# INTEGRITY MANAGED PORTFOLIOS AND VIKING MUTUAL FUNDS

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### STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## Relating to the:

Acquisition of all of the assets and liabilities of the following series of Integrity Managed Portfolios: By and in exchange for shares of the following newly created series of Viking Mutual Funds:

Kansas Municipal Fund Maine Municipal Fund Nebraska Municipal Fund New Hampshire Municipal Fund Oklahoma Municipal Fund Kansas Municipal Fund – Class A Maine Municipal Fund – Class A Nebraska Municipal Fund – Class A New Hampshire Municipal Fund – Class A Oklahoma Municipal Fund – Class A

(each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds")

(each, a "Successor Fund" and collectively, the "Successor Funds")

This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), which is not a prospectus, supplements and should be read in conjunction with the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus dated August 1, 2017 relating specifically to the Joint Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Funds that will be held on September 21, 2017 ("Joint Special Meeting"). A copy of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus may be obtained upon request and without charge by calling or writing to the Funds at the telephone number or address listed above. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the same meanings as are given to them in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This SAI relates to the Joint Special Meeting at which shareholders of each Fund will be asked to approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") by and between Integrity Managed Portfolios, on behalf of their Fund, and Viking Mutual Funds, on behalf of a newly created series corresponding to their Fund (each, a "Reorganization" and collectively, the "Reorganizations"). The purpose of the Reorganizations is to consolidate the municipal funds managed by Viking Fund Management, LLC (the "Adviser") under a single entity for consistency and administrative efficiency. As part of the Reorganizations, the investment policies, restrictions and disclosure of the existing Funds will be standardized and aligned with those of the other municipal funds managed by the Adviser. Your Fund's portfolio managers or management of your Fund will not change as a result of the Reorganizations and standardization of policies and disclosure. Your Fund's service providers and fee and expense structure will remain the same. No sales charge will be imposed on the Class A shares of the Successor Funds received in connection with the Reorganizations. No contingent deferred sales charge will be charged in connection with your receipt of Successor Fund Shares in the Reorganization of your Fund.

Further information is included in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and in the documents listed below, which are incorporated by reference into this SAI.

### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF DOCUMENTS INTO THE SAI

This SAI incorporates by reference the documents listed below. The Successor Funds being established for the purposes of completing the Reorganizations have not yet commenced operations as of the date of this SAI.

- 1. Prospectus relating to the Funds dated November 30, 2016, as supplemented through the date of this SAI (previously filed on EDGAR, Accession No. 0000866841-16-000094).
- 2. SAI relating to the Funds dated November 30, 2016, as supplemented through the date of this SAI (previously filed on EDGAR, Accession No. 0000866841-16-000094).
- 3. Annual Report relating to the Funds for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016 (previously filed on EDGAR, Accession No. 0000866841-16-000087).
- 4. Semi-Annual Report relating to the Funds for the period ended January 31, 2017 (previously filed on EDGAR, Accession No. 0000866841-17-000015).

# PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Pro forma financial information has not been prepared for the Reorganizations because each existing Fund will be reorganized into the corresponding Successor Fund, each of which is a newly created shell fund with no assets and liabilities that will commence investment operations upon the completion of the Reorganization and continue the operations of the Fund. Each Successor Fund will adopt the financial statements and financial history of the corresponding Fund upon the consummation of the applicable Reorganization.

### ATTACHMENT A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SUCCESSOR FUNDS

### HISTORY OF THE SUCCESSOR FUNDS

The term "Integrity/Viking Funds" and "Fund Complex" refers to all of the mutual funds advised by Viking Fund Management, LLC, which includes (1) the Funds and the Successor Funds; (2) two series of Viking Mutual Funds known as the Viking Tax-Free Fund for Montana and the Viking Tax-Free Fund for North Dakota; and (3) five series of The Integrity Funds known as the Williston Basin/Mid-North America Stock Fund, the Integrity Growth & Income Fund, the Integrity High Income Fund, the Integrity Dividend Harvest Fund, and the Integrity Energized Dividend Fund. Hereinafter, the term "Fund" refers only to each Successor Fund.

Viking Mutual Funds is an open-end investment company established under Delaware law by a Trust Instrument dated March 29, 1999. It is a series company as contemplated under Rule 18f-2 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Each of the Funds is a non-diversified management investment company organized as a series of Viking Mutual Funds.

### INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following policies and limitations supplement those set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. The Funds have adopted the following restrictions as fundamental policies. This means that any restriction may be changed only if the change is approved, as set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") by (i) more than 50% of a Fund's outstanding shares or (ii) 67% or more of a Fund's shares present at a shareholder meeting if more than 50% of the Fund's outstanding shares are represented at the meeting in person or by proxy, whichever is less.

Kansas Municipal Fund seeks the highest level of current income that is exempt from federal and Kansas personal income taxes and is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental. To pursue its objective, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in municipal securities that pay interest free from (a) federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax, and (b) Kansas personal income taxes.

Maine Municipal Fund seeks the highest level of current income that is exempt from federal and Maine personal income taxes and is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental. To pursue its objective, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in municipal securities that pay interest free from (a) federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax, and (b) Maine personal income taxes.

Nebraska Municipal Fund seeks the highest level of current income that is exempt from federal and Nebraska personal income taxes and is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental. To pursue its objective, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in municipal securities that pay interest free from (a) federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax, and (b) Nebraska personal income taxes.

New Hampshire Municipal Fund seeks the highest level of current income that is exempt from federal and New Hampshire state interest and dividend tax and is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental. To pursue its objective, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in municipal securities that pay

interest free from (a) federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax, and (b) New Hampshire state interest and dividend tax.

Oklahoma Municipal Fund seeks the highest level of current income that is exempt from federal and Oklahoma personal income taxes and is consistent with the preservation of capital. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental. To pursue its objective, the Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in municipal securities that pay interest free from (a) federal income taxes, including the federal alternative minimum tax, and (b) Oklahoma personal income taxes.

The following fundamental restrictions apply to the Kansas Municipal Fund, Maine Municipal Fund, Nebraska Municipal Fund, New Hampshire Municipal Fund and Oklahoma Municipal Fund, each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds".

### A Fund may not:

- (1) issue any senior securities, borrow money or mortgage or pledge any of the assets of the Fund, except that borrowings for temporary or emergency purposes may be made in an amount up to 5% of total assets.
- (2) buy any securities on margin or sell any securities short.
- (3) make loans, except by purchase of debt obligations in which the Fund may invest consistent with its investment policies.
- (4) underwrite securities issued by other persons except insofar as the Fund may be technically deemed an underwriter under the federal securities laws in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities.
- (5) purchase the securities of any issuer which would result in the Fund owning more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of an issuer.
- (6) purchase or sell real estate, although it may purchase securities which are secured by or represent interests in real estate.
- (7) purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts, financial future contracts, puts, calls, straddles, spreads or any combination thereof or derivative securities of any kind, or interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs.
- (8) invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control or management.
- (9) purchase any security if thereafter 25% or more of the total assets of the Fund would be invested in securities of issuers having their principal business activities in the same industry; this restriction does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, authorities, or instrumentalities, or to tax-exempt obligations issued or guaranteed by a U.S. territory or possession or a state or local government, or a political subdivision of any of the foregoing.
- (10) invest more than 5% of its total assets in securities of any single investment company, nor more than 10% of its total assets in securities of two or more investment companies, except as part of a merger, consolidation or acquisition of assets or invest in securities of any single investment company if as a result of such investment, the Fund owns more than 3% of the total voting stock of such investment company; except that the Fund may invest in money market mutual funds to the extent permitted by federal law, including the 1940 Act and rules promulgated thereunder.
- (11) invest in foreign securities.

Each Fund has a non-fundamental policy restricting its investment in illiquid securities to 15% of net assets. Illiquid securities include securities that cannot be sold within seven days in the ordinary course of business for approximately the amount at which a Fund has valued the securities.

If a bankruptcy or other extraordinary event occurs concerning a particular security a Fund owns, the Fund may receive stock, real estate, or other investments that the Fund would not, or could not, buy. If this happens, the Fund intends to sell such investments as soon as practicable while maximizing the return to shareholders.

Excluding the Funds' restrictions regarding borrowing and illiquid securities, any investment restriction or limitation which involves a maximum percentage of securities or assets shall not be considered to be violated unless an excess over the percentage occurs immediately after an acquisition of securities and such excess results therefrom. If events subsequent to a transaction result in a Fund exceeding the percentage limitation on borrowing or illiquid securities, the investment manager will take appropriate steps to reduce the percentage of borrowings or the percentage held in illiquid securities, as may be required by law, within a reasonable amount of time. More specifically with respect to illiquid securities, the investment manager will take reasonable and appropriate steps to bring the Fund back into compliance with the 15% percentage limitation described above.

### DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT TECHNIQUES AND RISKS

The following is a description of the various types of securities the Funds may buy and certain of the accompanying risks. A more complete discussion of the principal investment strategies and principal risks of the Funds is set forth in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. The Funds may not necessarily buy all of these securities or use all of these techniques.

Municipal bonds meet longer-term capital needs and generally have maturities from one to 30 years when issued. They have two principal classifications: general obligation bonds and revenue bonds.

# **Principal Investment Techniques and Risks**

### General obligation bonds

Issuers of general obligation bonds include states, counties, cities, towns and regional districts. The proceeds of these obligations are used to fund a wide range of public projects, including construction or improvement, of schools, highways, and roads. The basic security behind general obligation bonds is the issuer's pledge of its full faith, credit, and taxing power for the payment of principal and interest. The taxes that can be levied for the payment of debt service may be limited or unlimited as to the rate or amount of special assessments.

### **Revenue bonds**

The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the issuer do not secure revenue bonds. Instead, the principal security for a revenue bond is generally the net revenue derived from a particular facility, group of facilities, or, in some cases, the proceeds of a special excise tax or other specific revenue source. Revenue bonds are issued to finance a wide variety of capital projects, including: electric, gas, water and sewer

systems; highways, bridges, and tunnels; port and airport facilities; colleges and universities; and hospitals. The principal security behind these bonds may vary. For example, housing finance authorities have a wide range of security, including partially or fully insured mortgages, rent subsidized and/or collateralized mortgages, and/or the net revenues from housing or other public projects. Many bonds provide additional security in the form of a debt service reserve fund that may be used to make principal and interest payments. Some authorities have further security in the form of state assurances (although without obligation) to make up deficiencies in the debt service reserve fund.

All of the municipal securities in which the Funds invest are rated investment grade (BBB- or higher), at the time of purchase by a nationally recognized statistical rating service such as S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") or are of comparable quality as determined by the investment manager.

Ratings of municipal bonds represent the opinions of the rating services with respect to the securities and are not absolute standards of quality. Please see "Description of Bond Ratings" for a description of the ratings.

With respect to unrated securities, it is also the Funds' intent to buy securities that, in the view of the investment manager, would be comparable in quality to the Funds' rated securities and have been determined to be consistent with the Funds' objectives without exposing the Funds to excessive risk. The Funds will not buy issues that are in default or that the investment manager believes involve excessive risk.

# Tax exempt industrial development revenue bonds

The Funds may invest in industrial development revenue bonds the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax in the opinion of the bond issuer's counsel. Tax-exempt industrial development revenue bonds are issued by or on behalf of public authorities to finance various privately operated facilities for business, manufacturing, housing, sports and pollution control, as well as public facilities such as airports, mass transit systems, ports, and parking. The payment of principal and interest is solely dependent on the ability of the facility's user to meet its financial obligations and the pledge, if any, of the facility or other property as security for payment.

### Callable bonds

Each Fund may invest in callable bonds, which allow the issuer to repay some or all of the bonds ahead of schedule. If a bond is called, the Fund will receive the principal amount and accrued interest, and may receive a small additional payment as a call premium. The Fund may sell a callable bond before its call date, if it believes the bond is at its maximum premium potential. An issuer is more likely to call its bonds when interest rates are falling, because the issuer can issue new bonds with lower interest payments. If a bond is called, the Fund may have to replace it with a lower-yielding security. If the Fund originally paid a premium for the bond because it had appreciated in value from its original issue price, the Fund also may not be able to recover the full amount it paid for the bond. One way for the Fund to protect itself from call risk is to buy bonds with call protection. Call protection is an assurance that the bond will not be called for a specific time period, typically five to 10 years from when the bond is issued. In light of the Funds' pricing policies and certain amortization procedures required by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), the Funds do not expect to suffer any material adverse impact related to the value at which they

carry bonds in connection with calls of bonds purchased at a premium. As with any investment strategy, however, there is no guarantee that a call may not have a more substantial impact than anticipated.

Escrow-secured or defeased bonds are created when an issuer refunds, before maturity, an outstanding bond issue that is not immediately callable (or pre-refunds), and sets aside funds for redemption of the bonds at a future date. The issuer uses the proceeds from a new bond issue to buy high grade, interest bearing debt securities, generally direct obligations of the U.S. government. These securities are then deposited in an irrevocable escrow account held by a trustee bank to secure all future payments of principal and interest on the pre-refunded bond. Escrow-secured bonds often receive a triple A or equivalent rating from Moodys, S&P, or Fitch.

# Municipal securities and single-state considerations

Each Fund focuses its investments in the municipal securities of a single state and may also invest in the securities of issuers located in U.S. territories and possessions. The values of municipal securities held by the Fund may be adversely affected by local political and economic conditions and developments. Adverse conditions in an industry significant to a local economy could have a correspondingly adverse effect on the financial condition of local issuers. Other factors that could affect municipal securities include a change in the local, state or national economy, demographic factors, ecological or environmental concerns, statutory limitations on the issuer's ability to increase taxes, and other developments generally affecting the revenue of issuers (for example, legislation or court decisions reducing state aid to local governments or mandating additional services).

To the extent that a Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in the securities of issuers located in a given state or U.S. territory or possession, it will be disproportionately affected by political and economic conditions and developments in that state, territory or possession. In addition, economic, political or regulatory changes in that state, territory or possession could adversely affect municipal bond issuers in that state or territory or possession and therefore the value of a Fund's investment portfolio.

