generally both have tracking error risk (the risk of errors in matching the underlying assets to the index or other benchmark); and the risk that because it is not actively managed, it cannot sell stocks or other assets as long as they are represented in the index or other benchmark. Other ETF risks include the risk that ETFs may trade in the secondary market at a discount from their net asset value and the risk that the ETFs may not be liquid. ETFs also may be leveraged, and therefore, there is a greater potential for loss. Additionally, most leveraged and inverse ETFs “reset” daily, meaning they are designed to achieve their stated objectives on a daily basis. Leveraged and inverse index ETFs can deviate substantially from the performance of their underlying benchmark or index over longer periods of time, particularly in volatile periods.

### **Preferred Stock (All Funds)**

Each Fund may invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock represents an equity or ownership interest in an issuer that is entitled to dividends at a specified rate and that has precedence over common stock in the payment of dividends. In the event an issuer is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of owners of bonds take precedence over the claims of those who own preferred stock and common stock. Preferred stock may be subject to option or mandatory redemption provisions.

### **Portfolio Turnover (All Funds)**

Each Fund may dispose of securities without regard to the time they have been held when such action, for defensive or other reasons, appears advisable to the Fund’s Investment Manager. In seeking to achieve its investment objective, each Fund may engage in active and frequent trading of portfolio securities. Accordingly, it is impossible to predict portfolio turnover rates. Therefore, each Fund’s portfolio turnover rate may be significantly higher or lower than what is listed below. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of a Fund’s annual sales or purchases of portfolio securities (exclusive of purchases or sales of securities whose maturities at the time of acquisition were one year or less) by the monthly average value of the securities in the portfolio during the year. A high portfolio turnover rate involves certain tax consequences and correspondingly greater transaction costs in the form of dealer spreads and brokerage commissions, which are borne by the Funds.

The portfolio turnover rates for each Fund (as a percentage of the average value of its portfolio) for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2017 and 2018 were:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Portfolio Turnover Rate</b>	
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Emerging Markets Fund	111%	72%
Asia Fund	113%	177%
EM Great Consumer Fund	55%	52%



### **Temporary Defensive Policies** *(All Funds)*

Each Fund reserves the right to invest without limitation in other types of securities such as nonconvertible debt securities, government and money market securities of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, or hold cash for temporary, defensive purposes. Such temporary defensive strategy will not be consistent with a Fund's primary investment strategies.

### **Warrants and Rights** *(All Funds)*

Each Fund may purchase warrants and participate in rights offerings. Warrants are instruments which entitle the holder to buy an equity security at a specific price for a specific period of time. Changes in the value of a warrant do not necessarily correspond to changes in the value of its underlying security. Rights are similar to warrants but normally have a short duration and are distributed directly by the issuer to its shareholders.

A warrant or right ceases to have value if it is not exercised prior to its expiration date. Warrants and rights are highly volatile and, therefore, more susceptible to sharp declines in value than the underlying security might be. Buying a warrant does not make the Fund a shareholder of the underlying stock and does not entitle a holder to dividends or voting rights with respect to the underlying security and do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuing company. These factors can make warrants more speculative than other types of investments. They are also generally less liquid than an investment in the underlying securities.

### **Additional Information about Investment Strategies**

Each Fund's Investment Manager may use the MSCI Global Industry Classification System, Standard Industrial Classification ("SIC") Codes or any other reasonable industry classification system (including systems developed by the Investment Manager) for purposes of the Funds' investment restrictions and policies relating to industry concentration, and the approaches used by the Mirae Asset USA and the sub-manager may differ from one another.

In addition, each Fund's Investment Manager may use definitions and standards to determine compliance with the investment policies, strategies and restrictions of the Fund it advises that are specific to that Investment Manager. For example, an Investment Manager may employ its own internally-developed definitions and standards in connection with characterizing a security as an "equity" or "debt" security, characterizing a security as a "growth" or "value" security, determining the composition of an "industry," determining the scope of a "geographic region," characterizing an investment as "income-producing" and characterizing an investment as a U.S. or non-U.S. investment. In addition, the definitions and standards used by a Fund's Investment Manager may change over time and without notice to investors, and in certain cases an Investment Manager may use definitions for a Fund, which differ from the definitions and standards it uses for other series of the Trust or for other funds and accounts which it advises.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS**

### **The Trust's Leadership Structure**

The business and affairs of the Trust are managed under the oversight of the Board, subject to the laws of the State of Delaware and the Trust's Agreement and Declaration of Trust. The Board is responsible for deciding matters of overall policy and overseeing the actions of the Trust's service providers. The officers of the Trust conduct and supervise the Trust's daily business operations.

The Board is currently comprised of four individuals (each, a "Trustee"), three of whom are not "interested persons" (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust (each, an "Independent Trustee" and collectively, the "Independent Trustees"). Mr. John F. McNamara, an Independent Trustee, acts as Chairman of the Board (the "Chairman"). The Independent Trustees have retained independent legal counsel to assist them in their duties. The Chairman's duties include presiding at meetings of the Board and interfacing with management to address significant issues that may arise between regularly scheduled Board and Committee meetings. In the performance of his duties, the Chairman consults with the other Independent Trustees and the Trust's officers and legal counsel, as appropriate. The Chairman may perform other functions as requested by the Board from time to time.

The Board meets as often as necessary to discharge its responsibilities. The Board conducts regular, in-person meetings at least four times a year, and may hold special in-person or telephonic meetings as necessary to address specific issues that require attention prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board also relies on professionals, such as the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm and legal counsel, to assist the Trustees in performing their oversight responsibilities.

The Board has established two standing committees – the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee. The Board may establish other committees, or nominate one or more Trustees to examine particular issues related to the Board's oversight responsibilities, from time to time. Each Committee meets periodically to perform its delegated oversight functions and reports its findings and recommendations to the Board. For more information on the Committees, see the section "Standing Board Committees," below.

The Board has determined that this leadership structure, including the role of the Chairman being fulfilled by an Independent Trustee, is appropriate because it allows the Board to effectively perform its oversight responsibilities.

## **Risk Oversight**

The Board of Trustees performs its risk oversight function for the Trust through a combination of (1) direct oversight by the Board as a whole and Board committees and (2) indirect oversight through Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager and other service providers, Trust officers and the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer. The Trust is subject to a number of risks, including but not limited to investment risk, compliance risk, operational risk, reputational risk, credit risk and counterparty risk. Day-to-day risk management with respect to the Funds is the responsibility of Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager or other service providers (depending on the nature of the risk) that carry out the Trust's investment management and business affairs. Each of Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager and the other service providers have their own independent interest in risk management and their policies and methods of risk management depends on their functions and business models and may differ from the Trust's and each other's in the setting of priorities, the resources available or the effectiveness of relevant controls.

The Board provides oversight by receiving and reviewing on a regular basis reports from Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager or other service providers, receiving and approving compliance policies and procedures, periodic meetings with the Trust's portfolio managers to review investment policies, strategies and risks, and meeting regularly with the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer to discuss compliance reports, findings and issues. The Board also relies on Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager and other service providers with respect to the day-to-day activities of the Trust, to create and maintain procedures and controls to minimize risk and the likelihood of adverse effects on the Trust's business and reputation.

Board oversight of risk management is also provided by various Board committees. For example, the Audit Committee meets with the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm to ensure that the Trust's audit scope includes risk-based considerations as to the Trust's financial position and operations.

The Board may, at any time and in its discretion, change the manner in which it conducts risk oversight. The Board's oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Trust's investments or activities.

## **Trustees Experience, Qualifications and/or Skills**

The information below includes each Trustee's principal occupations during the last five years. Each Trustee possesses extensive additional experience, skills and attributes relevant to his qualifications to serve as a Trustee. The cumulative background of each Trustee led to the conclusion that each Trustee should serve as a Trustee for the Trust. Mr. John F. McNamara has over 35 years of business experience in the area of finance and investment products. He served on the board of directors of another registered investment company and on the boards of hedge funds. Mr. Enrique Arzac has over 35 years of business and consulting experience in the areas of finance, trade and economics and academic experience as a professor of finance and economics. Mr. Arzac also currently serves on the boards of directors of other registered investment companies and on the board of directors of an investment management and investment advisory services company. Mr. Keith M. Schappert has over 40 years of business and consulting experience in the area of investment management. He also currently serves on the boards of directors of other registered investment companies and on the board of trustees of investment management firms. Mr. Peter T.C. Lee has over 20 years of experience in the areas of investment management, strategy, research and marketing. He is Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Mirae Asset USA and leads the global investment committee.

The tables below set forth certain information about the Trustees and officers of the Trust. The business address of each Trustee and officer is 625 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10022. Each Trustee serves until his successor is elected and qualified, or until his death, resignation, or removal as provided in the Trust's governing documents or by statute. Each elected officer is elected by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Board.

**Board of Trustees:**

<b>Name and Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position Held with the Trust</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Service</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</b>	<b>Number of Funds in Trust Overseen by Trustee</b>	<b>Other Public Directorships Held in the Past Five Years</b>
<b>Independent Trustees:</b>					
Enrique R. Arzac (1941)	Trustee and Chairman of the Audit Committee	2010 to present	Professor of Finance and Economics at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University since 1971 (Professor Emeritus since 2015).	4	Director of Adams Diversified Equity Fund; Director of Adams Natural Resources Fund; Director of Credit Suisse Asset Management Funds (two closed-end funds, eight open-end funds and one variable annuity fund, each an investment company) from 1990 to 2017; Director of Aberdeen Asset Management-advised Funds (six closed-end investment companies) from 2009 to 2018; Director of Credit Suisse Next Investors, LLC (private investment company); Director of Credit Suisse Park View BDC, Inc. (private business development company) from 2015 to 2017; Director of Epoch Holding Corporation (an investment management and investment advisory services company) from 2006 to March 2013; Director of ETF Securities USA LLC (investment company) since April 2018
John F. McNamara (1942)	Trustee and Chairman of the Board	2010 to present	Retired.	4	None
Keith M. Schappert (1951)	Trustee and Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee	2010 to present	President of Schappert Consulting LLC (investment industry consulting) since 2008.	4	Director of The Commonfund (investment management); Director of Calamos Asset Management, Inc. (investment management) from August 2012 to March 2017; Director of the Angel Oak Flexible Income Fund (investment management); Director of Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc. from August 2009 to June 2015 (investment management); Director of Met Investors Series Trust from April 2012 to June 2015 (investment management)
<b>Interested Trustee</b> Peter T.C. Lee (1965)	Trustee	August 2016 to present	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC since November 2016 and Head of Emerging Markets Investment Strategist from February 2011 to May 2012; Executive Managing Director (Chief Investment Officer), Global Investments Unit, of Mirae Asset Global Investments Co. Ltd. since May 2012.	4	None

## Officers:

Name and Date of Birth	Position Held with the Trust	Term of Office and Length of Service	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Peter T.C. Lee (1965)	President	2016 to present	Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC since November 2016 and Head of Emerging Markets Investment Strategist from February 2011 to May 2012; Executive Managing Director (Chief Investment Officer), Global Investments Unit, of Mirae Asset Global Investments Co. Ltd. since May 2012.
Robert Shea (1966)	Vice President	August 2016 to present	Chief Marketing Officer of Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC since January 2018, Chief Operating Officer from March 2013 to January 2018 and Head of Finance and Operations from July 2009 to March 2013; Chief Financial Officer of Horizons ETFs Management (US) LLC since February 2017; Director and Executive Vice President of Horizons ETFs Management (USA) LLC from October 2012 to February 2017.
	Secretary	March 2013 to August 2016	
Thomas N. Calabria (1968)	Secretary	August 2016 to present	Chief Compliance Officer of Mirae Asset Global Investments LLC since May 2014 and Horizons ETFs Management (US) LLC since February 2017; Chief Compliance Officer of Horizons ETFs Management (USA) LLC from May 2014 to February 2017; Chief Compliance Officer of Burnham Asset Management from 2007 to 2014 and Burnham Investors Trust from 2006 to 2014.
	Chief Compliance Officer	February 2017 to present	
Joel Engle (1965)	Treasurer	2010 to present	Senior Vice President of Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. since December 2007.

## Standing Board Committees

The Trust has an Audit Committee and a Nominating and Governance Committee (the “Governance Committee”). Each of the Audit Committee and the Governance Committee consists of all the Independent Trustees, namely Enrique R. Arzac, John F. McNamara and Keith M. Schappert.

Mr. Enrique R. Arzac serves as chairman of the Audit Committee. In accordance with its written charter, the Audit Committee’s primary purposes are to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of the Funds, the qualifications and independence of the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm, and the Funds’ compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee reviews the scope of the Funds’ audits, the Funds’ accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls. The Audit Committee approves, and recommends to the Independent Trustees for their ratification, the selection, appointment, retention or termination of the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm and approves the compensation of the independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee also approves all audit and permissible non-audit services provided to the Funds by the independent registered public accounting firm and all permissible non-audit services provided by the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm to each Fund’s Investment Manager and any affiliated service providers if the engagement relates directly to the Funds’ operations and financial reporting. During the Trust’s fiscal year ended April 30, 2018, the Audit Committee met three times.

Mr. Keith M. Schappert serves as chairman of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will accept nominees recommended by each Fund’s shareholders when a vacancy becomes available. Shareholders who wish to recommend a nominee should send recommendations to the Trust’s Secretary that include all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for the election of Trustees. A recommendation must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board and to serve if elected by the shareholders. During the Trust’s fiscal year ended April 30, 2018, the Governance Committee met two times.

## Share Ownership

The following table shows the dollar amount range of each Trustee's "beneficial ownership" of shares of each Fund and all series of the Trust as of December 31, 2017.