The Funds may invest in municipal securities of municipal issuers located in Puerto Rico. In recent years, municipal securities issued by Puerto Rico and its agencies and instrumentalities have been subject to multiple credit downgrades as a result of Puerto Rico's ongoing fiscal challenges and uncertainty about the ability to make full repayment on these obligations. More recently, certain issuers of Puerto Rican municipal securities have failed to make payments on obligations that have come due, and additional missed payments or defaults may occur in the future.

Set forth in Appendix A are summaries of certain factors that bear upon the risk of investing in municipal securities issued by public authorities in the states of the Funds as well as Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### Municipal market disruption risk

The value of municipal securities may be affected by uncertainties in the municipal market related to legislation or litigation involving the taxation of municipal securities or the rights of municipal securities holders in the event of a bankruptcy. As described below under "Tax risk," proposals have been introduced to restrict or eliminate the federal income tax exemption for interest on municipal securities, and similar proposals may be introduced in the future. Proposed "flat tax" and "value added tax" proposals could also have the effect of eliminating the tax preference for municipal securities. Proposals

also may be introduced before the state legislatures that would affect the state tax treatment of a municipal fund's distributions. If such proposals were enacted, the availability of municipal securities and the value of a municipal fund's holdings would be affected and the Trustees would reevaluate the Funds' investment objectives and policies. Historically, municipal bankruptcies have been relatively rare, and certain provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code governing such bankruptcies are unclear. Further, the application of state law to municipal issuers could produce varying results among the states or among municipal securities issuers within a state. These legal uncertainties could affect the municipal securities market generally, certain specific segments of the market, or the relative credit quality of particular securities. Any of these effects could have a significant impact on the prices of some or all of the municipal securities held by a Fund.

### Tax risk

Income from municipal securities held by the Funds could be declared taxable because of unfavorable changes in tax laws, adverse interpretations by the Internal Revenue Service or state tax authorities, or noncompliant conduct of a bond issuer. Moreover, a portion of the Funds' otherwise exempt-interest dividends may be taxable to those shareholders subject to the alternative minimum tax. In addition, proposals have been made to restrict or eliminate the federal income tax exemption for interest on municipal securities, and similar proposals may be introduced in the future. Proposed "flat tax" and "value added tax" proposals could also have the effect of eliminating the tax preference for municipal securities. Some of these proposals would apply to interest on municipal securities issued before the date of enactment, which would adversely affect their value to a material degree. If such a proposal were enacted, the availability of municipal securities for investment by the Funds and the value of the Funds' portfolios would be adversely affected.

# Cybersecurity risk

As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Funds have become potentially more susceptible to operational and financial risks through breaches in cybersecurity. These risks include theft, loss, misuse, improper release, corruption and destruction of, or unauthorized access to, confidential or highly restricted data relating to a Fund and its shareholders; and compromises or failures to systems, networks, devices and applications relating to the operations of a Fund and its service providers. Cybersecurity issues may result in, among other things, financial losses to a Fund and its shareholders; the inability of a Fund to transact business with its shareholders or to engage in portfolio transactions; delays or mistakes in the calculation of a Fund's NAV or other materials provided to shareholders; the inability to process transactions with shareholders or other parties; violations of privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties and reputational damage; and compliance and remediation costs, legal fees and other expenses. A Fund's service providers, financial intermediaries, entities in which a Fund invests and parties with which a Fund engages in portfolio or other transactions also may be adversely impacted by cybersecurity risks, resulting in losses to a Fund or its shareholders. There can be no guarantee that any risk management systems established to address to reduce cybersecurity risks will succeed, and the Funds cannot control such systems put in place by service providers, issuers or other third parties whose operations may affect the Funds and/or their shareholders.

# Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a Fund may not be able to sell a holding in a timely manner at a desired price. Liquidity risk may result from the lack of an active market, the reduced number of traditional market participants, or the reduced capacity of traditional market participants to make a market in securities. The secondary market for certain municipal securities tends to be less developed and liquid than many other securities markets, which may adversely affect a Fund's ability to sell such municipal securities at attractive prices. Moreover, inventories of municipal securities held by brokers and dealers have decreased in recent years, lessening their ability to market in these securities. This reduction in market making capacity has the potential to decrease a Fund's ability to buy or sell bonds, and increase bond price volatility and trading costs, particularly during periods of economic or market stress. As a result, a Fund may be forced to accept a lower price to sell a security, to sell other securities to raise cash, or to give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on performance. If a Fund needed to sell large blocks of securities to raise cash (such as to meet heavy shareholder redemptions), those sales could further reduce the securities' prices and hurt performance.

### Valuation risk

The sales price a Fund could receive for any particular portfolio investment may differ from the Fund's valuation of the investment, particularly for securities that trade in thin or volatile markets or that are valued using a fair value methodology. Investors who purchase or redeem Fund shares on days when a Fund is holding fair-valued securities may receive fewer or more shares or lower or higher redemption proceeds than they would have received if the Fund had not fair-valued the security or had used a different valuation methodology.

# Non-Principal Investment Techniques and Risks

## Municipal lease obligations

The Funds may invest in municipal lease obligations, including certificates of participation. Since annual appropriations are required to make lease payments, municipal lease obligations generally are not subject to constitutional limitations on the issuance of debt and may allow an issuer to increase government liabilities beyond constitutional debt limits. When faced with increasingly tight budgets, local governments have more discretion to curtail lease payments under a municipal lease obligation than they do to curtail payments on other municipal securities. If not enough money is appropriated to make the lease payments, the leased property may be repossessed as security for holders of the municipal lease obligations. If this happens, there is no assurance that the property's private sector or re-leasing value will be enough to make all outstanding payments on the municipal lease obligations or that the payments will continue to be tax-free. While cancellation risk is inherent to municipal lease obligations, the investment manager believes that this risk may be reduced, although not eliminated, by the Funds' policies on the quality of securities in which they may invest.

## Zero coupon securities

The Funds may invest in zero-coupon and delayed interest securities. Zero-coupon securities make no periodic interest payments, but are sold at a deep discount from their face value. The buyer recognizes a

rate of return determined by the gradual appreciation of the security, which is redeemed at face value on a specified maturity date. The discount varies depending on the time remaining until maturity, as well as market interest rates, liquidity of the security, and the issuer's perceived credit quality. The discount, in the absence of financial difficulties of the issuer, typically decreases as the final maturity date approaches. If the issuer defaults, a Fund may not receive any return on its investment.

Because zero-coupon securities bear no interest, their value is generally more volatile than the value of other fixed-income securities. Since zero-coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, zero-coupon securities fall more drastically than bonds paying interest on a current basis when interest rates rise. When interest rates fall, zero-coupon securities rise more rapidly in value, because the bonds reflect a fixed rate of return.

An investment in zero-coupon and delayed interest securities may cause a Fund to recognize income and make distributions to shareholders before it receives any cash payments on its investments. To generate cash to satisfy distribution requirements, a Fund may have to sell portfolio securities that it otherwise would have continued to hold or to use cash flows from other sources such as the sale of Fund shares.

#### When-issued securities

Municipal securities are frequently offered on a when-issued basis. When so offered, the price, which is generally expressed in yield terms, is fixed at the time the commitment to buy is made, but delivery and payment take place at a later date. During the time between purchase and settlement, no payment is made by the Funds to the issuer and no interest accrues to the Funds. If the other party to the transaction fails to deliver the security, the Funds could miss a favorable price or yield opportunity, or could experience a loss.

When a Fund makes the commitment to buy a municipal security on a when-issued basis, it records the transaction and reflects the value of the security in the determination of its Net Asset Value ("NAV"). The Funds believe that their NAVs or income will not be negatively affected by the purchase of municipal securities on a when-issued basis. The Funds will not engage in when-issued transactions for investment leverage purposes.

Although the Funds will generally buy municipal securities on a when-issued basis with the intention of acquiring the securities, they may sell the securities before the settlement date if it is considered advisable. When a Fund is the buyer, it will maintain cash or securities, with an aggregate value equal to the amount of its purchase commitments, in a segregated account with its custodian bank until payment is made. If assets of the Funds are held in cash pending the settlement of a purchase of securities, the Funds will not earn income on those assets.

## U.S. government obligations

Each Fund may invest in U.S. Government obligations. U.S. Government obligations are issued by the U.S. Treasury or by agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government and are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. They include Treasury bills, notes, and bonds.

## Other investment companies

The Funds may invest in the shares of other investment companies. Such investments may be the most practical manner in which the Funds can invest in certain securities because those securities themselves may not be available at the time a Fund is ready to make an investment.

As a shareholder in an investment company, a Fund would bear its pro rata share of that investment company's expenses. Investment in other investment companies may involve the payment of substantial premiums above the value of such issuers' portfolio securities. A Fund does not intend to invest in such investment companies unless, in the judgment of the Fund's investment manager, the potential benefits of such investment justify the payment of any applicable premium or sales charge. See "Investment Restrictions" above.

## **Temporary investments**

During unusual market or other conditions, each Fund may temporarily depart from its investment objective and invest up to 100% of its assets in short-term U.S. Government obligations, cash, and cash equivalents. These short-term investments may be taxable.

### TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

Viking Mutual Funds (the "Trust") has a Board of Trustees (the "Board"). The Board is responsible for the overall management of the Funds, including general supervision and review of each Fund's investment activities. The Board, in turn, elects the officers of the Funds who are responsible for administering each Fund's day-to-day operations. Among other things, the Board of Trustees, generally oversees the portfolio management of each Fund and reviews and approves each Fund's advisory contracts and other principal contracts.

The Trustees who are not "interested persons" (for regulatory purposes) of the Trust or an investment adviser or principal underwriter of the Funds (the "Independent Trustees") are charged with, among other functions, recommending to the full Board approval of the distribution, transfer agency and accounting services agreements and the investment advisory agreements. A Trustee who is an "interested person" (for regulatory purposes) of the Trust is referred to as an "Interested Trustee."

### The role of the Board

The Board provides oversight of the management and operations of the Trust. Like all mutual funds, the day-to-day responsibility for the management and operation of the Trust is the responsibility of various service providers to the Trust, such as the Trust's investment adviser, distributor, administrator, custodian, and transfer agent, each of which is discussed in greater detail in this SAI. The Board approves all significant agreements between the Trust and its service providers, including the agreements with Viking Fund Management, LLC ("Viking Management" or the "Investment Adviser"), the distributor, the administrator, the custodian and the transfer agent. The Board has appointed various officers of the Trust, with responsibility to monitor and report to the Board on the Trust's day-to-day operations. In conducting this oversight, the Board receives regular reports from these officers and service providers regarding the Trust's operations. The Board has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") who administers the Trust's compliance program and regularly reports to the Board as to compliance matters. Some of these

reports are provided as part of formal "Board Meetings" which are typically held quarterly, in person, and involve the Board's review of recent Trust operations. From time to time one or more members of the Board may also meet with Trust officers in less formal settings, between formal "Board Meetings," to discuss various topics. In all cases, however, the role of the Board and of any individual Trustee is one of oversight and not of management of the day-to-day affairs of the Trust and its oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Trust's investments, operations, or activities.

## **Board leadership structure**

The Board has structured itself in a manner that it believes allows it to effectively perform its oversight function. It has established two standing committees—an Audit Committee and a Governance and Nominating Committee, which are discussed in greater detail under "Board committees", below. Seventy-five percent of the members of the Board are Independent Trustees, and each of the Audit Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee are comprised entirely of Independent Trustees. The Independent Trustees have engaged their own independent counsel to advise them on matters relating to their responsibilities in connection with the Trust.

Robert E. Walstad, the Chairman of the Board, is an Interested Trustee by virtue of his ownership of a membership interest in Corridor Investors, LLC ("Corridor"), the parent company of Viking Management, Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC. He is also a governor of Corridor. The Trust has appointed R. James Maxson as Lead Independent Trustee. As such, Mr. Maxson is responsible for: (i) coordinating activities of the Independent Trustees; (ii) working with the Investment Adviser, the Chairman of the Board, the committee chairmen, the CCO, and the independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees, as applicable, to determine the agenda for Board and committee meetings; (iii) serving as the principal contact for and facilitating communication between the Independent Trustees and the Funds' service providers, particularly the Investment Adviser; and (iv) any other duties that the Independent Trustees may delegate to the Lead Independent Trustee.

The same four persons on the Board of the Trust serve on the boards of the other funds in the Fund Complex. Given that the funds in the Fund Complex are served by the same service providers and generally face the same issues, the Board believes that this "unitary" structure promotes efficiency and consistency in the governance and oversight of the funds in the Fund Complex, and may reduce the costs, administrative burdens and possible conflicts that may result from having multiple boards comprised of different individuals.

The Trust has determined that the Board's leadership structure, taking into account, among other things, its committee structure, which permits certain areas of responsibility to be allocated to the Independent Trustees, the role of its Lead Independent Trustee described above and its "unitary" structure described above, is appropriate given the characteristics and circumstances of the Trust and the Fund Complex.

### **Board oversight of risk management**

The Board's oversight extends to the Trust's risk management processes. As part of its oversight function, the Board receives and reviews various risk management reports and assessments and discusses related matters with appropriate management and other personnel. Because risk management is a broad concept comprised of many elements (including, for example, but not limited to, investment risks, issuer risks, compliance risks, valuation risks, counterparty risks, operational risks, business continuity risks, and legal, compliance, and regulatory risks) the oversight of different types of risks is handled in different

ways. For example, the full Board as well as the committees meet regularly with the CCO to discuss compliance and operational risks. The CCO also provides updates to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the Trust's compliance policies and procedures and on how these procedures are designed to mitigate risk. The Audit Committee also meets with the Treasurer and the Trust's independent public accounting firm to discuss, among other things, the internal control structure of the Trust's financial reporting function. The full Board receives reports from the Investment Adviser and portfolio managers on actual and possible risks affecting the Funds. They also report to the Board on various elements of risk, including investment, credit, liquidity, valuation, operational, and compliance risks, as well as other overall business risks that could impact the Funds. Finally, the CCO and/or other officers of the Trust report to the Board in the event that any material risk issues arise in between Board meetings.