Trustees	Emerging Markets Fund	Asia Fund	EM Great Consumer Fund	Aggregate Dollar Range of Shares Owned of All Series of the Trust
<i>Independent Trustees:</i>				
Enrique R. Arzac	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	None	Over \$100,000
John F. McNamara	None	None	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Keith M. Schappert	None	None	None	None
<i>Interested Trustees:</i>				
Peter T.C. Lee	None	None	None	None

As of December 31, 2017, none of the Trustees or their immediate family members, with the exception of Mr. Lee who is an Interested Trustee by virtue of his position as Chief Executive Officer of Mirae Asset USA, beneficially owned securities of Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager of the Funds, the Trust's distributor or any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager or the Trust's distributor.

## Trustee Compensation

Each Independent Trustee is paid as compensation an annual retainer of \$59,000 paid quarterly for his services as a Trustee of the Trust. The Chairman of the Board is paid an additional annual retainer of \$10,000 paid quarterly, the Chairman of the Audit Committee is paid an additional annual retainer of \$5,000 paid quarterly and the Chairman of the Governance Committee is paid an additional annual retainer of \$2,500 paid quarterly. Each Independent Trustee is reimbursed for his out-of-pocket expenses in accordance with a Board policy on travel and other business expenses relating to his attendance at Board and Committee meetings.

The table below sets forth the compensation paid by each Fund to the Independent Trustees for their service for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018.

Compensation from	Independent Trustees <sup>1</sup>		
	Enrique R. Arzac <sup>2</sup>	John F. McNamara <sup>3</sup>	Keith M. Schappert <sup>4</sup>
Emerging Markets Fund	\$ 7,650	\$ 8,224	\$ 7,650
Asia Fund	\$ 7,760	\$ 8,343	\$ 7,760
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 43,215	\$ 46,442	\$ 43,215
Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Funds Expenses	None	None	None
Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	None	None	None
Aggregate Compensation from All Series of the Trust <sup>5</sup>	\$ 67,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 67,000

1 Mr. Lee, an Interested Trustee, is not compensated from the Funds for his service as an Interested Trustee.

2 Includes compensation as Audit Committee Chairman.

3 Includes compensation as Board Chairman.

4 Includes compensation as Governance Committee Chairman.

5 Amounts reflect payments from the Global Dynamic Bond Fund, which liquidated on or about August 4, 2017, and from the Asia Great Consumer Fund, which reorganized into the Asia Fund on December 1, 2017.

## CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following shareholders owned, as of record or beneficially, 5% or more of a share class of the indicated Fund's shares as of August 3, 2018.

Fund/Class	Percent of the Class Total Assets Held by the Shareholder
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	24.60%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I GERLACH CO LLC* 3800 CITIGROUP CENTER BUILDING B3-14 TAMPA FL 33610	12.29%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.* 211 MAIN STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	8.73%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I MIRAE ASSET GLOBAL INVESTMENTS USA LLC 625 MADISON AVENUE FL 3 NEW YORK NY 10022	8.03%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION* 75 STATE STREET, 24 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02109	7.21%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS I PERSHING LLC* ONE PERSHING PLAZA PRODUCT SUPPORT, 14TH FLOOR JERSEY CITY NJ 07399	6.96%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS A UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 070866727	24.93%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS A MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	20.37%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS A CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.* 211 MAIN STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	18.98%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS A UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 070866727	14.47%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS C MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	25.57%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS C UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 070866727	6.59%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS C RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.* 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733-2749	6.35%

Fund/Class	Percent of the Class Total Assets Held by the Shareholder
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS C RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC.* 880 CARILLON PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733-2749	5.42%
EMERGING MARKETS FUND-CLASS C UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 07086-6727	5.03%
ASIA FUND-CLASS I MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	45.07%
ASIA FUND-CLASS I MIRAE ASSET DAEWOO CO LTD JUNG GU SEOUL 100-210 EAST TOWER 26 EULJI RO 5 GIL SEOUL REPUBLIC OF KOREA	21.65%
ASIA FUND-CLASS A LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION* 75 STATE STREET, 24 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02109	28.81%
ASIA FUND-CLASS A MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	25.22%
ASIA FUND-CLASS A OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.* 125 BROAD STREET, 15 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	8.36%
ASIA FUND- CLASS A NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC* NEWPORT OFFICE CENTER III 5TH FLOOR 499 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD JERSEY CITY NJ 07310	8.28%
ASIA FUND-CLASS C MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	50.51%
ASIA FUND-CLASS C OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.* 125 BROAD STREET, 15 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004	9.25%
ASIA FUND-CLASS C PERSHING LLC* ONE PERSHING PLAZA PRODUCT SUPPORT, 14TH FLOOR JERSEY CITY NJ 07399	5.74%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS I MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	38.04%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS I AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.* 570 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	10.18%

Fund/Class	Percent of the Class Total Assets Held by the Shareholder
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS I CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.* 211 MAIN STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	9.63%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS I NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC* NEWPORT OFFICE CENTER III 5TH FLOOR 499 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD JERSEY CITY NJ 07310	5.22%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS A MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	17.18%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS A LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION* 75 STATE STREET, 24 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02109	15.95%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS A UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 07086-6727	9.49%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS A UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.* C/O CENTRAL DEPOSIT/MUTUAL FUNDS 1000 HARBOR BLVD 7TH FL WEEHAWKEN NJ 07086-6727	5.32%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS C MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC* 2000 WESTCHESTER AVE LD PURCHASE NY 10577	48.45%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS C AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.* 570 AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL CENTER MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55474	5.54%
EMERGING MARKETS GREAT CONSUMER FUND-CLASS C WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES, LLC* MAILCODE: M03970 1 NORTH JEFFERSON AVENUE SAINT LOUIS, MO 63103	5.12%

\*Beneficial owner

A shareholder who owns, directly or indirectly, more than 25% of a Fund's voting securities may be deemed a "control person" (as defined under applicable securities laws) of the Fund. A control person's vote could have more significant effect on matters presented to shareholders for approval than the vote of other Fund shareholders.

As of August 3, 2018, all Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group, owned beneficially (as that term is defined in Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) less than 1.00% of the outstanding shares of any class of any Fund.

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

### Investment Advisory Services

Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC (previously defined as "Mirae Asset USA") is the investment manager for each Fund. Mirae Asset USA, a Delaware limited liability company with its office located at 625 Madison Avenue, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10022, is a majority-owned subsidiary of Mirae Asset Global Investments Co., Ltd. ("Mirae Asset Korea"). Mirae Asset USA provides global investment advisory services.



Under its investment management agreement with the Trust on behalf of each Fund (collectively, the “Investment Management Agreement”), Mirae Asset USA agrees to provide, or arrange for the provision of, investment advisory and certain management services to each Fund, subject to the oversight and supervision of the Board. Mirae Asset USA is also obligated to provide all the office space, facilities, equipment and personnel necessary to perform its duties thereunder.

Mirae Asset USA, with respect to each Fund, has entered into a sub-management agreement (“Sub-Management Agreement”) with Mirae Asset Global Investments (Hong Kong) Ltd. (“Mirae Asset Hong Kong”). Pursuant to the Sub-Management Agreement, Mirae Asset USA will compensate the sub-manager with a portion of the management fee it receives from the Fund, if any, for providing sub-advisory services to such Fund.

Mirae Asset Hong Kong, Level 15, Three Pacific Place, 1 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong, was established in December 2003 and engages in portfolio management activities primarily for individuals, institutional investors and investment trusts.

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, each Fund pays Mirae Asset USA a monthly management fee at an annual rate of such Fund’s average daily net assets as set forth below:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Management Fee Rate</b>
Emerging Markets Fund	0.99%
Asia Fund	0.95%
EM Great Consumer Fund	0.99%

With respect to Class A, Class C and Class I Shares of each Fund, Mirae Asset USA has contractually agreed to waive its management fee and, if necessary, to reimburse fees and/or expenses to each Fund so that total operating expenses (excluding interest expense, taxes, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred as a result of the Fund’s investments and other extraordinary expenses) of the Fund do not exceed the percentages specified below through August 31, 2019:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Share Class</b>	<b>Operating Expense Limit (as a percentage of average daily net assets)</b>
Emerging Markets Fund	Class A	1.40%
	Class C	2.15%
	Class I	1.15%
Asia Fund	Class A	1.40%
	Class C	2.15%
	Class I	1.15%
EM Great Consumer Fund	Class A	1.40%
	Class C	2.15%
	Class I	1.15%

If, within three years following any amounts waived or reimbursed with respect to any share class, the operating expenses of such share class paid by a Fund are less than the expense limit for such share class, the applicable share class may have to repay Mirae Asset USA all or a portion of the fees waived or reimbursed during the three-year period. Amounts recaptured under the agreement, if any, are limited to the lesser of (i) the expense limitation in effect at the time of the waiver or reimbursement and (ii) the expense limitation in effect at the time of the recapture with respect to that share class under the agreement. To receive any such repayment, Mirae Asset USA or an affiliate must be the investment manager or administrator to the applicable Fund at the time of payment, and the Board of Trustees must approve the payment of such reimbursement. The expense limitation agreement may be terminated prior to August 31, 2019 upon 90 days’ prior written notice by a majority of the Independent Trustees of the Trust or by a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the applicable Fund.

For the periods set forth below, the aggregate amount of management fees due from each Fund pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, and the amounts waived by Mirae Asset USA, were as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2017</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018</b>	
	<b>Fees Due (before expense caps and waivers)</b>	<b>Fees Waived by Mirae Asset USA</b>	<b>Fees Due (before expense caps and waivers)</b>	<b>Fees Waived by Mirae Asset USA</b>	<b>Fees Due (before expense caps and waivers)</b>	<b>Fees Waived by Mirae Asset USA</b>
Emerging Markets Fund	\$ 106,653	\$ 106,653	\$ 80,788	\$ 80,788	\$ 408,429	\$ 241,525
Asia Fund	\$ 264,137	\$ 237,924	\$ 222,570	\$ 221,569	\$ 359,440	\$ 242,174
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 2,142,454	\$ 321,529	\$ 1,690,010	\$ 677,501	\$ 2,197,706	\$ 564,223

In addition, for the periods set forth below, the total amount of non-management fees and expenses reimbursed to the Funds by Mirae Asset USA was:

Fund	Total Non-Management Fees and Expenses Reimbursed		
	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended	Fiscal Year Ended
	April 30, 2016	April 30, 2017	April 30, 2018
Emerging Markets Fund	\$ 144,072	\$ 111,893	\$ 0
Asia Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

#### Control of Mirae Asset USA and the Sub-Manager

*Mirae Asset USA.* Mirae Asset USA is a majority-owned subsidiary of Mirae Asset Korea and an indirect minority-owned subsidiary of Mirae Asset Hong Kong. Mirae Asset Korea is a leading financial services company in Korea and is the headquarters for the Mirae Asset Global Investments Group, of which Mirae Asset USA is a member.

*Mirae Asset Hong Kong.* Mirae Asset Hong Kong is wholly owned by Mirae Asset Korea. Mirae Asset Korea is a leading financial services company in Korea and is the headquarters for the Mirae Asset Global Investments Group, of which Mirae Asset Hong Kong is a member.

#### Portfolio Managers

As described in the Prospectus, the day-to-day management of each Fund's portfolio is the primary and/or joint responsibility of a team of one or more Mirae Asset portfolio managers. These individuals may also have responsibility for the day-to-day portfolio management of other funds and accounts that are not a part of the Trust.

*Management of Other Funds and Accounts.* The following table sets forth information about funds and accounts other than the Fund for which the portfolio managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management as of April 30, 2018.

Names of Portfolio Managers	Number of Other Accounts Managed and Assets by Account Type <sup>1</sup>					
	Registered Investment Companies <sup>2</sup>		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Assets Managed	Number of Accounts	Assets Managed	Number of Accounts	Assets Managed
<b>Emerging Markets Fund</b>						
William Malcolm Dorson	2	\$ 353,701,027	5	\$ 189,176,197	1	\$ 131,644
Rahul Chadha	2	\$ 116,400,000	11	\$ 1,304,620,138	0	\$ 0
<b>Asia Fund</b>						
Rahul Chadha	2	\$ 116,400,000	11	\$ 1,304,620,138	0	\$ 0
<b>EM Great Consumer Fund</b>						
William Malcolm Dorson	2	\$ 353,701,027	5	\$ 189,176,197	1	\$ 131,644
Joohee An	1	\$ 202,504,244	6	\$ 988,357,052	0	\$ 0

1 None of the portfolio managers managed any accounts or assets that charge performance-based fees as of April 30, 2018.

2 If an account is managed by a team, the total number of accounts and assets have been allocated to each respective team member. Therefore, most accounts and assets have been counted two or more times.

*Securities Ownership of Portfolio Managers.* As of April 30, 2018, the portfolio managers listed above did not own beneficially any securities issued by the Funds.

*Portfolio Manager Compensation Structure.* The portfolio managers receive a combination of base compensation and discretionary compensation consisting of a cash bonus. The methodology used to determine each portfolio manager's compensation is applied across all accounts managed by the portfolio manager.

*Base Salary Compensation.* Each portfolio manager receives a fixed base salary that takes into account the portfolio manager's experience and responsibilities.

*Discretionary Compensation.* In addition to base compensation, the portfolio managers may receive discretionary compensation in the form of a cash bonus. Bonuses are based on a number of factors, including the profitability of the Mirae Asset Global Investments Group, which includes Mirae Asset USA, Mirae Asset Hong Kong and its affiliates, and the employee's contributions to the firm, such as the performance of accounts managed by the employee, leadership position in the firm and participation in firm marketing efforts and other activities. Market conditions and performance relative to the benchmark or peer group of the Fund or other account may also be considered.

**Potential Material Conflicts of Interest.** Real, potential or apparent conflicts of interest may arise where a portfolio manager has day- to-day responsibilities with respect to more than one account. These conflicts include the following: (i) the process for allocation of investments among multiple accounts for which a particular investment may be appropriate, (ii) allocation of a portfolio manager’s time and attention among relevant accounts, and (iii) circumstances where Mirae Asset USA and/or a sub-manager (if applicable) has an incentive fee arrangement, including a performance-based fee, or other interest with respect to one account that does not exist with respect to other accounts.