The Board recognizes that not all risks that may affect the portfolios can be identified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve each Fund's goals, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Moreover, reports received by the Trustees as to risk management matters are typically summaries of the relevant information. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board's risk management oversight is subject to certain limitations.

# Information about each Trustee's qualifications, experience, attributes or skills

The Board believes that each Trustee's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees lead to the conclusion that the Board possesses the requisite attributes and skills. In addition to the information provided in the table below, listed below for each Trustee is additional information concerning the experiences, qualifications and attributes that led to the conclusion, as of the date of this SAI, that each current Trustee should serve as a trustee.

# Interested Trustee

Robert E. Walstad. Mr. Walstad has been engaged in the securities business since 1972. Currently, he is chairman of the board of the funds in the Fund Complex and, until May 1, 2013, was a co-portfolio manager of the Williston Basin/Mid-North America Stock Fund and the Integrity Growth & Income Fund. He was the president of Integrity Money Management, Inc. from 1988 to 2007, and provided general direction and supervision in connection with the management of several funds in the Fund Complex. He has also previously served as president of several funds in the Fund Complex.

### Independent Trustees

Wade A. Dokken. Mr. Dokken has extensive experience in the financial services business. He is currently a member of WealthVest Financial Partners, a broker-dealer focused, national annuity wholesaling firm, and is also the co-founder and co-president of WealthVest Marketing, a financial services marketing and distribution firm specializing in high quality fixed and fixed index annuities from insurance companies. From 1989 to 2000, he was an executive of American Skandia (and, from 2000 to 2003, its chief executive officer) where, among other things, he was chairman of the board of American Skandia Trust, overseeing the American Skandia mutual funds, and a member of the international board of Skandia Life, overseeing mutual fund and pension businesses throughout Europe, Asia and South America.

R. James Maxson. Mr. Maxson is currently the majority owner of Maxson Law Office, P.C. which primarily concentrates on estate planning, business planning, trusts and estates, and transactional law. Mr. Maxson currently serves on the board of directors of the Peoples State Bank of Velva, North Dakota, as well as the boards of directors of St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation, St. Joseph's Foundation, and the Minot Community Land Trust. He was previously chair of the Minot Area Development Corporation and the Vincent United Methodist Foundation and on the board of directors of the Kennedy Memorial Foundation. In addition, he is a former North Dakota State Senator, a former President of the North Dakota Trial Lawyers Association, and a former Democratic National Committeeman for North Dakota.

*Jerry M. Stai.* Mr. Stai is on the faculty of Minot State University where he teaches accounting and finance courses, including corporate finance, investments, and financial institutions and markets.

### **Board committees**

The Audit Committee consists of the three Independent Trustees of the Trust: Jerry M. Stai, R. James Maxson, and Wade A. Dokken. The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the full Board of Trustees in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities to the shareholders and the investment community relating to fund accounting, reporting practices and the quality and integrity of the financial reports. To satisfy these responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviews with the independent auditors the audit plan and results and recommendations following independent audits, reviews the performance of the independent auditors, and recommends engagement or discharge of the auditors to the full Board of Trustees, reviews the independence of the independent auditors, reviews the adequacy of the Funds' internal controls, and prepares and submits Committee meeting minutes and supporting documentation to the full Board. During the Funds' fiscal year ending July 31, 2016, the Audit Committee held three meetings.

The Governance and Nominating Committee consists of the three Independent Trustees of the Trust: Jerry M. Stai, R. James Maxson, and Wade A. Dokken. The primary function of the Governance and Nominating Committee is to identify individuals qualified to become Board members and recommend nominations for election to the Board of Trustees. The Governance and Nominating Committee also takes a leadership role in shaping the governance of the Funds. The Governance and Nominating Committee has adopted a charter and meets at least quarterly. The Governance and Nominating Committee prepares and submits meeting minutes and supporting documentation to the full Board. During the Funds' fiscal year ending July 31, 2016, the Governance and Nominating Committee held four meetings.

When considering whether to add additional or substitute Trustees to the Board of Trustees, the Independent Trustees shall take into account any proposals for candidates that are properly submitted to the Trust's Secretary. Shareholders wishing to present one or more candidates for Trustee consideration may do so by submitting a signed written request to the Trust's Secretary at Viking Mutual Funds, Attention: Secretary, PO Box 500, Minot, North Dakota 58702. The request must include the following information:

- name and address of shareholder and, if applicable, name of broker or record holder;
- number of shares owned;
- name of fund(s) in the Integrity/Viking Funds in which shares are owned;

- whether the proposed candidate(s) consent to being identified in any proxy statement utilized in connecting with the election of Trustees;
- the name and background information of the proposed candidates; and
- a representation that the candidate or candidates are willing to provide additional information about themselves, including assurances as to their independence.

## **Additional information about Trustees and Officers**

Pursuant to the Trust's Trust Instrument, each Trustee shall hold office for life until his or her successor is elected or the Trust terminates; except that (a) any Trustee may resign by delivering a written resignation; (b) any Trustee may be removed with or without cause at any time by a written instrument signed by at least two-thirds of the other Trustees; (c) any Trustee who requests to be retired, or who has become unable to serve, may be retired by a written instrument signed by a majority of the other Trustees; and (d) any Trustee may be removed at any shareholder meeting by a vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares. Pursuant to the by-laws of the Trust, each officer elected by the Trustees shall hold office until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, inability to serve, or resignation. Officers serve at the pleasure of the Trustees and may be removed at any time with or without cause.

# **Independent Trustees**

Name Address Date of Birth Position with Trust Date Service Began Number of Funds Overseen by Trustee in Fund Complex	Principal Occupations for Past Five Years and Other Directorships Held During Past Five Years
Wade A. Dokken 1 N. Main St. Minot, ND 58703 Birth date: March 3, 1960	<b>Principal occupation(s):</b> Member, WealthVest Financial Partners (2009 to present); Co-President, WealthVest Marketing (2009 to present); Trustee: Integrity Managed Portfolios, The Integrity Funds and Viking Mutual Funds
<b>Trustee</b> Began serving Trust: February 2016 12 Funds overseen	Other Directorships Held During the Past Five Years: Not applicable
R. James Maxson 1 N. Main St. Minot, ND 58703 Birth date: December 12, 1947	<b>Principal occupation(s):</b> Attorney: Maxson Law Office (2002 to present); Director/Trustee: Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (1999 to 2012), Integrity Managed Portfolios (1999 to present), The Integrity Funds (2003 to present), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to present)
<b>Trustee</b> Began serving Trust: August 2009 12 Funds overseen	Other Directorships Held During the Past Five Years: Peoples State Bank of Velva; St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation; St. Joseph's Foundation; and Minot Community Land Trust

Jerry M. Stai 2405 11th Ave NW Minot, ND 58703

Birth date: March 31, 1952

**Trustee** 

Began serving Trust: August

2009

12 Funds overseen

**Principal occupation(s):** Faculty: Minot State University (1999 to present); Non-Profit Specialist: Bremer Bank (2006 to 2014); Director/Trustee: The Integrity Funds (2006 to present), Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (2006 to 2012), Integrity Managed Portfolios (2006 to present), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to present)

Other Directorships Held During the Past Five Years: Not

applicable

### **Interested Trustee**

Robert E. Walstad <sup>(1)</sup>
Trustee in Fund Complex
Number of Funds Overseen by
Date Service Began
Position with Trust
Date of Birth
Address
Name

Principal Occupations for Past Five Years and Other Directorships Held During Past Five Years

# 1 N. Main St. Minot, ND 58703 Birth date: August 16, 1944

Principal occupation(s): Governor (2009 to present): Corridor Investors, LLC; Portfolio Manager (2010 to 2013): Viking Fund Management, LLC; Director and Chairman: Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (1994 to 2012); Trustee and Chairman: Integrity Managed Portfolios (1996 to present), The Integrity Funds (2003 to present), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to present)

# **Trustee, Chairman**Began serving Trust: August 2009

Other Directorships Held During the Past Five Years: Mainstream Investors, LLC

12 Funds overseen

## **Officers**

Name
Address
Date of Birth
<b>Position with Trust</b>
Date Service Began
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Principal Occupations for Past Five Years and Other Directorships Held

# Shannon D. Radke<sup>(2)</sup> 1 N. Main Street Minot, ND 58703 Birth date: September 7, 1966

**Principal occupation(s):** Governor, CEO, and President (2009 to present): Corridor Investors, LLC; Governor and President (1998 to present) and Senior Portfolio Manager (1999 to present): Viking Fund Management, LLC; Governor and President (2009 to present): Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC; President: Viking Mutual Funds (1999 to present), Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (2009 to 2012), The Integrity Funds (2009 to present), and Integrity Managed Portfolios (2009 to present)

**President** 

Began serving Trust: 1999

Other Directorships: Not applicable

Peter A. Quist<sup>(2)</sup>
1 N. Main St.
Minot, ND 58703

Birth date: February 23, 1934

**Principal occupation(s):** Governor (2009 to present): Corridor Investors, LLC; Attorney (inactive); Vice President: Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (1994 to 2012), Integrity Managed Portfolios (1996 to present), The Integrity Funds (2003 to present), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to present)

**Vice President** 

Began serving Trust: August

2009

Other Directorships: Not applicable

Adam C. Forthun<sup>(2)</sup>

1 N. Main St. Minot, ND 58703

Birth date: June 30, 1976

**Principal occupation(s):** Fund Accounting Manager (2008 to present) and Chief Operating Officer (2013 to present): Integrity Fund Services, LLC; Treasurer: Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (2008 to 2012), Integrity Managed Portfolios (2008 to present), The Integrity Funds (2008 to present), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to

present)

**Treasurer** 

Began serving Trust: August

2009

Other Directorships: Not applicable

**Brent M. Wheeler**<sup>(2)</sup>

1 N. Main St. Minot, ND 58703

Birth date: October 9, 1970

**Principal occupation(s):** Mutual Fund Chief Compliance Officer: Integrity Managed Portfolios (2005 to present), The Integrity Funds (2005 to present), Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc. (2005 to 2012), and Viking Mutual Funds (2009 to present); Secretary (2009 to 2012): Integrity Fund of Funds, Inc.; Secretary (2009 to present): Integrity Managed Portfolios, The Integrity Funds, and Viking Mutual Funds

**Mutual Fund Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary** 

Began serving Trust: August 2009

Other Directorships: Not applicable

- Trustee who is an "interested person" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Walstad is an interested person by virtue of his ownership of a membership interest in Corridor, the parent company of Viking Management, Integrity Fund Services, LLC, and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC. He is also a governor of Corridor.
- Shannon D. Radke, Peter A. Quist, Adam C. Forthun, and Brent M. Wheeler each own membership interests in Corridor (the parent company of Viking Management, Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC). Mr. Radke and Mr. Quist are also governors of Corridor. In addition, Mr. Radke is an officer of Corridor, an officer and a governor of Viking Fund Management, LLC, and an officer and a governor of Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC.

In summarizing the above information, Messrs. Walstad, Dokken, Maxson, and Stai are Trustees of three open-end investment companies advised by the Investment Adviser (representing 12 portfolios). Mr. Radke serves as President, Mr. Quist serves as Vice President, Mr. Forthun serves as Treasurer, and Mr. Wheeler serves as Secretary and Mutual Fund Chief Compliance Officer to three open-end investment companies advised by the Investment Adviser (representing 12 portfolios).

The Trust's Trust Instrument provides that the Trust will indemnify its trustees and officers against liabilities and expenses reasonably incurred in connection with litigation in which they may be involved because of their offices with the Trust, unless it is adjudicated that they (a) engaged in bad faith, willful misfeasance, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of their offices, or (b) did not act in good faith in the reasonable belief that their action was in the best interest of the Trust. In the case of settlement, such indemnification will not be provided unless it has been determined

(by court or other body approving the settlement or other disposition, by a majority of disinterested trustees based upon a review of readily available facts, or in a written opinion of independent counsel) that such officers or trustees have not engaged in willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of their duties. In addition, the Trust has entered into a separate Indemnification Agreement with each of the Trustees and officers of the Trust whereby the Trust has generally agreed to indemnify such persons to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware. These Indemnification Agreements acknowledge, however, that, in certain instances, applicable law or public policy may prohibit the Trust from indemnifying its Trustees and officers.

# **Share Ownership in the Funds**

For each Trustee, the dollar range of equity securities in the Funds beneficially owned by the Trustee and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in all registered investment companies overseen by the Trustee in the same family of investment companies as the Trust are shown below as of December 31, 2016:

	Kansas Fund	Maine Fund	Nebraska Fund	New Hampshire Fund	Oklahoma Fund	All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies (Aggregate)
Independent Trustees						
Wade A. Dokken	None	None	None	None	None	None
R. James Maxson	None	None	None	None	None	\$50,001 -\$100,000
Jerry M. Stai	None	None	None	None	None	\$1 - \$10,000
Interested Trustee, Chairman						
Robert E. Walstad	None	None	None	None	None	\$10,001 - \$50,000

As of the date of this SAI, the Trustees and Officers of the Trust, as a group, owned of record and beneficially less than 1% of the shares of each Fund.

As of December 31, 2016, no Independent Trustee or his immediate family members owned beneficially or of record securities in an investment adviser or principal underwriter of the Funds, or a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with an investment adviser or principal underwriter of the Funds.

### **Compensation of the Board of Trustees**

During 2016, Trustees who are not considered to be "interested persons," as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, of Viking Mutual Funds, were paid an annual fee of \$25,000 for service as trustee on the boards of the funds in the complex. In addition, each such Trustees is entitled to receive a fee of \$3,500 for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Trustees (whether attendance is telephonic or in person) that is not on the regular Board of Trustees meeting schedule. Mr. Walstad, as an "interested person" of the Funds, receives no compensation from the funds for serving as Trustee; however, he does receive compensation from Corridor for serving in such capacity. The following table sets forth compensation paid by each Fund to each of the current Trustees of the Trust and total compensation paid to each current Trustee for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016. The Trust does not have any retirement or pension plans for their Trustees.