**Administrator and Fund Accounting Agent**

Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. (“Citi”) serves as the Trust’s administrator (in its capacity as the administrator, the “Administrator”) and fund accounting agent (in its capacity as the fund accounting agent, the “Fund Accounting Agent”) pursuant to a services agreement (the “Services Agreement”). Citi has its principal business offices at 4400 Easton Commons, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43219. Citi and its affiliates also serve as administrator or sub-administrator and fund accounting agent to other mutual funds.

The Trust and Citi have entered into the Services Agreement whereby Citi, as Administrator, provides, or arranges for the provision of, certain administrative and accounting services for the Funds, including maintaining the books and records of each Fund, and preparing certain reports and other documents required by federal and/or state laws and regulations. Pursuant to the Services Agreement, Citi, as Fund Accounting Agent, performs record maintenance, accounting, financial statement and regulatory filing services for each Fund.

The Services Agreement provides that Citi shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss or damage resulting from the performance or non-performance of its duties under the Services Agreement unless directly caused by or resulting from the negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of Citi, its officers or employees. Citi’s liability is limited to an amount agreed upon between Citi and the Trust.

For its services as Administrator, Citi receives fees from each Fund calculated daily and paid monthly equal to the greater of (i) \$5,833.33 or (ii) the sum of 0.015% of the first \$1 billion in net assets of such Fund and 0.010% of the net assets of the Fund in excess of \$1 billion. For its services as Fund Accounting Agent, Citi receives fees from each Fund calculated daily and paid monthly equal to the greater of (i) \$2,500 or (ii) the sum of 0.015% of the first \$1 billion in net assets of such Fund and 0.010% of the net assets of the Fund in excess of \$1 billion. Citi also receives fees for certain additional services and reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Citi or its affiliates do not pay any Fund fees, expenses or costs. For a period of two years, beginning on September 8, 2016, Citi has agreed to an annual fee credit to the Funds of \$100,000.

For the periods set forth below, the aggregate amount of administration fees paid directly from each Fund to the Administrator was:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2017</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018</b>	
	<b>Fees Paid to the Administrator</b>		<b>Fees Paid to the Administrator</b>		<b>Fees Paid to the Administrator</b>	
Emerging Markets Fund	\$	70,129	\$	69,872	\$	70,000
Asia Fund	\$	70,129	\$	69,872	\$	70,000
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$	70,129	\$	69,872	\$	70,000

For the periods set forth below, the aggregate amount of fund accounting fees paid directly from each Fund to the Fund Accounting Agent was:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2017</b>		<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018</b>	
	Emerging Markets Fund	\$	61,244	\$	47,359	\$
Asia Fund	\$	67,945	\$	56,292	\$	57,651
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$	72,886	\$	60,420	\$	51,028

**Distributor**

Funds Distributor, LLC (the “Distributor”) serves as the distributor of the Trust and each Fund. The Distributor has its principal business offices at Three Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101. The Distributor and its affiliates also serve as the principal underwriter to other mutual funds. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

The Trust and the Distributor are parties to a distribution agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”), whereby the Distributor acts as principal underwriter for each Fund’s Class A, Class C and Class I Shares. The Distributor distributes shares of each Fund through financial intermediaries who may be members of The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) and who have executed dealer or selling group agreements with the Distributor. The Distributor continually distributes shares of each Fund on a best efforts basis; a Fund or the Distributor reserves the right to suspend or discontinue distribution. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any specific amount of Fund shares. The Distributor and its officers have no role in determining the Funds’ investment policies or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Funds.

The Distributor may enter into agreements with selected broker-dealers, banks or other financial intermediaries for distribution of shares of the Funds. With respect to certain financial intermediaries and related fund “supermarket” platform arrangements, the Funds and/or the Investment Manager, rather than the Distributor, typically enter into such agreements. These financial intermediaries may charge a fee for their services and may receive shareholder service or other fees from parties other than the Distributor. These financial intermediaries may otherwise act as processing agents and are responsible for promptly transmitting purchase, redemption and other requests to the Funds.

The Distributor may receive compensation under the Distribution Agreement for distribution of Fund shares. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, each Fund pays a Rule 12b-1 fee to the Distributor. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Distributor receives, and may reallocate to broker-dealers, all or a portion of the sales charge paid by the purchaser of Class A Shares. The Distributor may reallocate a portion of the commissions and 12b-1 fees that are not paid to financial intermediaries, and may use such commissions and fees only, to pay distribution-related or shareholder service expenses.

Pursuant to an agreement between the Distributor and Mirae Asset USA, Mirae Asset USA has also agreed to compensate and reimburse the Distributor for its provision to the Funds of any distribution services for which the Funds are not authorized to compensate and reimburse the Distributor, including the registration of employees of Mirae Asset USA or its affiliates as registered representatives of the Distributor to facilitate distribution of Fund shares.

With respect to each Fund, the continuance of the Distribution Agreement must be specifically approved at least annually (i) by the vote of the Trustees or by a vote of the shareholders of such Fund, and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Distribution Agreement or “interested persons” of any party thereto, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Distribution Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment (as such term is defined in the 1940 Act), and is terminable at any time without penalty by the Trustees of the Trust or, with respect to a Fund, by a majority of the outstanding shares of such Fund, or by the Distributor, upon not more than 60 days’ written notice by either party. The Distribution Agreement provides that the Distributor shall not be protected against any liability to the Funds or their respective shareholders by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on its part in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard of its obligations or duties thereunder.

#### **Transfer and Dividend Disbursing Agent**

FIS Investor Services LLC., with its principal offices at 4249 Easton Way, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43219, serves as the Trust’s transfer and dividend-disbursing agent (in its capacity as the transfer and dividend-disbursing agent, the “Transfer Agent”) pursuant to a transfer agency services agreement (the “TA Services Agreement”). Pursuant to the TA Services Agreement, the Transfer Agent performs bookkeeping, data processing and administrative services for the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

#### **Custodian**

Citibank, N.A. (in its capacity as the custodian, the “Custodian”), with its principal offices at 111 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, serves as the Trust’s custodian pursuant to a Global Custodial Services Agreement (the “Custodian Agreement”). Pursuant to the Custodian Agreement, the Custodian attends to the collection of principal and income, and payment for and collection of proceeds of securities bought and sold by the Funds.

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

Cohen & Company, Ltd., 1350 Euclid Avenue, Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, serves as the Funds’ independent registered public accounting firm and provides audit and tax compliance services.

#### **Legal Counsel**

Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, One Logan Square, Suite 2000, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, serves as legal counsel for the Trust and also serves as independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees.

#### **Code of Ethics**

Mirae Asset USA, Mirae Asset Hong Kong, Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. (the Administrator) and the Trust have each adopted a code of ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act that sets forth employees’ fiduciary responsibilities regarding the Funds, establishes procedures for personal investing, and restricts certain transactions. Employees subject to the codes of ethics may invest in securities for their own investment accounts, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds.

## PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

Subject to policies established by the Board, each Fund's Investment Manager is primarily responsible for the execution of the Fund's portfolio transactions. In effecting such transactions, a Fund's Investment Manager seeks to obtain best execution for the Fund, taking into account such factors as price (including the applicable brokerage commission or dealer spread), size of order, difficulty of execution and the facilities of the firm involved and the firm's risk in positioning a block of securities. The Investment Manager views best execution as a process that should be evaluated over time as part of an overall relationship with particular broker-dealer firms. Although the Investment Manager generally seeks reasonably competitive dealer spreads or commission rates, the Funds do not necessarily pay the lowest spread or commission available for any particular transaction.

In selecting brokers or dealers to execute portfolio transactions, a Fund's Investment Manager considers factors it deems relevant in the context of a particular trade. These factors may include, but are not limited to, (i) price, including commissions; (ii) risks taken in positioning a block of securities; (iii) broad market coverage resulting in a continuous flow of information regarding bids and offers; (iv) the full range of brokerage services provided by the broker; (v) the broker's capital strength, creditworthiness, stability and reputation; (vi) the quality of the investment research and the investment strategies provided; (vii) special execution capabilities; and (viii) clearance, settlement, custody, recordkeeping and other services provided by such broker.

Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Section 28(e)") permits an investment adviser, under certain circumstances, to pay higher commissions to a broker-dealer that provides certain research and brokerage services to such investment adviser in connection with the investment decision-making process. Brokerage and research services include, but are not limited to, (i) furnishing advice on portfolio strategy; (ii) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts; and (iii) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement and custody). A Fund's Investment Manager may use such commissions or "soft dollars" to obtain certain research and brokerage services from one or more broker-dealers, which potentially could cause such Fund to pay a higher commission than other brokers would charge, but only if the Investment Manager determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the services provided. Certain brokerage and/or investment research services may not necessarily benefit all accounts paying commissions to each such broker-dealer; therefore, the Investment Manager assesses the reasonableness of commissions in light of the total brokerage and investment research services provided by each such broker-dealer.

From time to time, a Fund may purchase new issues of securities in a fixed price offering. In such circumstances, the broker may be a member of the selling group that will, in addition to selling securities, provide a Fund's Investment Manager with research services. FINRA has adopted rules expressly permitting these types of arrangements under certain circumstances. These arrangements may not fall within the safe harbor of Section 28(e).

Costs associated with transactions in foreign securities are generally higher than with transactions in U.S. securities, although, as noted above, each Fund will endeavor to achieve the best net results in effecting such transactions.

### Transactions with Affiliates

Each Fund is prohibited from engaging in certain transactions involving brokers who are affiliated with the Funds absent an exemptive order under the 1940 Act. Without such an order, the Funds are prohibited from engaging in portfolio transactions with an affiliated broker acting as principal. In addition, each Fund is subject to limitations on purchasing securities in offerings in which an affiliated broker participates as an underwriter and may only effect such transactions in accordance with Rule 10f-3 under the 1940 Act.

Each Fund may execute brokerage transactions with affiliated brokers. Payments of commissions to affiliated brokers will be made in accordance with Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act. The Trust has adopted procedures pursuant to which a Fund's Investment Manager, Mirae Asset USA, and the sub-manager to a Fund, Mirae Asset Hong Kong, may direct orders to its affiliates to effect securities transactions on behalf of a Fund pursuant to Rule 17e-1 of the 1940 Act only if:

- (1) the commission, fee, or other remuneration received or to be received by the affiliated broker shall be reasonable and fair compared to the commission, fee, or other remuneration received by other brokers in connection with comparable transactions involving similar securities being purchased or sold on a securities exchange during a comparable period of time;
- (2) the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, shall make and approve any changes to these procedures as they deem necessary and determine no less frequently than quarterly that all transactions effected pursuant to the Rule during the preceding quarter were effected in compliance with such procedures; and
- (3) the Investment Manager promptly after the close of each quarter shall cause to be compiled a report of all commissions paid to any affiliated broker, including the terms of the transactions, during the preceding quarter. These reports shall be presented quarterly for review by the Board and, if required, for such action as the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees of the Trust shall deem best advised;

Notwithstanding (1) above, the fees, commissions or other remuneration paid by a Fund shall not exceed:

- (a) 2% of the sales price of the securities if the sale is effected in connection with a secondary distribution of such securities; or
- (b) 1% of the purchase or sale price of such securities if the sale is otherwise effected, unless the SEC shall by rule, regulation or order permit a larger commission.

### Trade Allocation

Securities considered for investment by a Fund may also be appropriate for other investment accounts or clients managed by the Fund's Investment Manager or its affiliates. Whenever decisions are made to buy or sell securities by a Fund and one or more of such other accounts simultaneously, the Fund's Investment Manager will allocate the security transactions (including "new" issues) in a manner to ensure that no account or client is treated unfairly in relation to any other account or client. As a result of such allocations, there may be instances where the Fund will not participate in a transaction that is allocated among other accounts. Allocations of securities will be made first by determining the clients and accounts for which a particular security is appropriate. If the security is appropriate for more than one client or account, an allocation among such clients and accounts will be made on a *pro rata* basis. If an aggregated order cannot be filled completely, allocations will generally be made on a *pro rata* basis. In certain cases, these aggregation and allocation policies could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities available to a Fund. It is also possible that the ability to participate in volume transactions may improve execution and reduce transaction costs to a Fund.

### Commissions Paid

Each Fund may pay compensation, including both commissions and spreads, in connection with the placement of portfolio transactions. The amount of brokerage commissions paid by a Fund may change from year to year because of, among other things, changing asset levels, shareholder activity, and/or portfolio turnover.

Each Fund's Investment Manager effects portfolio transactions without regard to holding period, if, in its judgment, such transactions are advisable in light of a change in circumstance in general market, economic or financial conditions. As a result of these investment policies, the Funds may engage in a substantial number of portfolio transactions. Variations in turnover rate may be due to fluctuating volume of shareholder purchase and redemption orders, market conditions, or changes in a Fund's Investment Manager's investment outlook.

For the periods set forth below, the aggregate amount of commissions paid directly from each Fund was:

Fund	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2017	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018
Emerging Markets Fund	\$ 36,294	\$ 51,173	\$ 137,780
Asia Fund	\$ 88,365	\$ 112,120	\$ 145,265
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 517,733	\$ 396,052	\$ 442,827

The following table reflects the aggregate dollar amount of brokerage commissions paid by each Fund to any broker/dealer with which such Fund may be deemed to be an affiliate during the periods set forth below. Information shown is expressed both as a percentage of the total amount of commission dollars paid by each Fund and as a percentage of the total value of all brokerage transactions effected on behalf of each Fund for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018.

Fund	Name of Affiliated Broker	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2016	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2017	Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018		
		Aggregate Dollar Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliate	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliate	Aggregate Dollar Amount of Brokerage Commissions Paid to Affiliate	Percentage of Aggregate Brokerage Commissions Paid	Percentage of Aggregate Dollar Amount of Transactions Involving the Payout of Commissions
Emerging Markets Fund	Mirae Asset Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.	\$ 595	\$ 1,345	\$ 7,017	5.09%	4.26%
Asia Fund	Mirae Asset Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.	\$ 3,895	\$ 4,475	\$ 10,250	7.06%	4.40%
EM Great Consumer Fund	Mirae Asset Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd.	\$ 2,234	\$ 5,504	\$ 18,965	4.28%	3.61%
	Mirae Asset Securities (Korea) Ltd.	\$ 5,542	\$ 0	\$ 0	0%	0%

During the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018, certain Funds acquired securities issued by their regular brokers or dealers, or their parent companies, as reflected in the table below. The following shows the aggregate holdings of the securities of each such issuer as of April 30, 2018. (For these purposes, a regular broker or dealer is deemed one that derived or whose parent derived more than 15% of its gross revenues from the business of a broker, a dealer, an underwriter or an investment adviser during its most recent fiscal year.)

**Approximate Aggregate  
Value of Issuer's  
Securities Owned by  
Fund at the Close of its**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2018</b>	<b>Broker or Dealer</b>
Asia Fund	\$ 1,042,224	HSBC Holdings PLC

**DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Board has approved policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of information about each Fund's portfolio holdings, as described below. The policies and procedures are intended to prevent the misuse of material non-public information regarding portfolio holdings. The Board provides oversight of compliance with the policies and procedures adopted or approved by the Trust, Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager, the Administrator, the Distributor and the Transfer Agent.

In accordance with the rules established by the SEC, each Fund sends semi-annual and annual reports to shareholders that contain a complete list of portfolio holdings as of the second and fourth fiscal quarters, respectively, within 60 days of quarter-end.

Additionally, each Fund is required to disclose complete portfolio holdings as of the end of the first and third fiscal quarters on Form N-Q within 60 days of quarter-end. Generally within five days of filing with the SEC, each Fund's portfolio holdings, as reported in the semi-annual and annual reports and the Form N-Qs, will be available on the Trust's website at <http://investments.miraeasset.us> and are available upon request at no cost by contacting the Trust at 1-888-335-3417. Each Fund will also post a complete list of its month-end portfolio holdings on the Trust's website 30 days or more after month-end and disclose its top ten holdings approximately 15 days or more after calendar quarter-end. Each Fund may also disclose the top three and bottom three performing holdings in quarterly commentaries that are released within 30 days after calendar quarter-end.

Public portfolio holdings information may be provided to independent third-party fund reporting services, such as Lipper or Morningstar. Such information shall be delivered at the same time it is filed with the SEC or no earlier than the date such information is posted on the website as described above. In order to deliver the information earlier, the applicable Fund must obtain the prior written approval of Mirae Asset USA and the sub-manager. In addition, the fund reporting service must enter into an agreement to keep the information confidential and not to trade on such information. Between regular Board meetings, the release of non-public portfolio securities holding information requires the approval of the President or a Trustee of the Trust. Such approval, if any, is reported to the full Board and the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer, with an explanation as to why the release of such information was in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders.

The Funds may distribute portfolio holdings information to due diligence departments of broker-dealers, wirehouses and other financial institutions ("Financial Intermediaries") that regularly analyze the portfolio holdings of mutual funds before their public disclosure, provided that (i) the recipient agrees not to distribute the portfolio holdings or results of the analysis to third parties, other departments or persons who are likely to use the information for purposes of purchasing or selling a Fund's shares, (ii) the recipient agrees not to use the information for investment or trading purposes and (iii) the recipient signs a written confidentiality agreement. As of the date of this SAI, there are no arrangements with Financial Intermediaries pursuant to the above policy.

Pursuant to the Trust's policies and procedures, except as provided above, each Fund's portfolio holdings information may not be released prior to the information becoming public. The policy prohibiting the selective disclosure of portfolio holdings applies to all categories of persons, including individual investors, institutional investors, the Distributor, intermediaries that distribute the applicable Fund's shares, third-party service providers, rating and ranking organizations and the Fund's affiliates. Certain limited exceptions (noted above and below) have been approved by the Board. In addition, the Trust has adopted and approved policies and procedures, including a Code of Ethics and various policies regarding securities trading and trade allocations to address potential conflicts of interest that may arise. As part of its oversight, the Board receives reports from the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer regarding the Funds' and their service providers' compliance with these policies, including, if applicable, information with respect to any violations of these procedures and how such violations/conflicts were resolved.

Material non-public information regarding portfolio holdings may be provided as part of the necessary day-to-day operation of the Funds to certain entities on a confidential basis. These entities must either have an explicit agreement to, or by virtue of their respective duties to the applicable Fund are required to, maintain the confidentiality of the information disclosed and may not trade on such information except as necessary in providing services to the Fund. Accordingly, each Fund, on an ongoing periodic basis, may, or cause the Investment Manager or sub-manager to, disclose non-public portfolio holdings information (on a confidential basis) to the following entities or persons:

- The Trust's Board of Trustees
- The Trust's Transfer Agent
- The Trust's Distributor
- The Trust's Administrator, Custodian and securities lending agent (if any)

- The Trust's independent registered public accounting firm
- The Trust's legal counsel

Although the Trust, in many cases, will disclose current portfolio holdings on a daily basis to certain of these entities or persons, the Trust believes each of the foregoing recipients, pursuant to contractual or fiduciary obligations, is required to keep all non-public information confidential and is prohibited from trading based on the information, except as necessary in providing services to the Funds.

When engaged in purchasing, selling or lending Fund securities, a Fund may disclose certain information about one or more of the security positions it owns. Although the Funds do not have separate non-disclosure agreements with each of these trading entities or lending agents, they will cease doing business with any entity believed to be misusing the information.

None of the Funds, Mirae Asset USA, the sub-manager or their respective affiliates receive any compensation or other consideration with respect to disclosures of portfolio holdings. If Mirae Asset USA or the sub-manager or any affiliate desired to make such an arrangement, it would seek prior Board approval and any such arrangements would be disclosed in the Trust's SAI.

Although the Trust has adopted these policies and procedures with respect to the selective disclosure of Fund portfolio holdings information, there is no guarantee that individuals and firms who receive portfolio holdings information will not misuse of such information.

## **DISTRIBUTION AND SHAREHOLDER SERVICING PLANS**

### **Class A and Class C Shares**

The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, has adopted a plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 (a "Plan") under the 1940 Act for Class A Shares under which a Fund is authorized to pay to the Distributor or any other entity approved by the Board (collectively, "payees") as compensation for the distribution-related and/or shareholder services provided by such entities, an aggregate fee of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A Shares of the Fund. The Trust, on behalf of each Fund, has also adopted a Plan for Class C Shares under which a Fund is authorized to pay payees compensation for the distribution-related and/or shareholder services provided by such entities. Under the Plan for Class C Shares, a Fund may pay an aggregate fee up to 0.75% of the average daily net assets of Class C Shares of the Fund for distribution-related services and an aggregate fee up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class C Shares of the Fund for shareholder services. The payee may pay any or all amounts received under the Plan to other persons for any distribution or service activity conducted on behalf of a Fund. The distribution fee for Class C Shares may also be used to finance the cost of advancing brokerage commissions to investment representatives. The Plans are core components of the ongoing distribution of Class A Shares and Class C Shares.

Each Plan is subject to the provisions of Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. In their consideration of a Plan, the Trustees must consider all factors they deem relevant, including information as to the benefits of the Plan to each Fund and the related class of shareholders. In approving each Plan in accordance with Rule 12b-1, the Independent Trustees of the Trust concluded that there is reasonable likelihood that the Plan will benefit each Fund and its related class of shareholders.

Among other things, each Plan provides that: (i) the Board will receive quarterly reports regarding the amounts expended under the Plan and the purposes for which such expenditures were made; (ii) any material amendment thereto must be approved by the Board, including by a vote of the majority of the Independent Trustees who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the Plan ("Plan Trustees"), cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose; (iii) any amendment to increase materially the costs which any class of shares may bear for distribution services pursuant to the Plan shall be effective only upon approval by a vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class and by a majority of the Plan Trustees; (iv) the Plan will continue in effect for so long as its continuance is approved at least annually by the Board in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act; and (v) so long as the Plan is in effect, the Independent Trustees then in office will select and nominate other independent trustees. Rule 12b-1 further requires that each Fund preserve copies of each Plan and any report made pursuant to such plan for a period of not less than six years from the date of the Plan or such report, the first two years in an easily accessible place. The Plan may be terminated as to any class of shares without penalty at any time by the vote of a majority of the Plan Trustees, or by the vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of such class.

Payments under the Plans are based on a percentage of average daily net assets attributable to the shares regardless of the amount of expenses incurred. As a result, distribution-related revenues from the Plans may be more or less than distribution-related expenses of the related class. Information with respect to the distribution-related revenues and expenses is presented to the Trustees for their consideration quarterly.

Distribution-related revenues consist of shareholder servicing fees, distribution fees and contingent deferred sales charges ("CDSCs"). Distribution-related expenses consist of, among other things, financial adviser compensation, selling and transaction processing expenses, advertising, sales promotion and marketing expenses and interest expense. The distribution-related revenues paid with respect to one class will not be used to finance the distribution expenditures of another class. Sales personnel may receive different compensation for selling different classes of shares.



The Trust may enter into written agreements relating to the implementation of the Plans (“Related Agreements”), provided that such agreements have been approved by the Board. The Trust and the Distributor have entered into a Distribution Agreement, which constitutes a Related Agreement under Plans relating to the Class A and Class C Shares. Pursuant to this Agreement, the Distributor performs distribution services for the Funds.

For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018, the aggregate amount of distribution and shareholder servicing fees paid directly from each Fund was:

Fund	2018	
	Class A	Class C
Emerging Markets Fund	\$ 4,249	\$ 8,032
Asia Fund	\$ 7,629	\$ 24,012
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 65,314	\$ 159,935

### Payments to Intermediaries

Mirae Asset USA and/or its affiliates may compensate intermediaries that distribute shares of a Fund or service investors in a Fund or may, at the discretion of a retirement plan’s named fiduciary, make payments to intermediaries for certain plan expenses or otherwise for the benefit of plan participants and beneficiaries. Factors considered in determining whether to pay these additional amounts, include, without limitation, the level or type of services provided by the intermediary, the level or expected level of assets or sales of shares, access to an intermediary’s personnel, and other factors. In addition to such payments, Mirae Asset USA and/or its affiliates may offer other incentives such as sponsorship of educational or client seminars relating to current issues and/or products, assistance in training and educating the intermediaries’ personnel, and/or payments of costs and expenses associated with attendance at seminars, including travel, lodging, entertainment and meals. Mirae Asset USA and/or its affiliates anticipate that payments will be made to multiple intermediaries, including broker-dealers and other financial firms, and these payments may be significant. As permitted by SEC and FINRA rules and other applicable laws and regulations, Mirae Asset USA and/or its affiliates may pay or allow other incentives or payments to intermediaries.

Some payments, which are sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing,” may represent a premium over payments made by other fund families, and investment professionals may have an added incentive to sell or recommend a Fund or a share class over others offered by competing fund families. “Revenue sharing” payments include payments for distribution-related expenses, such as marketing, promotional or related expenses, to financial intermediaries through which investors may purchase shares of a Fund. In some circumstances, these revenue sharing payments may create an incentive for a financial intermediary or its representatives to recommend or sell shares of a Fund to you. Please contact your financial intermediary for details about revenue sharing payments it may receive. Payments for these purposes are made by Mirae Asset USA or an affiliate from their own resources and may vary. Certain of the payments may be offset by 12b-1 fees. It is expected that Mirae Asset USA or an affiliate will make payments to these and other intermediaries for similar purposes in the future.

In addition to the sales charges, 12b-1 fees and shareholder service fees, Mirae Asset USA and its affiliates may out of their own resources pay additional cash or non-cash incentives to financial intermediaries to encourage the sale of the Funds’ shares. These additional payments may take the form of, among other things, “due diligence” payments for an intermediary’s examination of the Funds and payments for providing extra employee training and information relating to the Funds; “listing” fees for the placement of the Funds on an intermediary’s list of mutual funds available for purchase by its customers; “marketing support” fees for providing assistance in promoting the sale of the Funds’ shares; payments for the sale of shares; payments for shareholder servicing; CUSIP fees; NSCC Account fees; maintenance fees; set-up fees regarding establishment of new accounts; sales contests and promotions where participants receive prizes such as travel awards, merchandise, cash or recognition; and occasional meals, entertainment, tickets to sporting or other events, nominal gifts and travel and lodging (subject to applicable rules and regulations). These payments may create an incentive for your financial intermediary to sell and recommend certain investment products, including the Funds, over other products for which it may receive less compensation. You may contact your financial intermediary if you want information regarding the payments it receives.

The payments may be a fixed dollar amount and/or based on a percentage of the value of shares sold to or held by customers of the intermediary involved and may differ from intermediary to intermediary. Although the individual components may be higher and the total payments made to each qualifying firm in any given year may vary, additional payments may but are not normally expected to exceed (a) 0.25% of the current year’s Fund sales by that firm and (b) 0.10% of average daily net assets attributable to that firm over the year.

## PURCHASE AND REDEMPTION OF SHARES

### Additional Information About Purchasing Shares

Due to the desire of the Funds to afford ease of redemption, certificates will not be issued to indicate ownership in any Fund.

### ***Additional Information About Opening an Account/Minimum Balances***

The Prospectus sets forth the minimum initial investment and account balance for each Fund.

Each Fund reserves the right, following 60 days' written notice to applicable shareholders, to:

- assess an annual \$10 charge (paid to the Fund) for any non-fiduciary/custodial account without a systematic investment plan ("SIP") in place and a balance of less than \$1,000; and
- redeem all shares in Fund accounts below \$1,000 where a reduction in value has occurred due to a redemption, exchange or transfer out of the account. The applicable Fund will mail the proceeds of the redeemed account to the shareholder.