	Aggregate Compensation from:				Total	
	Kansas Fund	Maine Fund	Nebraska Fund	New Hampshire Fund	Oklahoma Fund	Compensation from Funds and Fund Complex*
Independent						
Trustees						
Orlin W.	\$1,263	\$381	\$885	\$106	\$911	\$24,000
Backes**						
Wade A.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dokken						
R. James	\$1,263	\$381	\$885	\$106	\$911	\$24,000
Maxson						
Jerry M. Stai	\$1,263	\$381	\$885	\$106	\$911	\$24,000
Interested Trustee, Chairman						
Robert E.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Walstad						
TOTALS	\$2,789	\$1,143	\$2,655	\$318	\$2,733	\$72,000

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the compensation paid by the Funds and the other funds in the Fund Complex to the Trustees for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016, for services as a trustee to the Integrity/Viking Funds, representing, in the aggregate, 12 portfolios, including the Funds, two additional series of Viking Mutual Funds, and the five series of The Integrity Funds.

### PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS DISCLOSURE

The Trust's Board has adopted Portfolio Holdings Disclosure Policies and Procedures (the "Policy") to protect the interests of Fund shareholders and to address potential conflicts of interests that could arise between the interests of Fund shareholders and the interests of the Funds' investment advisers, principal underwriters, or affiliated persons of the Funds' investment advisers or principal underwriters. This Policy is applicable to Viking Management, which is the investment manager to the Funds (the "Adviser" for purposes of this section).

The Policy is intended to prevent the misuse of material non-public information regarding the portfolio holdings of the Fund ("Holdings Information"). Holdings Information will be disclosed to select third parties only when the Funds have a legitimate business purpose for doing so, and the Recipients (as defined below) are subject to a duty of confidentiality that includes a duty not to trade based on the non-public information. Under the Policy, the receipt of compensation by a Fund, the Adviser, or an affiliate as consideration for disclosing Holdings Information will not be deemed a legitimate business purpose. Recipients will receive Holdings Information only after furnishing written assurances to the Adviser and/or the Funds that the Holdings Information will remain confidential, and Recipients and persons with access to the Holdings Information will be prohibited from trading based on the Holdings Information. In all instances, Holdings Information will be disclosed only when consistent with the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws and the Adviser's fiduciary duties, and with the Adviser's and the Fund's obligations to prevent the misuse of material, non-public information.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mr. Orlin W. Backes retired from the Board of Trustees of Viking Mutual Funds on December 31, 2016.

Pursuant to the policy, the Funds, the Adviser, and their agents are obligated to:

- act in the best interests of Fund shareholders by protecting non-public and potentially material portfolio holdings information;
- ensure that Holdings Information is not provided to a favored group of clients or potential clients;
   and
- adopt such safeguards and controls around the release of Holdings Information so that no client or group of clients is unfairly disadvantaged as a result of such release.

The following policies and procedures will apply to the disclosure of listings of portfolio holdings for one or more of the Funds by the Adviser and the Funds:

# **Internet Site and Quarterly Advertisements**

The Funds are allowed to post up to the top 25 holdings for each Fund on the Internet at www.integrityvikingfunds.com. This Holdings Information may be updated daily. The Funds also may advertise up to the top 25 holdings quarterly through printed material, which is also posted on the website. This printed material is updated as of the end of the calendar quarter and is available within fifteen days of each quarter end. The Holdings Information posted on the Internet and listed in the printed advertisement material may list the securities in numeric order, beginning with the security constituting the largest percentage held by the Fund, and

- may include the name of the security, the CUSIP, SEDOL and/or ticker symbol, the number of shares held by the Fund, the percentage weight of such security within the Fund, and the cumulative percentage weight of each additional security in the Fund listed; and
- will contain appropriate disclaimers.

The Investment Adviser will seek to post the Holdings Information on its public Internet site in a format that cannot be easily modified by viewers.

### **SEC Filings**

The Funds must disclose their complete portfolio holdings quarterly to the SEC using Form N-Q within 60 days of the end of the first and third quarter end of the Funds' fiscal year or the Form N-CSR for the second and fourth quarter of the Funds' fiscal year. The N-Q report is not required to be mailed to shareholders, but is made public through the SEC electronic filings.

The Funds must provide either complete portfolio holdings or summaries of their portfolio holdings to shareholders in tabular or graphical format by identifiable categories (i.e., industry sector, geographic region, credit quality, or maturity) according to the percentage of net assets. SEC Regulation S-X generally requires at least disclosure of the top 50 holdings (based on percentage of net assets) and any investment exceeding 1% of the Fund's net asset value.

### Other Disclosure

To the extent that this policy would require the release of portfolio holdings information regarding a particular portfolio holding for a Fund, subject to applicable law, the portfolio manager for the Fund may

request that the holding be withheld from the portfolio holdings information if the release of such portfolio holdings information would otherwise be sensitive or inappropriate due to liquidity and other market considerations, in each case as determined by the portfolio manager in consultation with the Investment Adviser Chief Compliance Officer (or his/her designee).

Each of the Investment Adviser's officers ("Designated Persons") may authorize providing non-public Holdings Information of the Funds that is current as of one business day after the month-end to only those financial advisers, registered accountholders, authorized consultants, authorized custodians or third-party data service providers (each a "Recipient") who (i) specifically request the more current non-public Holdings Information for a legitimate business purpose which is not inconsistent with the Funds' legitimate business purpose and (ii) execute a Use and Nondisclosure Agreement (each, a "Nondisclosure Agreement"), and abide by its trading restrictions. The disclosure may include additional information; however, any such additional information provided to a Recipient shall not include any material information about the Funds' trading strategies or pending transactions. The following parties currently receive non-public Holdings Information regarding one or both of the Funds on an ongoing basis pursuant to a Nondisclosure Agreement: Bloomberg; FactSet; and Lipper.

Designated Persons may approve the distribution in an electronic format of Holdings Information posted on the public website of the Funds to Recipients and rating agencies upon request, and such Recipients and rating agencies will not be required to execute a Nondisclosure Agreement.

Occasions may arise where a Designated Person, the Investment Adviser, the Funds or an affiliate may have a conflict of interest in connection with a Recipient's request for disclosure of non-public Holdings Information. In order to protect the interests of shareholders and the Funds and to ensure no adverse effect on the shareholders or the Funds, in the limited instances where a Designated Person is considering releasing non-public Holdings Information, the Designated Person will disclose the conflict to the CCO of the Trust. If the CCO determines, to the best of his knowledge following appropriate due diligence, that the disclosure of non-public Holdings Information would be in the best interests of shareholders and the Funds, and will not adversely affect the shareholders or the Funds, the CCO may approve the disclosure. The CCO will document in writing any such exception (which identifies the legitimate business purpose for the disclosure) and will provide a report to the Board of Trustees for its review at a subsequent Board meeting. Any such exceptions log shall be retained in the Fund's records.

The Adviser and the Funds currently do not disclose Holdings Information except as noted above. The Funds and the Adviser will not enter into any arrangement providing for the disclosure of Holdings Information for the receipt of compensation or benefit of any kind in return for the disclosure of the Holdings Information.

## MANAGEMENT AND OTHER SERVICES

The Board has overall responsibility for the management of the Funds. Viking Management, P.O. Box 500, Minot, North Dakota 58702, is the Funds' investment manager. Since July 31, 2009, Viking Management has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Corridor, a North Dakota limited liability company that was organized in January 2009 by Robert E. Walstad and Shannon D. Radke. Corridor provides investment advisory, distribution and other services to the Funds, as well as to the other funds in the Fund Complex described above under "Trustees and Officers," primarily through its subsidiaries.

As indicated above under "Trustees and Officers," (i) Shannon D. Radke, an officer of the Trust, is also a governor, member and officer of Corridor and a governor and officer of Viking Management; (ii) Robert

E. Walstad, a Trustee and Chairman of the Board of the Trust, is also a governor and member of Corridor; (iii) Peter A. Quist, an officer of the Trust, is also a governor and member of Corridor; and (iv) Adam C. Forthun and Brent M. Wheeler, officers of the Trust, are also members of Corridor.

The Funds have retained Viking Management to provide the Funds with investment advice and portfolio management. Mr. Shannon D. Radke, senior portfolio manager, has been responsible for managing the Funds' portfolios on a day-to-day basis since the Funds' inception and is a governor and president of Viking Management. He is also a co-portfolio manager of various other Integrity/Viking Funds. Mr. Radke holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Banking and Finance from the University of North Dakota. He has been engaged in the securities business since 1988 as a broker and as operations manager and later as chief operating officer of an investment advisory firm. Mr. Radke founded Viking Management in September 1998.

In April 2010, Mr. Monte L. Avery, senior portfolio manager, began co-managing the Funds' portfolios with Mr. Radke. Mr. Avery was previously an employee of Integrity Money Management and, since August 1, 2009, has been an employee of Viking Management. Mr. Avery started in the securities business with PaineWebber in 1981 as a retail broker, transferring to Dean Witter in 1982. In 1988, Mr. Avery joined Bremer Bank, N.A. (Minot, ND) to help start its Invest Center. He transferred back to Dean Witter in 1993, where he remained until he joined Integrity Mutual Funds, Inc. in 1995. Since that time, Mr. Avery has served as a portfolio manager to various funds currently advised by Viking Management and previously advised by Integrity Money Management, Inc.

In April 2015, Mr. Joshua D. Larson began co-managing the Funds' portfolios with Mr. Radke and Mr. Avery. Mr. Larson holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Finance and Management from Minot State University. He joined Integrity Viking Funds in 2010 in the fund accounting division and as a research analyst for certain funds advised by Viking Management. In addition, since May 2012, Mr. Larson has served as a co-portfolio manager of the Integrity Dividend Harvest Fund, since May 2013 he has served as a co-portfolio manager of the Integrity Growth & Income Fund, and since November 2014, he has served as a co-portfolio manager of the Funds.

The following table lists the number and types of other accounts managed by Mr. Radke, Mr. Avery and Mr. Larson, and assets under management in those accounts as of July 31, 2016:

Portfolio Accounts (other (\$ Vehicle (\$ Other	ssets naged (\$
Manager than the Funds) millions) Accounts millions) Accounts mill	lions)
Monte L. Avery 5 \$729 None None None None	one
Shannon D. Radke 6 \$817 None None None None	one
Joshua D. Larson 4 \$227 None None None None	one

The advisory fee is not based on the performance of the respective account for any of the registered investment companies, pooled investment vehicles or other accounts referred to above.

As compensation for the advisory services furnished to the Funds, the Funds are obligated under the respective investment advisory agreement to pay Viking Management monthly compensation calculated daily by applying the annual rates of 0.50% to the Funds' daily net assets.

For the three most recent fiscal years, the table below sets forth (i) the gross management fees paid by the Funds, (ii) the fees waived and expenses reimbursed by Viking Management, and (iii) the management fees (net of fee waivers and expense reimbursements) paid by the Funds.

				\$ Paid Net of Fees
			Advisory Fee Waivers	Waived and
	Date of	\$ Earned	and	Expense
	Fiscal		Expense	
Fund	Year End	(Gross)	Reimbursements	Reimbursements
	7/31/2014	\$304,220	\$0	\$304,220
Kansas Municipal Fund	7/31/2015	293,863	0	293,863
	7/31/2016	291,410	52,521	238,889
	7/31/2014	\$86,656	\$0	\$86,656
Maine Municipal Fund	7/31/2015	87,609	0	87,609
_	7/31/2016	91,228	23,707	67,521
	7/31/2014	\$200,943	\$0	\$200,943
Nebraska Municipal Fund	7/31/2015	202,305	0	202,305
	7/31/2016	214,232	43,299	170,933
Nam Hamashina Maniainal	7/31/2014	\$24,008	\$0	\$24,008
New Hampshire Municipal	7/31/2015	23,516	0	23,516
Fund	7/31/2016	26,276	11,931	14,345
	7/31/2014	\$196,652	\$0	\$196,652
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	7/31/2015	204,261	0	204,261
_	7/31/2016	218,519	42,382	176,137

With respect to each Fund, Viking Management contractually agreed to waive its fees or reimburse each Fund for its expenses (excluding taxes, brokerage fees, commissions, extraordinary and non-recurring expenses, and the fees and expenses of acquired funds) through November 29, 2018 so that the Fund's total annual operating expenses do not exceed 0.98% for Class A Shares of average daily net assets. Current contractual fee waiver and expense reimbursement agreements are described below under "Current contractual fee waiver and expense reimbursement agreements." In addition, certain affiliated service providers, including Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC, may voluntarily waive from time to time all or a portion of their respective fees, which waiver may occur before Viking Management waives any of its fee or reimburses any expenses to satisfy its contractual expense limitation agreement.

### **Conflicts of interest**

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to more than one fund or other account. More specifically, portfolio managers who manage multiple funds are presented with the following potential conflicts.

The management of multiple funds and accounts may result in a portfolio manager devoting unequal time and attention to the management of each fund or account. The management of multiple funds and accounts, however, also may give rise to potential conflicts of interest if the funds and accounts have different objectives, benchmarks, time horizons, and fees as the portfolio manager must allocate his time, investment ideas, and investment opportunities across multiple funds and accounts.

- With respect to securities transactions for the Funds, Viking Management determines which broker to use to execute each order, consistent with the duty to seek best execution of the transaction. The portfolio manager may execute transactions for another fund or account that may adversely impact the value of securities held by the Funds. Securities selected for funds or accounts other than the Funds may outperform the securities selected for the Funds.
- The appearance of a conflict of interest may arise where Viking Management has an incentive, such as a performance-based management fee, which relates to the management of one fund or account but not all funds with respect to which a portfolio manager has day-to-day management responsibilities. The management of personal accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest; there is no assurance that the Funds' code of ethics will adequately address such conflicts.
- The Funds have adopted a code of ethics that, among other things, permits personal trading by employees, including the portfolio manager, under conditions where it has been determined that such trades would not adversely impact client accounts. Nevertheless, the management of personal accounts may give rise to potential conflicts of interest and there is no assurance that these codes of ethics will adequately address such conflicts.