Fiduciary (e.g., IRA or Roth IRA) and custodial accounts (e.g., UGMA or UTMA) with balances below \$500 are subject to automatic redemption following 60 days' written notice to applicable shareholders. Reductions in value that result solely from market activity will not trigger an involuntary redemption.

### ***Additional Information About Sales Charges for Class A Shares***

As discussed in the Prospectus, initial sales charges may be waived for shareholders investing \$1 million or more. Financial intermediaries may offer Fund shares subject to variations in or elimination of the Fund sales charges ("variations"), provided such variations are described in the Funds' Prospectus. All variations described in Appendix A "Financial Intermediary Sales Charge Variations" to the Funds' Prospectus are applied by the identified financial intermediary. Sales charge variations may apply to purchases, sales, exchanges and reinvestments of Fund shares and a shareholder transacting in Fund shares through the financial intermediary identified on Appendix A to the Funds' Prospectus should read the terms and conditions of Appendix A carefully. A variation that is specific to the financial intermediary is not applicable to shares held directly with the Funds or through another intermediary. Please consult the financial intermediary with respect to any variations listed on Appendix A to the Funds' Prospectus.

Mirae Asset USA may pay, from its own resources, a sales commission to brokers that initiate and are responsible for purchases of \$1 million or more at the following rates:

<b>Amount of Purchase</b>	<b>Sales Commission as a Percentage of Dollar Amount Subject to Charge</b>
\$1 million up to but not exceeding \$5 million	1.00%
In excess of \$5 million up to but not exceeding \$10 million	0.50%
In excess of \$10 million	0.25%

A CDSC of 1.00% is imposed on certain redemptions of such investments of \$1 million or more within 18 months after purchase.

### ***Additional Information About Making Subsequent Investments***

Subsequent purchase orders for a minimum of \$100 (\$50 for IRAs, Roth IRAs, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts and Systematic Investment Plans and \$25,000 for Class I Shares) may be placed pursuant to the methods described in the Prospectus. A confirmation of the purchase will be mailed out promptly following receipt of a request to purchase additional shares of a Fund. Federal regulations require that payment be received within three (3) business days. If payment is not received within that time, the order is subject to cancellation. In the event of such cancellation or cancellation at the purchaser's request, the purchaser will be responsible for any loss incurred by a Fund or the Distributor by reason of such cancellation. If the purchaser is a shareholder, the Fund shall have the authority, as agent of the shareholder, to redeem shares in the account to reimburse the applicable Fund or the Distributor for the loss incurred. Any net profit on the liquidation of unpaid shares will accrue to the applicable Fund.

### ***Payment by Checks***

A certified check is not necessary, but checks for \$50 or more are accepted subject to collection at full face value in U.S. funds and must be drawn on, or payable through, a U.S. bank.

If shares of a Fund are purchased by a check that proves to be uncollectible, the Fund reserves the right to cancel the purchase immediately and the purchaser will be responsible for any loss incurred by the Fund or the Distributor by reason of such cancellation. If the purchaser is a shareholder, the Fund shall have the authority, as agent of the shareholder, to redeem shares in the account to reimburse the Fund or the Distributor for the loss incurred. Investors whose orders have been canceled may be prohibited from or restricted in placing future orders in the Funds.

## ***Share Price***

Purchases will be filled without sales charge at the net asset value next computed after receipt of the application in good order. The net asset value normally will be computed for each class as of the close of regular trading on each day during which the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) is open for trading. Orders received after the close of regular trading on the NYSE will be executed at the next day’s net asset value. If the order has been placed by a member of FINRA, it is the responsibility of the member broker, rather than the Fund, to forward the purchase order to the Transfer Agent by the close of regular trading on the NYSE.

## ***Other Information***

The Trust may authorize certain members of FINRA other than the Distributor to accept purchase and redemption orders for each Fund’s shares. Those brokers may also designate other parties to accept purchase and redemption orders on each Fund’s behalf. Orders for purchase or redemption will be deemed to have been received by the applicable Fund when such brokers or their authorized designees accept the orders. Subject to the terms of the contract between each Fund and the broker, ordinarily orders will be priced at such Fund’s net asset value next computed after acceptance by such brokers or their authorized designees. Further, if purchases or redemptions of a Fund’s shares are arranged and settlement is made at an investor’s election through any other authorized FINRA member, that member may, at its discretion, charge a fee for that service. The Board has the right to limit the amount of purchases by, and to refuse to sell to, any person. The Board and the Distributor may suspend or terminate the offering of shares of any Fund at any time for any reason.

The tax identification number section of the application must be completed when opening an account. Applications and purchase orders without a correct certified tax identification number and certain other certified information (e.g., from exempt organizations, certification of exempt status) will be returned to the investor. Each Fund reserves the right, following 30 days’ notice, to redeem all shares in accounts without a correct certified social security or other tax identification number. A shareholder may avoid involuntary redemption by providing the Fund with a tax identification number during the 30-day notice period.

Each Fund may issue shares at net asset value in connection with any merger or consolidation with, or acquisition of the assets of, any investment company or personal holding company, subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act.

## ***Suspension of Sales***

The Trust may, in its sole discretion, suspend, discontinue or limit the offering of one or more of a Fund’s share classes at any time. In determining whether any such action should be taken, Fund management intends to consider all relevant factors, including (without limitation) the size of a Fund or class, the investment climate and market conditions, the volume of sales and redemptions of shares, and (if applicable) the amount of uncovered distribution charges of the Distributor. The Class A and Class C Plans may continue in effect and payments may be made under the Plans following any such suspension, discontinuance or limitation of the offering of shares; however, there is no contractual obligation to continue any Plan for any particular period of time. Suspension of the offering of shares would not, of course, affect a shareholder’s ability to redeem shares.

## **Additional Redemption Information**

### ***Redemptions by Telephone***

Shareholders currently have the right to redeem by telephone up to \$100,000 to their address of record. In order to request redemptions by telephone, shareholders must have completed and returned to the Transfer Agent the application, including the designation of a bank account to which the redemption proceeds are to be sent.

- (a) NEW INVESTORS who wish to establish telephone redemption to a predesignated bank account must complete the appropriate section on the application.
- (b) EXISTING SHAREHOLDERS who wish to establish telephone redemption to a predesignated bank account or who want to change the bank account previously designated to receive redemption proceeds should either return an account application, including the designation of a bank account to which the redemption proceeds are to be sent (available upon request) or send a letter identifying the account and specifying the exact information to be changed. The letter must be signed exactly as the shareholder’s name(s) appears on the account. A signature and a signature guarantee are required for each person in whose name the account is registered.

Telephone redemption is not available for fiduciary accounts (*i.e.*, IRA, Roth IRA, etc.).

If a request for redemption to a shareholder’s bank account is made by telephone or fax, payment will be made by Federal Reserve Bank wire to the bank account designated on the application, unless a request is made that the redemption check be mailed to the designated bank account.

Note: Investors designating a savings bank to receive their telephone redemption proceeds are advised that if the savings bank is not a participant in the Federal Reserve System, redemption proceeds must be wired through a commercial bank which is a correspondent of the savings bank. As this may delay receipt by the shareholder’s account, it is suggested that investors wishing to use a savings bank discuss wire procedures with their bank and submit any special wire transfer information with the telephone redemption authorization. If appropriate wire information is not supplied, redemption proceeds will be mailed to the designated bank.

The Funds employ procedures, including recording telephone calls, testing a caller's identity, and sending written confirmation of telephone transactions, designed to give reasonable assurance that instructions communicated by telephone are genuine, and to discourage fraud. To the extent that a Fund does not follow such procedures, it may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent telephone instructions. Each Fund will not be liable for acting upon instructions communicated by telephone that it reasonably believes to be genuine.

Redemption requests by telephone (technically a repurchase by agreement between a Fund and the shareholder) of shares purchased by check will not be accepted for 15 business days following their purchase.

### ***Redemptions by Mail***

In order to ensure proper authorization before redeeming shares, the Transfer Agent may request additional documents such as, but not restricted to, stock powers, trust instruments, certificates of death, appointments as executor, certificates of corporate authority and waivers of tax required in some states when settling estates.

It is suggested that shareholders holding shares registered in other than individual names contact the Funds' Transfer Agent prior to redemptions to ensure that all necessary documents accompany the request. When shares are held in the name of a corporation, trust, fiduciary or partnership, the Transfer Agent requires, in addition to the stock power, certified evidence of authority to sign. These procedures are for the protection of shareholders and should be followed to ensure prompt payment. Redemption requests must not be conditional as to date or price of the redemption. Proceeds of a redemption will be sent within seven business days after receipt of a request for redemption that complies with the above requirements. Delays of more than seven days of payment for shares tendered for repurchase or redemption may result but only until the purchase check has cleared.

The requirements for IRA redemptions are different from those for regular accounts. For more information, call 1-888-335-3417.

### ***Redemptions in-Kind***

In the event a Fund's management determines that substantial distributions of cash would have an adverse effect on such Fund's remaining shareholders, each Fund reserves the right to honor any request for redemption or repurchase order by making payment in whole or in part in readily marketable securities chosen by the Fund and valued as they are for purposes of computing such Fund's net asset value. Each Fund has elected, however, to be governed by Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act as a result of which each Fund is obligated to redeem shares, with respect to any one shareholder during any 90-day period, solely in cash up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net asset value of the applicable Fund at the beginning of the period. The tax consequences to a redeeming shareholder are the same whether the shareholder receives cash or securities in payment for his or her shares.

If redemption payment is made in portfolio securities, the redeeming shareholder may incur brokerage commissions and applicable taxes in converting those securities into cash. In addition, the conversion of securities into cash may expose the shareholder to stock market risk and currency exchange risk.

If a shareholder receives portfolio securities upon redemption of Fund shares, they may request that such securities either (i) be delivered to their designated agent, or (ii) be liquidated on their behalf and the proceeds of such liquidation (net of any brokerage commissions, fees and applicable taxes) remitted to them.

### ***Other Information***

All redemption requests must be directed to the Transfer Agent. Redemption requests that are delivered to the Fund rather than to the Transfer Agent will be forwarded to the Transfer Agent, and processed at the next calculated net asset value after receipt by the Transfer Agent.

The value of shares redeemed or repurchased may be more or less than the shareholder's cost depending on the net asset value at the time of redemption or repurchase. The Funds do not impose a redemption or repurchase charge. As described in "Dividends, Distributions and Taxes-Taxes" in the Prospectus, redemption of shares may result in tax consequences (gain or loss) to the shareholder and the proceeds of such redemptions may be subject to backup withholding.

Shareholders who wish to redeem shares from special plan accounts should contact the employer, trustee or custodian of the Plan for the requirements.

### ***Distribution Options***

Investors have freedom to choose whether to receive cash or to reinvest any dividends (whether from net investment income or from realized capital gains) in additional shares of the applicable Fund. If no election is made, dividends and distributions will be invested in additional shares of the Fund. A change of instructions for the method of payment must be received by the Transfer Agent in writing at least five days prior to a dividend record date. Shareholders may change their dividend option either by calling 1-888-335- 3417 or by sending written instructions to the Transfer Agent. Please include your account number with your written request.

Reinvestment is usually made at the closing net asset value determined on the business day following the record date. Investors may leave standing instructions with the Transfer Agent designating their option for either reinvestment or cash distribution of any income dividends or capital gains distributions. Investors who choose to reinvest dividends will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as if they had received such dividends and purchased additional shares.

Investors may also have dividends automatically deposited to their predesignated bank account. Investors choosing to participate in the Funds' Systematic Withdrawal Plan must reinvest any dividends or capital gains. For most retirement plan accounts, the reinvestment of dividends is required.

### **Reports to Shareholders**

The Trust issues shareholders unaudited semi-annual financial statements and annual financial statements audited by the Funds' registered independent public accounting firm, including a list of investments held and statements of assets and liabilities, operations, changes in net assets and financial highlights.

### **Transaction Summaries**

Annual summaries of all transactions in each Fund account are available to shareholders. The summaries may be obtained by calling 1-888-335-3417.

### **Special Plan Accounts**

Detailed information on the investor programs described below, including applicable charges, minimum investment requirements and disclosures made pursuant to Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") requirements, may be obtained by contacting Mirae Asset Discovery Funds, P.O. Box 183165, Columbus, Ohio 43218-3165, or by calling toll free, 1-888-335-3417. It is advisable for an investor considering the funding of the investment plans described below to consult with an attorney or other investment or tax advisor with respect to the suitability requirements and tax aspects thereof.

Shares of a Fund may also be a permitted investment under profit sharing and pension plans and IRAs depending on the provisions of the relevant plan or IRA.

None of the plans assures a profit or guarantees protection against depreciation, especially in declining markets.

### **Systematic Investment Plan**

Shareholders may arrange to make periodic investments through automatic deductions from their bank accounts by completing the appropriate form and providing the necessary documentation to establish this service. The minimum investment is \$50.

The Systematic Investment Plan involves an investment strategy called dollar cost averaging. Dollar cost averaging is a method of investing whereby a specific dollar amount is invested at regular intervals. By investing the same dollar amount each period, when shares are priced low, the investor will purchase more shares than when the share price is higher. Over a period of time, this investment approach may allow the investor to reduce the average price of the shares purchased. However, this investment approach does not assure a profit or protect against loss. This type of regular investment program may be suitable for various investment goals such as, but not limited to, college planning or saving for a home. Shareholders may designate which day they want the automatic investment to be processed. If no date is specified, the investment will automatically occur on the fifteenth day of the month, or, if such day is not a business day, on the prior business day.

### **Uniform Transfers/Gifts to Minors Act**

Grandparents, parents or other donors may set up custodian accounts for minors. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000 unless the donor agrees to continue to make regular share purchases for the account through the Systematic Investment Plan. In this case, the minimum initial investment is \$500.

The Fund reserves the right, after notice has been given to the shareholder and custodian, to redeem and close a shareholder's account in the event that regular investments to the account cease before the \$1,000 minimum is reached.

## **PERFORMANCE DATA**

Average annual total return before deduction of taxes ("pre-tax return") is determined by multiplying a hypothetical initial purchase order of \$1,000 by the average annual compound rate of return (including capital appreciation/depreciation, and distributions paid and reinvested) for the stated period and annualizing the result. The calculation assumes that the maximum initial sales charge, if applicable, is deducted from the initial \$1,000 purchase, and income dividends and capital gain distributions are reinvested at net asset value. The quotation assumes the account was completely redeemed at the end of each period and the deduction of all applicable charges and fees. If a change is made to the sales charge structure, historical performance information will be restated to reflect the maximum initial sales charge currently in effect.

Average annual total return after the deduction of taxes on distributions is calculated in the same manner as pre-tax return except the calculation assumes that any federal income taxes due on distributions are deducted from the distributions before they are reinvested. Average annual total return after the deduction of taxes on distributions and taxes on redemption also is calculated in the same manner as pre-tax return except the calculation assumes that (i) any federal income taxes due on distributions are deducted from the distributions before they are reinvested and (ii) any federal income taxes due upon redemption are deducted at the end of the period. After-tax returns are based on the highest federal income tax rates in effect for individual taxpayers as of the time of each assumed distribution and redemption (taking into account their tax character), and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. In calculating after-tax returns, the net value of any federal income tax credits available to shareholders is applied to reduce federal income taxes payable on distributions at or near year-end and, to the extent the net value of such credits exceeds such distributions, is then assumed to be reinvested in additional Fund shares at net asset value on the last day of the fiscal year in which the credit was generated or, in the case of certain tax credits, on the date on which the year-end distribution is paid.

In addition to the foregoing total return figures, each Fund may provide pre-tax and after-tax annual and cumulative total return, as well as the ending redeemable cash value of a hypothetical investment. If shares are subject to a sales charge, total return figures may be calculated based on reduced sales charges or at net asset value. These returns would be lower if the full sales charge was imposed. After-tax returns may also be calculated using different tax rate assumptions and taking into account state and local income taxes as well as federal taxes.

## TAXES

The following summarizes certain additional tax considerations generally affecting the Funds and their shareholders that are not described in the Prospectus. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of the tax treatment of the Funds or their shareholders, and the discussions here and in the Prospectus are not intended as a substitute for careful tax planning. Potential investors should consult their tax advisers with specific reference to their own tax situations.

The discussions of the federal tax consequences in the Prospectus and this SAI are based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and the regulations issued under it, and court decisions and administrative interpretations, as in effect on the date of this SAI. Future legislative or administrative changes or court decisions may significantly alter the statements included herein, and any such changes or decisions may be retroactive.

### General

Each Fund intends to elect to qualify and intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of Subtitle A, Chapter 1, of the Code. As such, each Fund generally is exempt from federal income tax on its net investment income and realized capital gains that it distributes to shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, each Fund must meet three important tests each year.

First, each Fund must derive with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock or securities or foreign currencies, other income derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or currencies, or net income derived from interests in qualified publicly traded partnerships.

Second, generally, at the close of each quarter of its taxable year, at least 50% of the value of each Fund's assets must consist of cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and securities of other issuers (as to which the Fund has not invested more than 5% of the value of its total assets in securities of such issuer and as to which the Fund does not hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer), and no more than 25% of the value of each Fund's total assets may be invested in the securities of (1) any one issuer (other than U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies), (2) two or more issuers that the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses, or (3) one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

Third, each Fund must distribute an amount equal to at least the sum of 90% of its investment company taxable income (net investment income and the excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) before taking into account any deduction for dividends paid, and 90% of its tax-exempt income, if any, for the year.

Each Fund intends to comply with these requirements. If a Fund were to fail to make sufficient distributions, it could be liable for corporate income tax and for excise tax in respect of the shortfall or, if the shortfall is large enough, the Fund could be disqualified as a regulated investment company. If for any taxable year a Fund were not to qualify as a regulated investment company, all its taxable income would be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders. In that event, taxable shareholders would recognize dividend income on distributions to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, and corporate shareholders could be eligible for the dividends-received deduction.

The Code imposes a nondeductible 4% excise tax on regulated investment companies that fail to distribute each year an amount equal to specified percentages of their ordinary taxable income and capital gain net income (excess of capital gains over capital losses). Each Fund intends to make sufficient distributions or deemed distributions each year to avoid liability for this excise tax.

For federal income tax purposes, the Funds are generally permitted to carry forward a net capital loss in any year to offset its own capital gains, if any, during subsequent taxable years. As of April 30, 2018, the Funds had the following capital loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes which may be carried forward indefinitely with the retained tax character as set forth in the table below:

Fund	Short-Term Amount	Long-Term Amount	Total
Asia Fund	\$3,353,297	\$0	\$3,353,297
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$11,247,455	\$0	\$11,247,455

These amounts are available to be carried forward to offset future net capital gains to the extent permitted by the Code and applicable tax regulations.

Under current tax law, capital losses and net investment losses realized after October 31 and December 31, respectively, of a Fund's fiscal year may be deferred and treated as occurring on the first business day of the following fiscal year for tax purposes. The following Funds' deferred losses are as follows:

Fund	Post-October Loss Deferred	Post October Currency Loss Deferred and Late Year Ordinary Loss Deferred	Total
EM Great Consumer Fund	\$ 0	\$ 671,596	\$ 671,596

#### State and Local Taxes

Although each Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company and to be relieved of all or substantially all federal income taxes, depending upon the extent of its activities in states and localities in which its offices are maintained, in which its agents or independent contractors are located or in which it is otherwise deemed to be conducting business, a Fund may be subject to the tax laws of such states or localities.

#### Taxation of Certain Investments

The tax principles applicable to transactions in certain financial instruments, such as futures contracts and options, that may be engaged in by a Fund, and investments in passive foreign investment companies ("PFICs"), are complex and, in some cases, uncertain. Such transactions and investments may cause a Fund to recognize taxable income prior to the receipt of cash, thereby requiring the Fund to liquidate other positions, or to borrow money, so as to make sufficient distributions to shareholders to avoid corporate-level tax. Moreover, some or all of the taxable income recognized may be ordinary income or short-term capital gain, so that the distributions may be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

In addition, in the case of any shares of a PFIC in which a Fund invests, the Fund may be liable for corporate-level tax on any ultimate gain or distributions on the shares if the Fund fails to make an election to recognize income annually during the period of its ownership of the shares.

#### **NET ASSET VALUE**

The net asset value of shares of each Fund is computed as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE on each day the NYSE is open for trading. The NYSE is scheduled to be closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas, and on the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday when one of these holidays falls on a Saturday or Sunday, respectively. Net asset value per share is determined separately for each class of shares by dividing the value of the total assets of a Fund attributable to the shares of that class, less all liabilities attributable to that class, by the total number of shares of that class outstanding. The per share net asset value may be lower for certain classes of a Fund because of higher expenses borne by these classes.

A security listed on a national securities exchange, market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available, including securities traded over the counter, is valued at its most recent sale price on the relevant exchange as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE on each day the NYSE is open for trading. On a day that a security does not trade, then the mean between the bid and the asked prices will be used as long as it continues to reflect the value of the security. In the event that market quotations are not readily available, or if the mean between the bid and the asked prices of a non-exchange listed security does not reflect the value of the security, “fair value” of the security will be determined in accordance with fair value procedures approved by the Board.

In the case of certain foreign exchanges, the closing price reported by the exchange (which may sometimes be referred to by the exchange or one or more pricing agents as the “official close” or the “official closing price” or other similar term) will be considered the most recent sale price. Most securities listed on a foreign exchange are valued at the most recent sale price at the close of the exchange on which the security is primarily traded. In certain countries, market maker prices are used since they are the most representative of the daily trading activity. Securities not traded on a particular day are valued at the mean between the last reported bid and asked quotes, or the last sale price where appropriate; otherwise “fair value” will be determined in accordance with fair value procedures approved by the Board.

Debt securities are valued as follows: U.S. Government and agency securities are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices. Other debt securities, including corporate securities, municipal securities, asset-backed securities, derivatives, debt offerings, collateralized mortgage obligations and private placements are valued by using valuation methodologies from a pricing service. If such prices are not available from an independent, third-party pricing service, the quotations will be obtained from a Fund’s Investment Manager and the securities will be valued at the mean between the bid and the offer. In the absence of available quotations, the security will be valued in accordance with fair valuation procedures approved by the Board. Fixed income securities having a maturity of less than sixty days are valued at their amortized cost which approximates market value.

Options are valued at the last reported sales price at the close of the exchange on which the security is primarily traded. If there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, the mean between the last reported bid and asked prices will be used.

Futures are valued at the daily quoted settlement price established each day by the board of exchange on which they are traded. The daily settlement prices for financial futures are provided by an independent source.

Forward currency contracts are valued at the last bid price. Quotations are available for regularly scheduled settlement dates such as on a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 12-month basis. No quotations are offered for interim settlement dates. Interpolated “fair values” are derived when the life of the contract is not the same as a life for which quotations are offered.

Following the valuations of securities or other portfolio assets in terms of the currency in which the market quotation used is expressed (“Local Currency”), the value of these portfolio assets in terms of U.S. dollars is calculated by converting the Local Currency into U.S. dollars at the prevailing currency exchange rate on the valuation date as provided by an independent pricing service or reporting agency.

Redeemable securities issued by open-end investment companies are valued at the investment company’s last calculated net asset value, with the exception of exchange-traded open-end investment companies which are priced as equity securities as described above.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available (including securities for which a Fund’s Investment Manager determines that the closing market prices do not represent the securities’ current value because of an intervening “significant event”) will be valued at fair value pursuant to procedures approved by the Board. Circumstances in which market quotations may not be readily available include, but are not limited to, when the security’s trading has been halted or suspended, when the security’s primary trading market is temporarily closed at a time when under normal conditions it would be open, or a significant event with respect to a security or securities has occurred after the close of the market or exchange on which the security or securities principally trades and before the time the Fund calculates net asset value. These events may create arbitrage opportunities that may enable short-term traders to dilute the net asset value of long-term investors. Securities trading in overseas markets present time zone arbitrage opportunities when events affecting portfolio security values occur after the close of the overseas market but prior to the close of the U.S. market. Also, each Fund’s Investment Manager believes that foreign securities values may be affected by volatility that occurs in U.S. markets on a trading day after the close of foreign securities markets. The fair valuation procedures, therefore, include a procedure whereby foreign securities prices may be “fair valued” by an independent pricing service or by Mirae Asset USA’s Valuation Committee, in accordance with a valuation policy approved by the Board to take those factors into account.

The Board has adopted valuation procedures for the Funds and has delegated day to day responsibility for fair value determinations to Mirae Asset USA’s Valuation Committee. All fair value determinations will be reported to the Board. In certain circumstances, the administrative agent for the Trust may obtain and utilize fair value pricing information from independent fair value pricing services approved by the applicable Fund’s Investment Manager to determine the fair value of a security and/or may provide such information to the Fund’s Investment Manager in connection with the Investment Manager’s fair value determination. The Funds use fair value pricing to seek to ensure that each Fund’s net asset value reflects the value of its underlying portfolio securities.



There can be no assurance, however, that a fair value used by the Funds on any given day will more accurately reflect the market value of a security or securities than the market price of such security or securities. A security's valuation may differ depending on the method used for determining value. Fair valuation of a Fund's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short term traders, but there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of a Fund's net asset value by short term traders.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE TRUST**

The Trust was formed as a statutory trust under the laws of the State of Delaware on April 7, 2010. Currently, the Trust consists of four series.

All shares issued and outstanding are fully paid and non-assessable, transferable, and redeemable at net asset value, subject to such charges as may be applicable, at the option of the shareholder. Shares have no preemptive rights or conversion rights (except as described below). Redemption and exchange rights are discussed elsewhere herein and in each Fund's Prospectus. Each share of each class of a Fund has equal rights with respect to each other share of the same class as to dividends and distributions declared by the Fund and in the net assets of the Fund upon liquidation or dissolution after satisfaction of outstanding liabilities. The Board may determine that shares of a Fund or a class of a Fund shall be automatically converted into shares of another Fund or of another class of the same or another Fund based on the relative net assets of such Fund or class at the time of conversion. The Board may also provide that the holders of shares of a Fund or a class of a Fund shall have the right to convert their shares into shares of one or more other funds or classes on terms established by the Board.

The shares of the Funds have non-cumulative voting rights, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees if they choose to do so, and, in such event, the holders of the remaining less than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees will not be able to elect any person or persons to the Board.

Shareholders of each Fund are entitled to one vote for each share held in the election of Trustees and generally on other matters submitted to the vote of shareholders of the Fund or the Trust. All shares of all Funds or classes shall vote as a single Fund or class; provided, however, that (i) as to any matter with respect to which a separate vote of any Fund or class is required by the 1940 Act or by applicable law or is required by attributes applicable to any Fund or class, such requirement as to a separate vote by that Fund or class shall apply in lieu of the single Fund or class voting described above, (ii) unless the Trustees determine that this clause (ii) shall not apply in a case, to the extent that a matter referred to in clause (i) above affects more than one Fund or class and the interests of each such Fund or class in the matter are identical, then the shares of all such affected Funds or classes shall vote together as a single class and (iii) as to any matter which does not affect the interest of a particular Fund or class only the holders of shares of the one or more affected Fund or class shall be entitled to vote.

No Fund intends to hold annual meetings of shareholders in any year in which the 1940 Act does not require shareholders to act upon any of the following matters: (i) election of Trustees; (ii) approval of a management agreement; (iii) approval of a distribution agreement; and (iv) ratification of selection of independent accountants.