Viking Management and the Funds have adopted certain compliance procedures which are designed to address these types of conflicts. However, there is no guarantee that such procedures will detect each and every situation in which a conflict arises.

### Compensation

The portfolio managers for the Funds are paid a salary. Although the salary is subject to periodic adjustment, it is not based on Fund performance or the value of assets held in the Funds' portfolio. In addition, Corridor sponsors a 401(k) plan for all its employees. This plan is funded by employee elective deferrals and a 6% match by Corridor of the employee's gross pay as long as the employee has elected to contribute at least 6% of his or her gross pay. Mr. Radke also owns a membership interest in Corridor equal to approximately 9.8% of Corridor's total membership interests. He initially received a membership interest in 2009 in exchange for, among other things, his contributions to Corridor of experience and his role in the operations of Corridor. Mr. Radke also purchased a portion of his membership interests in Corridor. In connection with his role, Mr. Larson also owns a membership interest in Corridor that is equal to less than 1% of Corridor's total membership interests.

### Ownership of securities

As of July 31, 2016, the Funds' portfolio managers beneficially owned no shares in the Funds.

### Current contractual fee waiver and expense reimbursement agreements

As described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus, Viking Management has contractually agreed to waive its fees or reimburse each Fund for its expenses through November 29, 2018, so that the Funds' total annual operating expenses (excluding taxes, brokerage fees, commissions, extraordinary and non-recurring expenses, and acquired fund fees and expenses) during this period do not exceed 0.98% for Class A Shares of the average daily net assets. These contractual waivers may not be altered by the investment manager during the stated period. This expense limitation agreement may only be terminated or modified prior to November 29, 2018 with the approval of the Funds' Board of Trustees. In addition, certain affiliated service providers, including Integrity Fund Services, LLC and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC, may voluntarily waive from time to time all or a portion of their respective fees, which

waiver may occur before Viking Management waives any of its fee or reimburses any expenses to satisfy its contractual expense limitation agreement.

## Term of investment advisory agreement

For each Fund, the investment advisory agreement that is currently in effect between the Trust and Viking Management (the "Advisory Agreement") must be approved each year by (1) a vote, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose, of a majority of the Independent Trustees, and (2) the majority vote of either the full Board or the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of a Fund.

### Code of ethics

Viking Management, Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC and the Funds have adopted codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1(c) of the 1940 Act. The purpose of a code of ethics is to avoid potential conflicts of interest and to prevent fraud, deception, or misconduct with respect to the Funds. Each code of ethics permits personnel covered by the code to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Funds, subject to the restrictions of the code.

# Manager-of-Managers

Under the Advisory Agreement, Viking Management is authorized, at its own cost and expense, to enter into a sub-advisory agreement with a sub-adviser with respect to the respective Fund. If an investment adviser delegates portfolio management duties to a sub-adviser, the 1940 Act generally requires that the sub-advisory agreement between the adviser and the sub-adviser be approved by the Board and by Fund shareholders. Specifically, Section 15 of the 1940 Act, in relevant part, makes it unlawful for any person to act as an investment adviser (including as a sub-adviser) to a mutual fund, except pursuant to a written contract that has been approved by shareholders.

In 2009, shareholders of each Fund approved a "manager-of-managers" structure for their Fund. The Funds have received an order from the SEC permitting the Funds to be managed under a "manager-of-managers" structure (the "SEC Order"). The SEC Order generally permits Viking Management to enter into and materially amend sub-advisory agreements with unaffiliated sub-advisers subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, but without obtaining shareholder approval. If a sub-adviser is hired to provide sub-advisory services to a Fund, the Fund will provide information concerning the sub-adviser to shareholders of the Fund concerned.

Under the "manager-of-managers" structure for a Fund, Viking Management would remain the primary provider of investment advisory services to the Fund, would be permitted to hire or change sub-advisers, as appropriate, and would have ultimate responsibility (subject to oversight by the Funds' Board of Trustees) to oversee sub-advisers and recommend to the Board their hiring, termination and replacement. Viking Management would remain responsible for providing general management services to a Fund utilizing the manager-of-managers structure, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of the Fund's assets, and, subject to review and approval of the Board of Trustees, would, among other things: (i) set the Fund's overall investment strategies; (ii) evaluate, select, and recommend sub-advisers to manage all or a part of the Fund's assets; (iii) when appropriate, allocate and reallocate the Fund's assets among multiple sub-advisers; (iv) monitor and evaluate the performance

of sub-advisers; and (v) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the sub-advisers comply with the Fund's investment objectives, policies, and restrictions.

### TRANSFER AGENT, FUND ACCOUNTING SERVICE PROVIDER, AND ADMINISTRATOR

Prior to August 1, 2009, Viking Management provided administrative, accounting and transfer agent services to the Funds. Since August 1, 2009, Integrity Fund Services, LLC ("Integrity Fund Services" or the "Transfer Agent"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Corridor, a North Dakota limited liability company affiliated with Viking Management and Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC, provides each Fund with transfer agent, accounting, and administrative services. Integrity Fund Services is located at 1 Main Street North, Minot, North Dakota 58703.

# Transfer Agent

As transfer agent, Integrity Fund Services performs many of the Funds' clerical and administrative functions. For its transfer agency services, every month each Fund pays Integrity Fund Services an asset-based fee plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. The Transfer Agent is responsible for (among other things) administering and/or performing transfer agent functions; for acting as service agent in connection with dividend and distribution functions; and for performing shareholder account information and administrative agent functions in connection with the issuance, transfer, and redemption or repurchase (including coordination with the custodian) of shares.

# **Accounting Service Provider and Administrator**

Accounting services provided by Integrity Fund Services as accounting service provider to the Funds may include, but are not limited to, daily fee accruals, security valuation, calculation of daily net asset value, calculation of a daily dividend rate, and preparation of semi-annual and annual reports. As administrator for the Funds, Integrity Fund Services manages all aspects of a Fund's operations except those provided by other service providers. For accounting and administrative services, each Fund pays to Integrity Fund Services at the end of each calendar month a flat fee plus an asset-based fee and reimburses Integrity Fund Services for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

For the fiscal year ends noted, the Funds paid to Integrity Fund Services the following amounts for services provided:

	Date of Fiscal Year	Combined Accounting Services and Administrative Services	Transfer
Fund	End	Fees*	Agency Fee*
	7/31/2014	\$58,445	\$51,563
Kansas Municipal Fund	7/31/2015	46,258	40,990
_	7/31/2016	85,301	70,933

Maine Municipal Fund	7/31/2014	\$17,145	\$10,294
	7/31/2015	13,983	8,542
	7/31/2016	35,936	20,134
Nebraska Municipal Fund	7/31/2014	\$35,793	\$28,500
	7/31/2015	30,942	25,030
	7/31/2016	65,966	50,575
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	7/31/2014	\$3,273	\$1,260
	7/31/2015	2,358	992
	7/31/2016	16,485	4,399
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	7/31/2014	\$38,495	\$29,649
	7/31/2015	32,527	25,885
	7/31/2016	67,633	51,866

<sup>\*</sup> After waivers and reimbursements, if any.

### **CUSTODIAN**

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Trust & Custody Solutions, 801 Nicollet Mall, Suite 700, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55479 serves as the custodian of the Funds and has custody of all securities and cash of the Funds. The custodian, among other things, 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

Each Fund's independent registered public accounting firm is Cohen & Company, Ltd., 1350 Euclid Ave., Suite 800, Cleveland, Ohio 44115. Shareholders will receive annual financial statements, together with a report of the independent registered public accounting firm and semi-annual unaudited financial statements of the Funds. The independent registered public accounting firm will report on the Funds' annual financial statements, review certain regulatory reports, and perform other professional accounting, auditing, and advisory services when engaged to do so by the Funds.

# PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Viking Management places orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities on behalf of the Funds, and will do so in accordance with the policies described below.

For transactions in fixed-income securities, purchases, and sales of portfolio securities generally are transacted with issuers, underwriters, or dealers that serve as primary market-makers, who act as principals for the securities on a net basis. The Funds typically do not pay brokerage commissions for such purchases and sales. Instead, the price paid for newly issued securities usually includes a concession or discount paid by the issuer to the underwriter, and the prices quoted by market-makers reflect a spread between the bid and the asked prices from which the dealer derives a profit. In effecting securities transactions, each Fund seeks to obtain the best price and execution of orders. For transactions in fixed-income securities, selection of broker-dealers is generally based on the availability of a security and its price and on the overall quality of execution provided by the broker-dealer. In purchasing and selling portfolio securities other than as described above (for example, in the secondary market), each Fund seeks to obtain best execution at the most favorable prices through responsible broker-dealers and, in the case of

agency transactions, at competitive commission rates. In selecting broker-dealers to execute transactions, Viking Management considers such factors as the price of the security, the rate of commission, the size and difficulty of the order, and the reliability, integrity, financial condition, and general execution and operational capabilities of competing broker-dealers. In agency transactions, Viking Management also may consider the brokerage and research services that broker-dealers provide to the Funds or Viking Management.

Each Fund may execute agency portfolio transactions with broker-dealers who provide research and execution services to the Fund or other investment accounts over which Viking Management exercises investment discretion. Such services may include advice concerning the value of securities; the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities; and the availability of securities or the purchasers or sellers of securities. In addition, such broker-dealers may furnish analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and performance of investment accounts; and effect securities transactions and perform functions incidental thereto (such as clearance and settlement). Research may not solely or necessarily be for the benefit of a Fund.

Subject to applicable limitations of the federal securities laws, the Funds may pay a broker-dealer commissions for agency transactions that are in excess of the amount of commissions charged by other broker-dealers in recognition of their research and execution services. In order to cause the Funds to pay such higher commissions, Viking Management must determine in good faith that such commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided by such executing broker-dealers. In reaching this determination, it will not attempt to place a specific dollar value on the brokerage and research services provided, or to determine what portion of the compensation should be related to those services. No Fund effects transactions with or through broker-dealers in accordance with any formula or for selling shares of a Fund. However, broker-dealers who effect or execute portfolio transactions may from time to time effect purchases of Fund shares for their customers.

Investment decisions for each Fund are made independently from those of other funds managed by Viking Management. It sometimes happens that the same security is held in the portfolio of more than one of these funds or investment accounts. Simultaneous transactions are inevitable when several funds and investment accounts are managed by the same investment adviser, particularly when the same security is suitable for the investment objective of more than one fund or investment account.

When two or more Funds or accounts are simultaneously engaged in the purchase or sale of the same security, the prices and amounts are allocated in accordance with procedures believed to be appropriate and equitable for each Fund or account. In some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or value of the security as far as each Fund is concerned. In other cases, however, the ability of the Funds to participate in volume transactions will produce better executions and prices for the Funds.

For the fiscal years ended July 31, 2016, July 31, 2015, and July 31, 2014, no agency transactions were executed by Viking Management on behalf of the Funds as transactions for these Funds were done on a principal basis. Therefore, no brokerage commissions were paid by the Funds during those periods.

### TAXATION OF THE FUNDS

This section summarizes some of the main U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning shares of a Fund. This section is current as of the date of the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Tax laws and interpretations change frequently, and these summaries do not describe all of the tax consequences to all taxpayers. For example, these summaries generally do not describe your situation if you are a corporation,

a non-U.S. person, a broker-dealer, or other investor with special circumstances. In addition, this section does not describe your state, local, or foreign tax consequences.

This federal income tax summary is based in part on the advice of counsel to the Funds. The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") could disagree with any conclusions set forth in this section. In addition, our counsel was not asked to review, and has not reached a conclusion with respect to the federal income tax treatment of the assets to be acquired by the Funds. This may not be sufficient for prospective investors to use for the purpose of avoiding penalties under federal tax law.

As with any investment, prospective investors should seek advice based on their individual circumstances from their own tax advisor.

Each Fund intends to qualify annually and to elect to be treated as a regulated investment company ("RIC") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

To qualify for the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment generally accorded to RICs, each Fund must, among other things, (a) derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities, or foreign currencies or other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures, or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from interests in qualified publicly traded partnerships; (b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. Government securities, the securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities of any one issuer generally limited for the purposes of this calculation to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not greater than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not more than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities or the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer, or two or more issuers which the Fund controls which are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses or the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships; and (c) distribute at least 90% of its investment company taxable income (which includes, among other items, dividends, taxable interest and net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses) and at least 90% of its net tax-exempt interest income each taxable year. There are certain exceptions for failure to qualify if the failure is for reasonable cause or is de minimis, and certain corrective action is taken and certain tax payments are made by the Fund.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010 ("Act"), funds are permitted to carry over net capital losses incurred in taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010 for an unlimited period of time. The short-term and long-term character of such losses are retained rather than being treated as short-term as under previous law. Pre-enactment losses are eligible to be carried over for a maximum period of eight years. Pursuant to the Act, post-enactment net capital losses must be utilized before pre-enactment capital losses. As a result, pre-enactment capital loss carryovers may be more likely to expire unused. Based on information provided by the Funds, the Funds' capital loss carryover amounts as of July 29, 2016 (if any) were as presented in the table below. Any capital loss carryover of a predecessor series of Integrity Managed Portfolios as of the closing of the Reorganizations will be available to the corresponding Successor Fund following the Reorganizations (subject to certain limitations contained in the Code).:

				New	
	Kansas	Maine	Nebraska	Hampshire	Oklahoma
	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal	Municipal
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund
Expires in 2018	\$	\$—	\$	\$—	\$260,308
Non-expiring short-term losses	133,526		177,427	12,953	52,527
Non-expiring long-term losses	89,901	_	84,215	2,789	43,974
<b>Total Capital Loss Carryovers</b>	\$223,427	<b>\$</b> —	\$261,642	\$15,742	\$356,809

As a RIC, each Fund generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code, but without regard to the deduction for dividends paid) and net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), if any, that it distributes to shareholders. Each Fund intends to distribute to its shareholders, at least annually, substantially all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gain. If a Fund retains any net capital gain or investment company taxable income, it will generally be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates on the amount retained. In addition, amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement are subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax unless, generally, the Fund distributes during each calendar year an amount equal to the sum of (1) at least 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year, (2) at least 98.2% of its capital gains in excess of its capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for the one-year period ending October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) any ordinary income and capital gains for previous years that were not distributed during those years. In order to prevent application of the excise tax, each Fund intends to make its distributions in accordance with the calendar year distribution requirement. A distribution will be treated as paid on December 31 of the current calendar year if it is declared by the Fund in October, November, or December with a record date in such a month and paid by the Fund during January of the following calendar year. Such distributions will be taxable to shareholders in the calendar year in which the distributions are declared, rather than the calendar year in which the distributions are received.