The by-laws of the Trust require that a special meeting of shareholders be held upon the written request of 25% of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at such meeting.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Internet Access**

Information regarding the Funds can be found on <http://investments.miraasset.us>. This site enables users to access or view new account forms, the applicable Fund's Prospectus and related information.

### **Other Information**

Many of the investment transactions in the Funds will be made at prices different from those market prices prevailing at the time such changes are reflected in a regular report to shareholders of the Funds. These transactions will reflect investment decisions made by each Fund's Investment Manager in light of the objectives and policies of such Fund, and such factors as its other portfolio holdings and tax considerations and should not be construed as recommendations for similar action by other investors.

The Funds may pay unaffiliated third parties for providing recordkeeping and other administrative services with respect to accounts of participants in retirement plans or other beneficial owners of Fund shares whose interests are held in an omnibus account.

The Funds' Prospectus and this SAI omit certain information contained in the registration statement which the Trust has filed with the SEC under the 1933 Act, as amended, and reference is hereby made to the registration statement for further information with respect to the Fund and the securities offered hereby. The Trust's registration statement is available for inspection by the public at the SEC in Washington, D.C. or online at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## **PROXY VOTING**

The Board has delegated the responsibility for decisions regarding proxy voting for securities held by a Fund to the Fund's Investment Manager. A Fund's Investment Manager will vote such proxies in accordance with its proxy policies and procedures, which are included in Appendix A to this SAI. The Board will periodically review the Funds' proxy voting records.

Each Fund is required to disclose annually its complete proxy voting records on Form N-PX. For each Fund that makes any investments in voting securities, information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-888-335-3417 and on the Funds' website at <http://investments.miraeasset.us>. The Funds' Forms N-PX will also be available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audited financial statements of the Funds and the related report of Cohen & Company, Ltd., the Funds' independent registered public accounting firm, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2018 are hereby incorporated by reference to the Trust's annual report, as filed with the SEC on July 6, 2018. No other part of the annual report is incorporated by reference herein. The annual report is available upon request and without charge by calling 1-888-335-3417 or on the Trust's website at <http://investments.miraeasset.us>.

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***PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES***

## **1.0 POLICY**

Pursuant to rule 204(6)-6 of The Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act") every registered investment adviser is required to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes proxies in the best interest of its clients.

It is the policy of Mirae Asset Global Investments (USA) LLC ("Mirae Asset USA"), when it has the responsibility to vote client proxies, to vote proxies in the best interest of its clients.

Any questions about this document should be directed to the Chief Compliance Officer.

## **2.0 PROXY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Mirae Asset USA has designated a Proxy Oversight Committee (the "Committee") in order to oversee the implementation of proxy policies and procedures. The Committee will review Mirae Asset USA's proxy voting guidelines on an annual basis and decide whether any changes are necessary. The Committee is made up of the Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) and Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of the firm.

The Committee shall, no less frequently than annually, review the adequacy of the policies and procedures set forth herein to ensure that they have been implemented effectively, including determining that they continue to be reasonably designed to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interests of Mirae Asset USA's clients.

## **3.0 THIRD-PARTY VENDORS**

To help meet its proxy voting obligations and to minimize potential conflicts of interest, Mirae Asset USA has retained the services of third party vendors, Citi and Broadridge, to assist in the proxy voting process. Broadridge will cast all votes on behalf of Mirae Asset USA clients, while Citi is utilized as administrator, coordinating all regulatory filings for US mutual funds. Mirae Asset USA ensures that Broadridge votes all proxies according to Mirae Asset USA's guidelines, and, if applicable, client instructions, and retains all required documentation associated with proxy voting.

To further assist in its responsibility for voting proxies and the overall proxy voting process, Mirae Asset USA will retain an independent third party proxy adviser, either directly or through Broadridge, to provide voting recommendations and guidelines to Mirae Asset USA. All actual votes, however, will be cast in accordance with Mirae Asset USA's instructions. Currently, Mirae has adopted guidelines as set forth in paragraph 5.0 below.

Mirae Asset USA will take reasonable steps to periodically ensure that any third party proxy voting service: (i) is independent of Mirae Asset USA, based on the relevant facts and circumstances; (ii) has the capacity and competency to adequately analyze proxy issues; and (iii) can create guidelines for voting proxies in an impartial manner and in the best interests of the Mirae Asset USA's clients. Mirae Asset USA may also review the third party proxy voting service's conflict procedures and the effectiveness of the third party proxy voting service's implementation of such procedures.

## **4.0 PROCEDURES FOR VOTING PROXIES**

Mirae Asset USA has adopted guidelines set forth in paragraph 5.0 (the "Guidelines") that are maintained and implemented by a third party proxy vendor. Such Guidelines address an extensive list of common proxy voting issues, and recommend the vote that should be made in connection therewith in order to achieve maximum client value and protection of client interests. The Committee will review the Guidelines each year to determine which Guidelines continue to be consistent with Mirae Asset USA's duty to vote in the best interests of clients.

On the occasion of each proxy requiring a vote, Mirae Asset USA will receive a communication from Broadridge stating a recommendation based on the relevant Guidelines for such proxy vote. The appropriate Portfolio Manager will review the recommendation and determine if such recommendation should be followed. In making such determination, the appropriate Portfolio Manager will reasonably assess any material conflicts of interest (discussed further in paragraph 6.0) between Mirae Asset USA's interests and those of its clients with respect to proxy voting by considering the situations identified in paragraph 6.0. Any determinations made by the Portfolio Manager will be subject to the considerations in paragraph 6.0.

Mirae Asset USA reserves the right to depart from the Guidelines if the Portfolio Manager believes, after reviewing all relevant information, that it is not in the best interest of Mirae Asset USA's clients. The determination by the Portfolio Manager will be documented and maintained in Mirae Asset USA's records.

Mirae Asset USA may also elect to abstain from voting if it deems such abstinence to be in the relevant client(s)' best interests. The rationale for "abstain" votes will be documented and maintained in Mirae Asset USA's records.

Mirae Asset USA is not required to vote every client proxy. At no time will Mirae Asset USA ignore a proxy vote, but there may be times where it feels it is not in the best interest of its clients to vote the proxy. For example, Mirae Asset USA may abstain from a vote when the cost of voting the proxy outweighs the potential benefits associated with the vote. The use of a third party proxy adviser helps to greatly reduce these occurrences, by employing coverage on the vast majority of proxy meetings internationally, but is not a guarantee they will not happen. In addition, there may be times when Mirae Asset USA decides to vote a proxy in two directions. For example, a client may require Mirae Asset USA to vote a certain way on an issue, while Mirae Asset USA deems it beneficial to vote in the opposite direction for other clients. In the event that Mirae Asset USA votes the same proxy in two directions, such votes will be documented maintained in Mirae Asset USA's records.

Proxies for shares held on a record date and subsequently sold may, but need not, be voted as if the shares were still held. Any short positions will be treated as not held.

Proxies will not be voted when the securities of the issuer seeking a vote are out on loan through a securities lending program. However, Mirae Asset USA will, subject to the below qualifications, make reasonable efforts to recall lent securities so that they may be voted according to the policies and procedures set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a lent security need not be recalled if none of the matters submitted to shareholder vote are material or for other reasons, as determined in good faith by Mirae Asset USA and in accordance with policies and procedures set forth herein. A matter is material if it is reasonably likely that the security's market value will be materially affected in the near term as a result of the outcome of the matter and Mirae Asset USA's client holdings of that security are significant to the outcome. In making a decision whether to recall a lent security, Mirae Asset USA may also consider the benefit to the client derived from the securities lending income.

The CCO or a designee will sample the votes to ensure that all voting follows the above outlined procedures. Any discrepancies between the procedures and the actual vote will be recorded and kept by the Compliance Department.

## 5.0 PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

The guidelines are maintained by a third party proxy adviser selected by Mirae Asset USA and implemented by Broadridge in their ProxyEdge system. The guidelines provide an extensive list of common voting issues, along with recommended voting actions based on the goal of voting in the best interests of clients. Below are some of the more common issues addressed in the guidelines.

- **Election of Directors** - The guidelines provide considerations for choosing qualified board members.
- **Auditor Ratification** – Under the guidelines, Management's choice of an auditor is generally supported except when Mirae Asset USA has reason to believe that the auditor's independence or audit integrity has been compromised.
- **Executive Compensation** – The guidelines place a strong emphasis on connecting executive compensation to performance of the business.
- **Anti-Takeover Measures (Poison Pills)** - Under the guidelines, poison pills are generally not viewed as in the shareholder's best interest, although there may be certain circumstances, as detailed in the guidelines, where this may not be the case.
- **Advance Notice Requirements For Shareholder Proposals** – The guidelines generally require that such requirements are rejected as they make it difficult shareholders to a present a shareholder proposal.

A full description of each guideline and voting policy is maintained by Mirae Asset USA, and a complete copy of the guidelines is available upon request.

## 6.0 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mirae Asset USA recognizes that in certain circumstances a conflict of interest may arise when voting a proxy. A conflict of interest may exist in, but is not limited to, the below circumstances:

- ***Conflict:*** Mirae Asset USA retains an institutional client, or is in the process of retaining an institutional client, that is affiliated with an issuer that is held in Mirae Asset USA's clients' portfolios. For example, Mirae Asset USA may be retained to manage XYZ's pension fund, where XYZ is a public company and Mirae Asset USA's clients' accounts hold shares of XYZ. This type of relationship may influence Mirae Asset USA to vote with management on proxies to gain favor with management. Such favor may influence XYZ's decision to continue its advisory relationship with Mirae Asset USA.
- ***Conflict:*** Mirae Asset USA retains a client or investor, or is in the process of retaining a client or investor, that is an officer or director of an issuer that is held in Mirae Asset USA's clients' portfolios. Similar conflicts of interest exist in this relationship as discussed above.
- ***Conflict:*** A Mirae Asset USA employee maintains a personal and/or business relationship (not an advisory relationship) with an issuer or with individuals that serve as officers or directors of an issuer. For example, the spouse of a Mirae Asset USA employee may be a high-level executive of an issuer that is held in Mirae Asset USA's clients' portfolios. The spouse could attempt to influence Mirae Asset USA to vote in favor of management.
- ***Conflict:*** Mirae Asset USA or an employee personally owns a significant number of an issuer's securities that are also held in Mirae Asset USA's clients' portfolios. For any number of reasons, an employee may seek to vote proxies in a different direction for his or her personal holdings than would otherwise be warranted by the proxy voting policy. The employee(s) could oppose voting the proxies according to the policy and successfully influence Mirae Asset USA to vote proxies in contradiction to the policy.

All conflicts of interest will be presented to the Committee. The Committee will then determine how to handle each conflict on a case-by-case basis. All conflicts and the Committee's determination for each will be maintained in Mirae Asset USA's records.

## 7.0 RECORDKEEPING

The CCO or a designee shall monitor to insure that Mirae Asset USA generally maintains proxy voting records in accordance with section 204-2 of the Advisers Act and as described below.

- a copy of these Policies and Procedures, which shall be made available to clients upon request;
- proxy statements received regarding client securities (available on EDGAR or by a Third Party Vendor - Mirae Asset USA is permitted to rely on proxy statements filed on the SEC's EDGAR system instead of keeping its own copies);
- a record of all votes cast;
- any materials prepared by Mirae Asset USA, or the third party proxy advising firm retained by Mirae Asset USA, regarding how to vote proxies or memorializing the basis for such a decision; and
- records of clients' written request for information on how Mirae Asset USA voted proxies on behalf of the client and any responses from Mirae Asset USA to the client.

Such records will be maintained by Mirae Asset USA for a period of not less than five years.

## 8.0 DISCLOSURE TO CLIENTS

As a matter of practice, it is Mirae Asset USA's policy to not reveal or disclose to any Fund investor how Mirae Asset USA may have voted (or intends to vote) on a particular proxy except as required by law, for example in Form N-PX. Mirae Asset USA will never disclose such information to unrelated third parties unless doing so would be in a client's best interest.

Notwithstanding to the foregoing, upon request from a client, Mirae Asset USA will provide to such client Mirae Asset USA's proxy voting record for the period during which such client was invested in the relevant security.

## **9.0 PROXY SOLICITATION**

The CCO must be promptly informed of the receipt of any solicitation from any person to vote proxies on behalf of a Mirae Asset USA client. At no time may any employee accept any remuneration in the solicitation of proxies. The CCO shall handle all responses to such solicitations.

## **10.0 CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS**

### Retail Clients

Mirae Asset USA does not direct its clients' participation in class action lawsuits. If any documentation is received by Mirae Asset USA in error regarding any client's participation in a class action lawsuit, the documentation should be given to the CCO, who will either forward the documentation to the appropriate client or return the documentation.

### Institutional Fund Clients

Mirae Asset USA may from time to time receive a notice of a class action lawsuit with respect to securities purchased or sold by an institutional fund client. It is the general policy of Mirae Asset USA to participate in all class action suits in which an institutional fund client is eligible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mirae Asset USA may determine not to participate in a class action suit for any number of reasons, including without limitation if it is determined that the anticipated out-of-pocket costs associated with any potential recovery is likely to exceed the amount of the potential recovery (*e.g.*, because a client held relatively few shares of the security or the potential recovery by an institutional fund client is not significant) or if an institutional fund client intends to pursue its legal rights outside of the class. The COO (or in his absence the CCO), after consultation with the relevant Portfolio Manager for the affected institutional fund client(s), shall make any decision as to whether or not to participate in a class action suit.

On occasion, Mirae Asset USA receives class action surveys, which differ in that an official plaintiff has not filed an action with the courts. It is Mirae Asset USA's policy to disregard those questionnaire/survey communications.

## Description of Credit Ratings

### Short-Term Credit Ratings

An *S&P Global Ratings* short-term issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation having an original maturity of no more than 365 days. The following summarizes the rating categories used by S&P Global Ratings for short-term issues:

“A-1” – A short-term obligation rated “A-1” is rated in the highest category by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments 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 commitments on the obligation is satisfactory.

“A-3” – A short-term obligation rated “A-3” exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken an obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“B” – A short-term obligation rated “B” is regarded as vulnerable and has significant speculative characteristics. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties that could lead to the obligor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

“C” – A short-term obligation rated “C” is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“D” – A short-term obligation rated “D” is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the “D” rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within any stated grace period. However, any stated grace period longer than five business days will be treated as five business days. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation’s rating is lowered to “D” if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Ratings – S&P Global Ratings issuer credit ratings make a distinction between foreign currency ratings and local currency ratings. An issuer’s foreign currency rating will differ from its local currency rating when the obligor has a different capacity to meet its obligations denominated in its local currency, vs. obligations denominated in a foreign currency.

*Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”)* short-term ratings are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default.

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

“P-1” – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

“P-2” – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

“P-3” – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.

“NP” – Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issuer.

*Fitch, Inc. / Fitch Ratings Ltd. (“Fitch”)* short-term issuer or obligation rating is based in all cases on the short-term vulnerability to default of the rated entity and relates to the capacity to meet financial obligations in accordance with the documentation governing the relevant obligation. Short-term deposit ratings may not be adjusted for loss severity. Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as “short-term” based on market convention. Typically, this means up to 13 months for corporate, sovereign, and structured obligations, and up to 36 months for obligations in U.S. public finance markets. The following summarizes the rating categories used by Fitch for short-term obligations:

“F1” – Securities possess the highest short-term credit quality. This designation indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

“F2” – Securities possess good short-term credit quality. This designation indicates good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

“F3” – Securities possess fair short-term credit quality. This designation indicates that the intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.

“B” – Securities possess speculative short-term credit quality. This designation indicates minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

“C” – Securities possess high short-term default risk. Default is a real possibility.

“RD” – Restricted default. Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Typically applicable to entity ratings only.

“D” – Default. Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-term obligation.

Plus (+) or minus (-) – The “F1” rating may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show the relative status within that major rating category.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issue of a rated issuer.

The *DBRS® Ratings Limited* (“DBRS”) short-term debt rating scale provides an opinion on the risk that an issuer will not meet its short-term financial obligations in a timely manner. Ratings are based on quantitative and qualitative considerations relevant to the issuer and the relative ranking of claims. The R-1 and R-2 rating categories are further denoted by the sub-categories “(high)”, “(middle)”, and “(low)”.

The following summarizes the ratings used by DBRS for commercial paper and short-term debt:

“R-1 (high)” - Short-term debt rated “R-1 (high)” is of the highest credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is exceptionally high. Unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.

“R-1 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (middle)” is of superior credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is very high. Differs from “R-1 (high)” by a relatively modest degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

“R-1 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-1 (low)” is of good credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is substantial. Overall strength is not as favorable as higher rating categories. May be vulnerable to future events, but qualifying negative factors are considered manageable.

“R-2 (high)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (high)” is considered to be at the upper end of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events.

“R-2 (middle)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (middle)” is considered to be of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events or may be exposed to other factors that could reduce credit quality.

“R-2 (low)” – Short-term debt rated “R-2 (low)” is considered to be at the lower end of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events. A number of challenges are present that could affect the issuer’s ability to meet such obligations.

“R-3” – Short-term debt rated “R-3” is considered to be at the lowest end of adequate credit quality. There is a capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due. May be vulnerable to future events and the certainty of meeting such obligations could be impacted by a variety of developments.

“R-4” – Short-term debt rated “R-4” is considered to be of speculative credit quality. The capacity for the payment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due is uncertain.

“R-5” – Short-term debt rated “R-5” is considered to be of highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet short-term financial obligations as they fall due.

“D” – Short-term debt rated “D” is assigned when the issuer has filed under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up statute or there is a failure to satisfy an obligation after the exhaustion of grace periods, a downgrade to “D” may occur. DBRS may also use “SD” (Selective Default) in cases where only some securities are impacted, such as the case of a “distressed exchange”.



## **Long-Term Credit Ratings**

The following summarizes the ratings used by S&P Global Ratings for long-term issues:

“AAA” – An obligation rated “AAA” has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is extremely strong.

“AA” – An obligation rated “AA” differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is very strong.

“A” – An obligation rated “A” is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong.

“BBB” – An obligation rated “BBB” exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to weaken the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“BB,” “B,” “CCC,” “CC” and “C” – Obligations rated “BB,” “B,” “CCC,” “CC” and “C” are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. “BB” indicates the least degree of speculation and “C” the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposure to adverse conditions.

“BB” – An obligation rated “BB” is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions that could lead to the obligor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“B” – An obligation rated “B” is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated “BB”, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor’s capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“CCC” – An obligation rated “CCC” is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitments on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation.

“CC” – An obligation rated “CC” is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The “CC” rating is used when a default has not yet occurred, but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

“C” – An obligation rated “C” is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared with obligations that are rated higher.

“D” – An obligation rated “D” is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the “D” rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The “D” rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation’s rating is lowered to “D” if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

Plus (+) or minus (-) – The ratings from “AA” to “CCC” may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

“NR” – This indicates that a rating has not been assigned, or is no longer assigned.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Risks - S&P Global Ratings issuer credit ratings make a distinction between foreign currency ratings and local currency ratings. An issuer’s foreign currency rating will differ from its local currency rating when the obligor has a different capacity to meet its obligations denominated in its local currency, vs. obligations denominated in a foreign currency.

Moody’s long-term ratings are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. Such ratings reflect both on the likelihood of default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default. The following summarizes the ratings used by Moody’s for long-term debt:

“Aaa” – Obligations rated “Aaa” are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

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

“A” – Obligations rated “A” are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

“Baa” – Obligations rated “Baa” are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

“Ba” – Obligations rated “Ba” are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

“B” – Obligations rated “B” are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

“Caa” – Obligations rated “Caa” are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

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

“C” – Obligations rated “C” are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

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

“NR” – Is assigned to unrated obligations.

The following summarizes long-term ratings used by Fitch:

“AAA” – Securities considered to be of the highest credit quality. “AAA” ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

“AA” – Securities considered to be of very high credit quality. “AA” ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

“A” – Securities considered to be of high credit quality. “A” ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

“BBB” – Securities considered to be of good credit quality. “BBB” ratings indicate that expectations of credit risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

“BB” – Securities considered to be speculative. “BB” ratings indicate that there is an elevated vulnerability to credit risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.

“B” – Securities considered to be highly speculative. “B” ratings indicate that material credit risk is present.

“CCC” – A “CCC” rating indicates that substantial credit risk is present.

“CC” – A “CC” rating indicates very high levels of credit risk.

“C” – A “C” rating indicates exceptionally high levels of credit risk.

Defaulted obligations typically are not assigned “RD” or “D” ratings but are instead rated in the “B” to “C” rating categories, depending on their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. Fitch believes that this approach better aligns obligations that have comparable overall expected loss but varying vulnerability to default and loss.

Plus (+) or minus (-) may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the “AAA” obligation rating category, or to corporate finance obligation ratings in the categories below “CCC”.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated issue of a rated issuer.

The *DBRS* long-term rating scale provides an opinion on the risk of default. That is, the risk that an issuer will fail to satisfy its financial obligations in accordance with the terms under which an obligation has been issued. Ratings are based on quantitative and qualitative considerations relevant to the issuer, and the relative ranking of claims. All rating categories other than AAA and D also contain subcategories “(high)” and “(low)”. The absence of either a “(high)” or “(low)” designation indicates the rating is in the middle of the category. The following summarizes the ratings used by *DBRS* for long-term debt:

“AAA” - Long-term debt rated “AAA” is of the highest credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is exceptionally high and unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.

“AA” – Long-term debt rated “AA” is of superior credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered high. Credit quality differs from “AAA” only to a small degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

“A” – Long-term debt rated “A” is of good credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is substantial, but of lesser credit quality than “AA.” May be vulnerable to future events, but qualifying negative factors are considered manageable.

“BBB” – Long-term debt rated “BBB” is of adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events.

“BB” – Long-term debt rated “BB” is of speculative, non-investment grade credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is uncertain. Vulnerable to future events.

“B” – Long-term debt rated “B” is of highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet financial obligations.

“CCC”, “CC” and “C” – Long-term debt rated in any of these categories is of very highly speculative credit quality. In danger of defaulting on financial obligations. There is little difference between these three categories, although “CC” and “C” ratings are normally applied to obligations that are seen as highly likely to default, or subordinated to obligations rated in the “CCC” to “B” range. Obligations in respect of which default has not technically taken place but is considered inevitable may be rated in the “C” category.

“D” – A security rated “D” is assigned when the issuer has filed under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up statute or there is a failure to satisfy an obligation after the exhaustion of grace periods, a downgrade to “D” may occur. DBRS may also use “SD” (Selective Default) in cases where only some securities are impacted, such as the case of a “distressed exchange”.

### **Municipal Note Ratings**

An *S&P Global Ratings* U.S. municipal note rating reflects S&P Global Ratings’ opinion about the liquidity factors and market access risks unique to the notes. Notes due in three years or less will likely receive a note rating. Notes with an original maturity of more than three years will most likely receive a long-term debt rating. In determining which type of rating, if any, to assign, S&P Global Ratings’ analysis will review the following considerations:

- Amortization schedule - the larger the final maturity relative to other maturities, the more likely it will be treated as a note; and
- Source of payment - the more dependent the issue is on the market for its refinancing, the more likely it will be treated as a note.

Municipal Short-Term Note rating symbols are as follows:

“SP-1” – A municipal note rated “SP-1” exhibits a strong capacity to pay principal and interest. An issue determined to possess a very strong capacity to pay debt service is given a plus (+) designation.

“SP-2” – A municipal note rated “SP-2” exhibits a satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

“SP-3” – A municipal note rated “SP-3” exhibits a speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

“D” – This rating is assigned upon failure to pay the note when due, completion of a distressed exchange offer, or the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions.

*Moody’s* uses the Municipal Investment Grade (“MIG”) scale to rate U.S. municipal bond anticipation notes of up to three years maturity. Municipal notes rated on the MIG scale may be secured by either pledged revenues or proceeds of a take-out financing received prior to note maturity. MIG ratings expire at the maturity of the obligation, and the issuer’s long-term rating is only one consideration in assigning the MIG rating. MIG ratings are divided into three levels – “MIG-1” through “MIG-3” while speculative grade short-term obligations are designated “SG”. The following summarizes the ratings used by *Moody’s* for short-term municipal obligations:

“MIG-1” – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

“MIG-2” – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

“MIG-3” – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.

“SG” – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated obligation.

In the case of variable rate demand obligations (“VRDOs”), a two-component rating is assigned: a long or short-term debt rating and a demand obligation rating. The first element represents Moody’s evaluation of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody’s evaluation of risk associated with the ability to receive purchase price upon demand (“demand feature”). The second element uses a rating from a variation of the MIG scale called the Variable Municipal Investment Grade or “VMIG” scale. The rating transitions on the VMIG scale differ from those on the Prime scale to reflect the risk that external liquidity support generally will terminate if the issuer’s long-term rating drops below investment grade.

“VMIG-1” – This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“VMIG-2” – This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“VMIG-3” – This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“SG” – This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have an investment grade short-term rating or may lack the structural and/or legal protections necessary to ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

“NR” – Is assigned to an unrated obligation.

### **About Credit Ratings**

An *S&P Global Ratings* issue credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about the creditworthiness of an obligor with respect to a specific financial obligation, a specific class of financial obligations, or a specific financial program (including ratings on medium-term note programs and commercial paper programs). It takes into consideration the creditworthiness of guarantors, insurers, or other forms of credit enhancement on the obligation and takes into account the currency in which the obligation is denominated. The opinion reflects S&P Global Ratings’ view of the obligor’s capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments as they come due, and this opinion may assess terms, such as collateral security and subordination, which could affect ultimate payment in the event of default.

*Moody’s* credit ratings must be construed solely as statements of opinion and not statements of fact or recommendations to purchase, sell or hold any securities.

*Fitch’s* credit ratings provide an opinion on the relative ability of an entity to meet financial commitments, such as interest, preferred dividends, repayment of principal, insurance claims or counterparty obligations. Fitch credit ratings are used by investors as indications of the likelihood of receiving the money owed to them in accordance with the terms on which they invested. Fitch’s credit ratings cover the global spectrum of corporate, sovereign, financial, bank, insurance, and public finance entities (including supranational and sub-national entities) and the securities or other obligations they issue, as well as structured finance securities backed by receivables or other financial assets.

Credit ratings provided by *DBRS* are forward-looking opinions about credit risk which reflect the creditworthiness of an issuer, rated entity, and/or security. Credit ratings are not statements of fact. While historical statistics and performance can be important considerations, credit ratings are not based solely on such; they include subjective considerations and involve expectations for future performance that cannot be guaranteed. To the extent that future events and economic conditions do not match expectations, credit ratings assigned to issuers and/or securities can change. Credit ratings are also based on approved and applicable methodologies, models and criteria (“Methodologies”), which are periodically updated and when material changes are deemed necessary, this may also lead to rating changes.

Credit ratings typically provide an opinion on the risk that investors may not be repaid in accordance with the terms under which the obligation was issued. In some cases, credit ratings may also include consideration for the relative ranking of claims and recovery, should default occur. Credit ratings are meant to provide opinions on relative measures of risk and are not based on expectations of any specific default probability, nor are they meant to predict such.

The data and information on which *DBRS* bases its opinions is not audited or verified by *DBRS*, although *DBRS* conducts a reasonableness review of information received and relied upon in accordance with its Methodologies and policies.

*DBRS* uses rating symbols as a concise method of expressing its opinion to the market but there are a limited number of rating categories for the possible slight risk differentials that exist across the rating spectrum and *DBRS* does not assert that credit ratings in the same category are of “exactly” the same quality.