Subject to certain reasonable cause and de minimis exceptions, if a Fund failed to qualify as a RIC or failed to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement in any taxable year, the Fund would be taxed as an ordinary corporation on its taxable income (even if such income were distributed to its shareholders) and all distributions out of earnings and profits would be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income, including any dividends attributable to tax-exempt interest income earned by the Fund.

### **Distributions**

### **Exempt-interest dividends**

If, at the close of each quarter of the taxable year of a Fund, at least 50% of the value of the respective Fund's total assets consists of tax-exempt municipal securities, then such Fund is authorized to pay exempt-interest dividends to its shareholders. An exempt-interest dividend is any dividend or part thereof (other than a capital gain dividend) paid by the Fund and properly reported by the Fund as an exempt-interest dividend in written statements furnished to its shareholders. The maximum amount of dividends for a year that a Fund may designate as exempt-interest dividends is equal to its net tax-exempt interest earned from municipal securities for such year. Each Fund intends to invest in sufficient municipal securities so that it will qualify to pay exempt-interest dividends to its shareholders and to provide timely notice to its shareholders of the portion of its dividends that so qualify.

Exempt-interest dividends distributed to shareholders generally are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes except in the case of certain substantial users of facilities financed with the proceeds of certain of the bonds owned by the Funds and related persons. Such exempt-interest dividends may be taken into account in determining the alternative minimum tax, as discussed hereinafter. The percentage of income that is tax-exempt is generally applied uniformly to all distributions made during each calendar year and thus is an annual average for a Fund rather than a day-by-day determination for each shareholder whether received in shares or in cash.

Insurance proceeds received by a Fund under any insurance policies which represent maturing interest on defaulted obligations held by the Fund will be excludable from federal gross income if and to the same extent as such interest would have been so excludable if paid by the issuer of the defaulted obligation, provided that at the time such policies are purchased, the amounts paid for such policies are reasonable, customary, and consistent with the reasonable expectation that the issuer of the obligation, rather than the insurer, will pay debt service on the bonds.

The market discount rules of the Code apply to tax-exempt municipal securities purchased after April 30, 1993. In general, market discount is the amount (if any) by which the stated redemption price at maturity exceeds an investor's purchase price (except to the extent that such difference, if any, is attributable to original issue discount not yet accrued), subject to a statutory de minimis rule. Market discount can arise based on the price a Fund pays for municipal securities. Market discount is taxable as ordinary income. Market discount that accretes while a Fund holds a municipal security is recognized as ordinary income by the Fund when principal payments are received on the municipal security or upon sale or at redemption (including early redemption), unless the Fund elects to include market discount in taxable income as it accrues. Distributions to shareholders of a Fund, to the extent of any market discount that is included in the Fund's taxable income, is taxable to shareholders as ordinary income.

For both individuals and corporations, interest paid on certain "private activity bonds" issued on or after August 8, 1986, will be treated as an item of tax preference and may, therefore, be subject to the alternative minimum tax. If such private activity bonds are held by a Fund, a proportionate share of the exempt-interest dividends paid by the Fund will be treated as interest on private activity bonds. Such exempt-interest dividends constitute a tax preference item subject to both the individual and corporate alternative minimum tax. Each Fund will annually supply shareholders with a report indicating the percentage of Fund income attributable to bonds subject to the alternative minimum tax.

Exempt-interest dividends received by a shareholder which are not attributable to certain "private activity bonds" are not treated as a tax preference item. However, for certain corporate shareholders such dividends will be included in the computation of an adjustment item used in determining such corporation's alternative minimum tax. The adjustment item is 75% of the excess of such corporate shareholder's "adjusted current earnings" over its other alternative minimum taxable income with certain adjustments. Although exempt-interest dividends received by a shareholder will not be included in the gross income of corporations for federal income tax purposes, "adjusted current earnings" include most tax-exempt interest, generally including exempt-interest dividends received from the Funds. Interest on certain bonds issued during 2009 or 2010 will not be included in "adjusted current earnings." It is unclear whether any portion of the exempt-interest dividends attributable to such bonds may be excluded from adjusted current earnings. Corporate shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisers with respect to the tax consequences of the alternative minimum tax and the branch profits tax under Section 884 of the Code.

Under Section 86 of the Code, up to 85% of a social security recipient's benefits may be included in gross income for a benefit recipient if the sum of his modified adjusted gross income, which includes income from tax-exempt sources such as tax-exempt bonds and distributions made by a Fund, plus 50% of his

social security benefits exceed certain base amounts. Exempt-interest dividends from the Funds are still excluded from gross income to the extent described above; they are however included in the calculation of whether a recipient's income exceeds certain established amounts.

Interest on indebtedness which is incurred to purchase or carry shares of a mutual fund which distributes exempt-interest dividends during the year is not deductible for federal income tax purposes. Further, a Fund may not be an appropriate investment for persons who are "substantial users" of facilities financed by industrial development bonds held by the respective Fund or are "related persons" to such users; such persons should consult their tax advisers before investing in the respective Fund.

# Ordinary income dividends and capital gain dividends

Dividends paid out of a Fund's investment company taxable income are generally taxable to a shareholder as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Because the Funds invest in debt securities rather than stock of corporations, it is anticipated that none or only a small portion of the Fund's distributions paid to individual shareholders will be qualified dividend income eligible for taxation at long-term capital gain tax rates.

A corporation that owns shares generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to any dividends received from the Funds.

Distributions of net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), if any, properly reported as capital gain dividends are taxable to a shareholder as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long the shareholder has held Fund shares. Shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares, rather than cash, generally will have a tax basis in each such share equal to the value of a share of the Fund on the reinvestment date. A distribution of an amount in excess of a Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated by a shareholder as a return of capital for federal income tax purposes. If a Fund makes a return of capital distribution, the distribution will not be taxable to you to the extent of your basis in your shares and thereafter will be treated as a capital gain. Because a return of capital distribution reduces the basis of your shares, a return of capital distribution may result in a higher capital gain or lower capital loss when you sell your shares.

Shareholders will be notified annually as to the U.S. federal income tax status of distributions, and shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares will receive a report as to the value of those shares.

Income and gains from a Fund may also be subject to a 3.8 percent "medicare tax." This tax generally applies to your net investment income if your adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts, which are \$250,000 in the case of married couples filing joint returns and \$200,000 in the case of single individuals. Interest that is excluded from gross income and exempt-interest dividends from a Fund are generally not included in your net investment income for purposes of this tax.

# Sale or Exchange of Fund Shares

Upon the sale or other disposition of shares of a Fund, which a shareholder holds as a capital asset, such a shareholder may realize a capital gain or loss which will be long-term or short-term, depending upon the

shareholder's holding period for the shares. Generally, a shareholder's gain or loss will be a long-term gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year.

Any loss realized on a sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent that shares disposed of are replaced (including through reinvestment of dividends) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the disposition of shares or to the extent that the shareholder, during such period, acquires or enters into an option or contract to acquire, substantially identical stock or securities. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

If you hold a share in a Fund for six months or less, any loss incurred by you related to the disposition of such share will be disallowed to the extent of the exempt-interest dividends you received, except in the case of a regular dividend paid by the Fund if the Fund declares exempt-interest dividends on a daily basis in an amount equal to at least 90 percent of its net tax-exempt interest and distributes such dividends on a monthly or more frequent basis. To the extent, if any, it is not disallowed, it will be recharacterized as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain dividends received. In addition, a shareholder cannot take into account any sales or similar charge incurred in acquiring shares of a Fund (a "load charge") in computing gain or loss on the sale of shares of a Fund if the shareholder sells such shares within 90 days of the date the shares are acquired and the shareholder obtains and subsequently exercises, by January 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year of the sale, the right to reinvest in shares of any mutual fund without the payment of a load charge or with the payment of a reduced charge. (However, such charges shall be treated as incurred in connection with the reinvestment in the shares and will be included in the adjusted basis of such shares.)

### **Nature of Fund's Investments**

Certain of the Funds' investment practices are subject to special and complex federal income tax provisions that may, among other things:

- disallow, suspend, or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions;
- convert lower taxed long-term capital gain into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income:
- convert an ordinary loss or a deduction into a capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited);
- cause a Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash;
- adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur; and
- adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions.

# **Buying Shares Close to a Record Date**

Distributions by a Fund reduce the NAV of such Fund's shares. Should a taxable distribution reduce the NAV below a shareholder's cost basis, the distribution would be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income or capital gain as described above, even though, from an investment standpoint, it may constitute a partial return of capital. Specifically, investors should be careful to consider the tax implications of buying shares just prior to a distribution by the Fund. The price of shares purchased at that time includes the amount of the forthcoming distribution, but the distribution will generally be taxable to them.

# **Backup Withholding**

A Fund may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax from all distributions and sale proceeds payable to shareholders who fail to provide the Fund with their correct taxpayer identification number, fail to make required certifications, or who have been notified by the IRS that they are subject to backup withholding. Corporate shareholders and certain other shareholders specified in the Code generally are exempt from such backup withholding. Special U.S. tax certification requirements apply to non-U.S. investors. This withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability.

### Non-U.S. Shareholders

U.S. taxation of a shareholder who, as to the United States, is a nonresident alien individual, a foreign trust or estate, a foreign corporation or foreign partnership ("non-U.S. shareholder") depends on whether the income of a Fund is "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the shareholder.

In addition to the rules described in this section concerning the potential imposition of withholding on distributions to non-U.S. persons, distributions to non-U.S. persons that are "financial institutions" may be subject to a withholding tax of 30% unless an agreement is in place between the financial institution and the U.S. Treasury to collect and disclose information about accounts, equity investments, or debt interests in the financial institution held by one or more U.S. persons or the institution is resident in a jurisdiction that has entered into such an agreement with the U.S. Treasury. For these purposes, a "financial institution" means any entity that (i) accepts deposits in the ordinary course of a banking or similar business, (ii) holds financial assets for the account of others as a substantial portion of its business, or (iii) is engaged (or holds itself out as being engaged) primarily in the business of investing, reinvesting or trading in securities, partnership interests, commodities or any interest (including a futures contract or option) in such securities, partnership interests, or commodities. Net capital gain distributions and dispositions of shares by such persons may be subject to such withholding after December 31, 2018.

Distributions to non-financial non-U.S. entities (other than publicly traded foreign entities, entities owned by residents of U.S. possessions, foreign governments, international organizations, or foreign central banks) will also be subject to a withholding tax of 30% if the entity does not certify that the entity does not have any substantial U.S. owners or provide the name, address, and TIN of each substantial U.S. owner. Net capital gain distributions and dispositions of shares by such persons may be subject to such withholding after December 31, 2018.

### Income not effectively connected

If the income from a Fund is not "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by the non-U.S. shareholder, distributions of investment company taxable income, generally not including exempt-interest dividends, will generally be subject to a U.S. tax of 30% (or lower treaty rate), which tax is generally withheld from such distributions.

Distributions of capital gains and any amounts retained by a Fund which are properly reported by the Fund as undistributed capital gains will not be subject to U.S. tax at the rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate) unless the non-U.S. shareholder is a nonresident alien individual and is physically present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year and meets certain other requirements. However, this

30% tax on capital gains of nonresident alien individuals who are physically present in the United States for more than the 182 day period only applies in exceptional cases because any individual present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year is generally treated as a resident for U.S. income tax purposes; in that case, he or she would be subject to U.S. income tax on his or her worldwide income at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, rather than the 30% U.S. tax. In the case of a non-U.S. shareholder who is a nonresident alien individual, a Fund may be required to withhold U.S. income tax from distributions of net capital gain unless the non-U.S. shareholder certifies his or her non-U.S. status under penalties of perjury or otherwise establishes an exemption. If a non-U.S. shareholder is a nonresident alien individual, any gain such shareholder realizes upon the sale or exchange of such shareholder's shares of a Fund in the United States will ordinarily be exempt from U.S. tax unless the gain is U.S. source income and such shareholder is physically present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year and meets certain other requirements.

Distributions from a Fund that are properly reported by the Fund as an interest-related dividend attributable to certain interest income received by the Fund or as a short-term capital gain dividend attributable to certain net short-term capital gain income received by the Fund may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes when received by certain foreign investors, provided that the Fund makes certain elections and certain other conditions are met.

## Income effectively connected

If the income from a Fund is "effectively connected" with a U.S. trade or business carried on by a non-U.S. shareholder, then distributions of investment company taxable income, generally not including exempt-interest dividends, and capital gain dividends, any amounts retained by such Fund which are properly reported by the Fund as undistributed capital gains and any gains realized upon the sale or exchange of shares of the Fund will be subject to U.S. income tax at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, residents and domestic corporations. Non-U.S. corporate shareholders may also be subject to the branch profits tax imposed by the Code. The tax consequences to a non-U.S. shareholder entitled to claim the benefits of an applicable tax treaty may differ from those described herein. Non-U.S. shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in a Fund.

## **Other Taxation**

Fund shareholders may be subject to state, local, and foreign taxes on their Fund distributions. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the particular tax consequences to them of an investment in the Fund.

### **State Taxes**

The treatment of certain dividends from each Fund under particular state taxes is discussed below. It should be noted that this treatment may change if a Fund ever fails to qualify as a RIC for federal income tax purposes or if the exempt-interest dividends paid by a Fund are not excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The discussion also assumes that each Fund will meet certain reporting and filing requirements under the applicable state laws and regulations. This discussion is based on state laws as enacted and construed on the date of this SAI and in certain cases is based on administrative guidance from state revenue departments. These laws and interpretations can, of course, change at any time. Only

certain specific taxes are discussed below and Fund shares and Fund distributions may be subject to other state and local taxes. In addition, the discussions below are generally limited to Fund distributions attributable to certain tax-exempt interest. Generally, other distributions from a Fund are subject to all state income taxes, except that under certain circumstances, many states do provide exemptions for distributions attributable to interest on certain United States government obligations. Additionally, you may be subject to state income tax to the extent you sell or exchange Fund shares and realize a capital gain on the transaction.

Generally, unlike the federal individual income tax, state income taxes do not provide beneficial treatment of long-term capital gains, including capital gain dividends from a Fund. Further, most states restrict deductions for capital losses.

Ownership of shares in a Fund could result in other state and local income tax consequences to certain taxpayers. For example, interest expense incurred or continued to purchase or carry shares of a Fund, if the Fund distributes dividends exempt from a particular state income tax, generally is not deductible for purposes of that income tax.

Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers with respect to all state and local tax issues related to the ownership of shares in a Fund and the receipt of distributions from a Fund.

#### **Kansas Fund**

Exempt interest dividends from the Kansas Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are attributable to interest received directly by the Kansas Fund on (i) obligations of the State of Kansas or its political subdivisions issued after December 31, 1987; (ii) obligations of the State of Kansas or its political subdivisions issued prior to January 1, 1988, the interest on which is expressly exempt from income tax under Kansas law; and (iii) obligations of possessions of the United States that are exempt from state taxation under federal law, are excluded from taxable income for purposes of the income tax imposed by the State of Kansas on individuals, fiduciaries, and corporations (other than insurance companies, national banking associations, banks, trust companies, federally chartered savings banks, and savings and loan associations, banks, trust companies, federally chartered savings banks, and savings and loan associations, banks, trust companies, federally chartered savings banks, and savings and loan associations, when received by shareholders subject to such taxes.

#### Maine Fund

Exempt-interest dividends from the Maine Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are derived from interest received directly by the Maine Fund on: (i) certain obligations of the State of Maine and its political subdivisions that are exempt from Maine income taxation under Maine law; and (ii) obligations of United States possessions that are exempt from state taxation under federal law, are excluded from taxable income for purposes of the income tax imposed by the State of Maine on individuals, trusts, estates, and corporations. However, dividends taken into account in determining a taxpayer's federal alternative minimum tax liability may also be taken into account in determining the taxpayer's state minimum tax that is imposed by the State of Maine on certain corporations. Shares of the Maine Fund and dividends from the Maine Fund may also be taken into account in determining the amount of the franchise tax imposed by the State of Maine on certain financial institutions.

#### Nebraska Fund

Exempt-interest dividends from the Nebraska Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are attributable to and are reported to an investor as being derived from, interest received directly by the Nebraska Fund on: (i) obligations of the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions; and (ii) obligations of United States possessions that are exempt from state taxation under federal law are excluded from taxable income for purposes of the income tax imposed by the State of Nebraska on individuals and the income tax imposed by the State of Nebraska on certain corporations. Dividends from the Nebraska Fund could affect the maximum franchise tax rate imposed by the State of Nebraska on certain financial institutions.

# **New Hampshire Fund**

Exempt-interest dividends from the New Hampshire Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are derived from and are reported to an investor as being derived from, interest received directly by the New Hampshire Fund on obligations of the State of New Hampshire or its political subdivisions are excluded from income for purposes of the Income (Interest and Dividends) Tax imposed by the State of New Hampshire. In the case of corporations other than S corporations, interest on obligations of the State of New Hampshire or its political subdivisions received by the New Hampshire Fund is excluded from the portion of the gross profits of the New Hampshire Fund that a corporate shareholder is required to include in its taxable gross business profits for purposes of the Business Profits Tax imposed by the State of New Hampshire. Exempt-interest dividends from the New Hampshire Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are attributable to obligations of United States possessions that are exempt from state taxation under federal law may be subject to the Income (Interest and Dividends) Tax imposed by the State of New Hampshire.

#### Oklahoma Fund

Exempt-interest dividends from the Oklahoma Fund that are excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and that are attributable to interest received directly by the Oklahoma Fund on: (i) obligations of the State of Oklahoma or its political subdivisions, to the extent that such interest is specifically exempt from income taxation under the laws of the State of Oklahoma; and (ii) obligations of possessions of the United States that are exempt from state taxation under federal law, are excluded from taxable income for purposes of the income tax imposed by the State of Oklahoma on individuals and corporations.

The tax discussion set forth above is for general information only. Annually, shareholders of a Fund receive information as to the tax status of distributions made by the Fund in each calendar year. The foregoing relates to federal and state income taxation as in effect as of the date of this SAI. Investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal, state, local, foreign, and other tax consequences of an investment in a Fund, including the effects of any change or any proposed change, in the tax laws.

## ORGANIZATION, VOTING RIGHTS AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS

Each Fund is a separate operating series of the Trust, a Delaware statutory trust organized pursuant to a Trust Instrument dated March 29, 1999. The Trust is registered under the 1940 Act as an open-end management investment company, commonly known as a mutual fund. The Trust has seven separate

operating series, including the Funds. The Funds are non-diversified. Each series of the Trust invests all of its net investable assets in a separate portfolio of securities. Each Fund will offer Class A shares and Class I shares. Class A shares and Class I shares differ in certain respects, including with regard to sales charges and fees. The Trustees of the Trust may establish additional series or classes of shares without the approval of shareholders. The assets of each series belong only to that series, and the liabilities of each series are borne solely by that series and no other.

## **Description of Shares**

Each Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest (par value \$0.001 per share). Shares of each Fund represent equal proportionate interests in the assets of that Fund only and have identical voting, dividend, redemption, liquidation, and other rights. All shares issued are fully paid and non-assessable, and shareholders have no preemptive or other rights to subscribe to any additional shares.

## **Shareholder meetings**

The Trustees of the Trust do not intend to hold annual meetings of shareholders of any Fund. The Trustees will call special meetings of shareholders of a Fund only if required under the 1940 Act or in their discretion or upon the written request of holders of 10% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund entitled to vote.

# **Central provisions of Trust Instrument**

Under Delaware law, the shareholders of each Fund will not be personally liable for the obligations of that Fund; a shareholder is entitled to the same limitation of personal liability extended to shareholders of a corporation. To guard against the risk that Delaware law might not be applied in other states, the Trust Instrument requires that every written obligation of the Trust or a Fund contain a statement that such obligation may be enforced only against the assets of the Trust or Fund and provides for indemnification out of Trust or Fund property of any shareholder nevertheless held personally liable for Trust or Fund obligations, respectively.

## Principal shareholders

Each Fund will commence operations upon the closing of the Reorganization of the corresponding series of Integrity Managed Portfolios. As of the date of this SAI, no persons owned, of record or beneficially, 5% or more, or a controlling interest (ownership of greater than 25%) of the outstanding shares of any of the Funds. Because each Fund is a new series of the Trust with no existing shareholders prior to the closing of the Reorganizations, these ownership interests will not change as a direct result of the Reorganizations. Ownership interests in the corresponding series of Integrity Managed Portfolios may change prior to the closing of the Reorganizations, subject to shareholder purchase and redemption activity after the date of this SAI.

## **BUYING AND SELLING SHARES**

Each Fund will offer Class A shares, which are described below and in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Each Fund expects to offer Class I shares after completion of the Reorganizations in a separate Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

The Funds continuously offer their shares through securities dealers who have an agreement with Integrity Funds Distributor, LLC ("Integrity Funds Distributor" or the "Distributor"). A securities dealer includes any financial institution that, either directly or through affiliates, has an agreement with the Distributor to handle customer orders and accounts with the Funds. This reference is for convenience only and does not indicate a legal conclusion of capacity. Banks and financial institutions that sell shares of the Funds may be required by state law to register as securities dealers.

All checks, drafts, wires and other payment mediums used to buy or sell shares of the Funds must be denominated in U.S. dollars. The Funds may either (a) reject any order to buy or sell shares denominated in any other currency or (b) honor the transaction and make adjustments to your account for the transaction as of a date and with a foreign currency exchange factor determined by the drawee bank.

If you buy shares through the reinvestment of dividends, the shares will be purchased at the net asset value determined on the business day following the dividend record date (sometimes known as the exdividend date).

Class A shares are subject to an annual service fee to compensate financial intermediaries for providing you with ongoing account services.

Each Fund reserves the right to redeem Fund accounts that are reduced to a value of less than \$1,000 for any reason, including market fluctuation. Should a Fund elect to exercise this right, the investor will be notified before such redemption is processed that the value of the investor's account is less than \$1,000 and that the investor will have sixty days to increase the account to at least the \$1,000 minimum amount before the account is redeemed. The investor will not be assessed a contingent deferred sales charge if the account is redeemed.

## Initial sales charges – Class A Shares

The maximum initial sales charge for the Funds is 2.50%. The initial sales charge may be reduced or waived, as described below. The Funds offer several ways for you to combine your purchases of shares of the Funds to take advantage of the lower sales charges for large purchases. Reduced sales charge amounts are shown in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus under "Fund Shares." However, you may be subject to a 1% contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") on Class A shares purchased without an initial sales charge when such shares are redeemed within 24 months of purchase.

## **Cumulative quantity discount – Class A Shares**

For purposes of calculating the sales charge, you may combine the amount of your current purchase with the cost or current value, whichever is higher, of your existing shares in the Funds or the other funds in the Integrity/Viking Funds. You may also combine the shares of your spouse, children if they are under the age of 21 or grandchildren if they are under the age of 21. You may also add any partnership or corporation if you own a 25% or greater stake, and you may add any retirement plan accounts for which you or your spouse is the beneficial owner. Companies with one or more retirement plans may add

together the total plan assets invested in the Integrity/Viking Funds to determine the sales charge that applies.

In order to be sure you obtain a sales charge discount, you should inform your investment representative or Integrity Fund Services, at the time of purchase, of the existence of other accounts in which there are holdings eligible to be aggregated to meet sales load breakpoints.

# Letter of Intent (LOI)—Class A Shares

You may buy Class A shares at a reduced sales charge by completing the letter of intent section of your account application. A letter of intent is a commitment by you to invest a specified dollar amount in Class A shares of Integrity/Viking Funds during a 13-month period. The amount you agree to invest determines the sales charge you pay. By completing the letter of intent section of the application, you acknowledge and agree to the following:

- \* you authorize the Distributor to reserve 5% of your total intended purchase registered in your name until you fulfill your LOI. Your periodic statements will include the reserved shares in the total shares you own, and the Funds will pay or reinvest dividend and capital gain distributions on the reserved shares according to the distribution option you have chosen.
- \* you give the Distributor a security interest in the reserved shares and appoint the Distributor as attorney-in-fact.
- \* the Distributor may sell any or all of the reserved shares to cover any additional sales charge if you do not fulfill the terms of the LOI.
- \* although you may exchange your shares, you may not sell reserved shares until you complete the LOI or pay the higher sales charge

After you file your LOI with a Fund, you may buy Class A shares at the sales charge applicable to the amount specified in your LOI. Sales charge reductions based on purchases in more than one Integrity/Viking Fund will be effective only after notification to the Distributor that the investment qualifies for a discount. It is the responsibility of the dealer of record and/or the investor to advise the Distributor about the LOI when placing purchase orders during the LOI period. Any purchases you made within 90 days before you filed your LOI may also qualify for a retroactive reduction in the sales charge. Accumulated holdings (as described in the discussion above entitled "Cumulative quantity discount") eligible to be aggregated as of the day immediately before the LOI period may be credited towards satisfying the LOI. If you file your LOI with a Fund before a change in the Fund's sales charge, you may complete your LOI at the lower of the new sales charge or the sales charge in effect when the LOI was filed.

Your holdings in the Integrity/Viking Funds acquired more than 90 days before you filed your LOI will be counted towards the completion of the LOI, but they will not be entitled to a retroactive reduction in the sales charge. Any redemptions you make during the 13-month period will be subtracted from the amount of the purchases for purposes of determining whether the terms of the LOI have been completed.

If the terms of your LOI are met, the reserved shares will be deposited to an account in your name or delivered to you as you direct. If the amount of your total purchases (including reinvested dividends), less redemptions, is more than the amount specified in your LOI and is an amount that would qualify for a further sales charge reduction, a retroactive price adjustment will be made by the Distributor and the securities dealer through whom purchases were made. The price adjustment will be made on purchases made within 90 days before and on those made after you filed your LOI and will be applied towards the

purchase of additional shares at the offering price applicable to a single purchase on the dollar amount of the total purchases.

If the amount of your total purchases (including reinvested dividends), less redemptions, is less than the amount specified in your LOI, the sales charge will be adjusted upward, depending on the actual amount purchased (including reinvested dividends and less redemptions) during the period. You will need to send the Distributor an amount equal to the difference in the actual dollar amount of sales charge paid and the amount of sales charge that would have applied to the total purchases if the total of the purchases had been made at one time. Upon payment of this amount, the reserved shares held for your account will be deposited to an account in your name or delivered to you or as you direct. If within 20 days after written request the difference in sales charge is not paid, an appropriate number of reserved shares will be redeemed to realize the difference. If you redeem the total amount in your account before you fulfill your LOI, the additional sales charge due will be deducted from the sale proceeds and the balance will be forwarded to you.

For LOIs filed on behalf of retirement plans, the level and any reduction in sales charge for these plans will be based on actual plan participation and the projected investments in the Integrity/Viking Funds under the LOI. These plans are not subject to the requirement to reserve 5% of the total intended purchase or to the policy on upward adjustments in sales charges described above, or to any penalty as a result of the early termination of a plan, nor are these plans entitled to receive retroactive adjustments in price for investments made before executing the LOI.

## **Group purchases – Class A Shares**

If you are a member of a qualified group, you may buy Class A shares at a reduced sales charge that applies to the group as a whole. The sales charge is based on the combined dollar value of the group members' existing investments, plus the amount of the current purchase.

A qualified group is one that:

- was formed at least six months ago
- has a purpose other than buying fund shares at a discount
- has more than five members
- can arrange for meetings between the Distributor's representatives and group members
- agrees to include the Fund's sales and other materials in publications and mailings to its members at reduced or no cost to the Distributor

## Sales charge waivers for certain investors—Class A Shares

Class A shares may be purchased without an initial sales charge by various individuals and institutions, including:

• current and former registered representatives and employees, including their immediate families, of broker-dealers having selling group agreements with Integrity Funds Distributor or any trust, pension, profit-sharing, or other benefit plan for such persons (immediate family is defined to include the individual, his/her spouse, and their children, their parents, and their siblings);

- current and former employees (including their spouses and dependent children) of banks and other financial services firms that provide advisory, custody, or administrative services related to the Fund pursuant to an agreement with the Fund, Corridor or one of its affiliates, or any trust, pension, profit-sharing, or other benefit plan for such persons;
- individuals and institutions purchasing shares in connection with the acquisition of the assets of or merger or consolidation with another investment company;
- investors purchasing through certain asset- or transaction-fee based investment advisers, brokerdealers, bank trust departments, and other financial services firms;
- 401(k), 403(b), 457, profit-sharing, and defined benefit plans; excluded from this waiver are SEPs, SARSEPs, and SIMPLE IRAs; and
- foundations and endowments, provided the foundation or endowment has assets of \$1 million or more.

The elimination of the up-front sales charge for certain individuals and institutions is provided because of anticipated economies of scale and reduced sales-related efforts.

A Fund must be notified in advance that you believe your investment qualifies for a sales charge reduction or waiver. The Funds make available, free of charge, more information about sales charge reductions and waivers through the Trust's website at www.integrityvikingfunds.com, from the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus, or from your financial adviser.

# **Dealer compensation**

The Distributor or one or more of its affiliates, at their own expense, currently provide additional compensation to certain investment dealers that sell shares of the Integrity/Viking Funds. The level of payments made to a particular dealer in any given year will vary. A number of factors, as enumerated in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus, will be considered in determining the level of payments. The Distributor makes these payments to help defray marketing and distribution costs incurred by particular dealers in connection with the sale of Integrity/Viking Funds, including costs associated with educating a firm's financial advisors about the features and benefits of the Integrity/Viking Funds. The Distributor will, on a regular basis, determine the advisability of continuing these payments. Additionally, the Distributor or one or more of its affiliates may also directly sponsor various meetings that facilitate educating financial advisors and shareholders about the Integrity/Viking Funds.

In fiscal year 2017, the Distributor expects that it will pay additional compensation to the following dealers:

Ameriprise Financial, Inc. J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp. MSCS Financial Services, LLC National Financial Services, LLC Pershing LLC UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Investors may wish to take intermediary payment arrangements into account when considering and evaluating any recommendations relating to Fund shares.

## **Monthomatic Investment Plan**

A shareholder may purchase additional Fund shares through a monthomatic investment plan (minimum initial investment is \$50). With the monthomatic investment plan, monthly investments (minimum \$50) are made automatically from the shareholder's account at a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union into the shareholder's Fund account. By enrolling in the monthomatic investment plan, the shareholder authorizes the Fund and its agents to either draw checks or initiate Automated Clearing House debits against the designated account at a bank or other financial institution. Such account must have check or draft writing privileges. A shareholder may terminate the monthomatic investment plan by sending written notice to the Transfer Agent. See "Automatic Investment Plan—the Monthomatic Investment Plan" in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus for additional information.

# **Exchange privilege and Share Class Conversions**

As described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus under "How To Buy Fund Shares—Exchanging Shares," each Fund offers an exchange privilege. The exchange privilege permits a Class A shareholder in a Fund to exchange Class A shares between any Integrity/Viking Fund with an up front sales charge structure without paying any additional sales charges. Exchange purchases are subject to eligibility requirements as well as the minimum investment requirements of the fund purchased. Exchange redemptions and purchases are processed simultaneously at the share prices next determined after the exchange order is received.

As described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus under "How To Buy Fund Shares—Share Class Conversions," shares of certain classes of a Fund may be converted into shares of certain other classes of the same Fund, provided that you are eligible to buy the new share class. Investors who hold Fund shares through a financial intermediary that does not have an agreement to make certain share classes of the Funds available or that cannot systematically support the conversion may not be eligible to convert their shares. Furthermore, your financial intermediary may have discretion to effect a conversion on your behalf. Consult with your financial intermediary for details.

In general, the conversion of shares of one class of a Fund for shares of another class of the same Fund is not considered a taxable event for federal income tax purposes. Any CDSC associated with the shares being converted will be assessed immediately prior to the conversion into shares of the new share class. Shares redeemed to pay the CDSC would be considered a taxable redemption. Please consult your own tax advisor for further information.

The exchange privilege and conversion right may be changed or discontinued upon sixty days' written notice to shareholders and are available only to shareholders where such exchanges or conversions may be legally made. A shareholder considering an exchange or conversion should obtain and read the prospectus of the applicable Integrity/Viking Fund and consider the differences between it and the fund whose shares he owns or class of shares he owns, as applicable, before making an exchange or conversion. For further information on how to exercise the exchange privilege or to effect conversions, contact the Transfer Agent.

## Systematic withdrawal plan

The systematic withdrawal plan allows you to sell your shares and receive regular payments from your account on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis. The value of your account must be at least \$5,000. There are no service charges for establishing or maintaining a systematic withdrawal plan.

Payments under the plan will be made from the redemption of an equivalent amount of shares in your account, on the 5th or 20th day of the month in which a payment is scheduled. If the 5th or 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the redemption will be processed on the next business day. When you sell your shares under a systematic withdrawal plan, it is a taxable transaction.

To avoid paying sales charges on money you plan to withdraw within a short period of time, you may not want to set up a systematic withdrawal plan if you plan to buy shares on a regular basis.

Redeeming shares through a systematic withdrawal plan may reduce or exhaust the shares in your account. This is especially likely to occur if there is a market decline. If a withdrawal amount exceeds the value of your account, your account will be closed and the remaining balance in your account will be sent to you.

You may discontinue a systematic withdrawal plan or change the amount and schedule of withdrawal payments by notifying the Funds by mail or by phone at least seven business days before the end of the month preceding a scheduled payment. The Funds may discontinue a systematic withdrawal plan by notifying you in writing and will automatically discontinue a systematic withdrawal plan if all shares in your account are withdrawn or if the Fund receives notification of the shareholder's death or incapacity.

## **Share certificates**

Shares will be credited to your Fund account. Share certificates will no longer be issued. This eliminates the costly problem of replacing lost, stolen, or destroyed certificates. If a certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, the holder may have to pay an insurance premium to replace it.

Any outstanding share certificates must be returned to the Fund if you want to sell or exchange those shares or if you would like to start a systematic withdrawal plan. The certificates should be properly endorsed. You can do this either by signing the back of the certificate or by completing a share assignment form. For your protection, you may prefer to complete a share assignment form and to send the certificate and assignment form in separate envelopes.

#### **General information**

Distribution or redemption checks sent to you do not earn interest or any other income during the time the checks remain uncashed. Neither the Funds nor their affiliates will be liable for any loss caused by your failure to cash such checks. The Funds are not responsible for tracking down uncashed checks, unless a check is returned as undeliverable.

In most cases, if mail is returned as undeliverable, the Funds are required to take certain steps to try to find you free of charge. If these attempts are unsuccessful, however, the costs of any additional efforts to find you may be deducted from your account. These costs may include a percentage of the account when a search company charges a percentage fee in exchange for its location services.

The wiring of redemption proceeds is a special service that is made available whenever possible. By offering this service to you, the Funds are not bound to meet any redemption request in less than the seven day period prescribed by law. Neither the Funds nor their agents shall be liable to you or any other person if, for any reason, a redemption request by wire is not processed as described in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus.

Integrity Fund Services may pay certain financial institutions that maintain omnibus accounts with the Funds on behalf of numerous beneficial owners for recordkeeping operations performed with respect to such owners. For each beneficial owner in the omnibus account, a Fund may reimburse Integrity Fund Services an amount not to exceed the per account fee that the Fund normally pays Integrity Fund Services for shareholder services. These financial institutions may also charge a fee for their services directly to their clients.

If you buy or sell shares through your securities dealer, we use the net asset value next calculated after your securities dealer receives your request, which should be promptly transmitted to the Fund. If you sell shares through your securities dealer, it is your dealer's responsibility to transmit the order to the Fund in a timely fashion. Any loss to you resulting from your dealer's failure to transmit your redemption order to the Fund in a timely fashion must be settled between you and your securities dealer.

In the event of disputes involving multiple claims of ownership or authority to control your account, each Fund has the right (but has no obligation) to: (a) freeze the account and require the written agreement of all persons deemed by the Fund to have a potential property interest in the account, before executing instructions regarding the account; (b) interplead disputed funds or accounts with a court of competent jurisdiction; or (c) surrender ownership of all or a portion of the account to the IRS in response to a notice of levy.

#### PRICING SHARES

When you buy shares, you pay the offering price. The offering price for Class A shares is the NAV per share, plus any applicable sales charge. NAV per share is calculated to two decimal places using standard rounding criteria. When you sell shares, you receive the NAV of the shares redeemed.

The value of a mutual fund is determined by deducting the fund's liabilities from the total assets of the portfolio. The NAV per share is determined by dividing the NAV of the fund by the number of shares outstanding.

The Funds calculate the NAV per share each business day at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (normally 3:00 p.m. Central Time). The Funds do not calculate the NAV on days the NYSE is closed for trading.

Fixed-income securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the mean between the quoted bid and ask prices. Short-term securities with remaining maturities of less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost or at original cost plus accrued interest. To the extent a Fund invests in open-end management investment companies, such Fund's NAV will be calculated based upon the NAVs of the registered open-end investment companies (other than ETFs, which are valued at their current market value) in which the Fund invests; the prospectuses for these companies would explain the circumstances under which those companies will use fair value pricing and the effects of fair value pricing. Other securities, including restricted securities and other assets are valued at fair value as described below. If an event were to occur after the value of an instrument was established but before NAV per share was determined, which would likely materially change the NAV, then the instrument would be valued using fair value considerations as described below.

When market quotations are not readily available (which is usually the case for municipal securities), invalid, or unreliable, or when a significant event occurs, Integrity Fund Services establishes the fair market value pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees under the ultimate supervision of

the Board of Trustees. In establishing fair value, Integrity Fund Services considers factors such as the yields and prices of comparable municipal bonds; the type of issue, coupon, maturity, and rating; indications of value from dealers; and general market conditions. Integrity Fund Services may also use a computer based system, a "matrix system," to compare securities to determine valuations. The procedures used by Integrity Fund Services and its valuations are reviewed by the officers of the Funds under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees and periodically by the Board of Trustees. Whether a particular event is a significant event depends on whether the event is likely to affect the value of a portfolio security held by a fund. Significant events may include new developments in the securities markets or major occurrences outside of the securities markets, such as natural disasters and armed conflicts. In accordance with the fair value procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees, Integrity Fund Services is responsible for monitoring the securities markets and new developments for significant events that might require a fund to fair value its securities.

Examples of circumstances which may require further consideration to be given to whether market quotations are available, valid, or reliable, include the lack of reported trades for or infrequent sales of a portfolio security, the suspension of trading on an exchange on which a portfolio security was traded, and markets closing early. In addition, while the Funds do not generally invest in thinly traded securities, in the event that they do, such securities may be valued at fair value. Valuing securities at fair value involves greater reliance on judgment than valuation of securities based on readily available market quotations. Each Fund, when using fair value methods to price securities, may value those securities higher or lower than another mutual fund using market quotations or fair value to price the same securities. There can be no assurance that a Fund could obtain the fair value assigned to a security if it were to sell the security at approximately the time at which the Fund determines its NAV.

## The Underwriter

Prior to August 1, 2009, Viking Fund Distributors, LLC ("Viking Distributors") acted as the principal underwriter in the continuous public offering of the Funds' shares. Currently, shares of each Fund are offered on a continuous basis through Integrity Funds Distributor, located at 1 Main Street North, Minot, North Dakota 58703, which has acted as the Funds' distributor since August 2009.

Since July 31, 2009, Integrity Funds Distributor has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Corridor. Prior to July 31, 2009, Integrity Funds Distributor was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Integrity Mutual Funds, Inc. Shannon D. Radke is an officer and governor of Corridor, an officer of the Funds, and an officer and governor of Integrity Funds Distributor. Peter A. Quist is a governor and a member of Corridor and an officer of the Funds. Robert E. Walstad is a governor of Corridor and a Trustee and Chairman of the Funds. Adam C. Forthun and Brent M. Wheeler are Officers of the Funds. See "Trustees and Officers" above. Mr. Radke, Mr. Walstad, Mr. Quist, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Forthun are each members of Corridor and, accordingly, may indirectly benefit from the payment of 12b-1 fees described below under "Distribution and service (12b-1 fees)" (with respect to Class A shares) or brokerage commissions by the Funds to the Distributor.

Pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with each Fund, Integrity Funds Distributor serves as principal underwriter and distributor of the Funds. Pursuant to this agreement, Integrity Funds Distributor purchases shares of the Funds for resale to the public, either directly or through securities brokers, dealers, banks, or other agents, and is obligated to purchase only those shares for which it has received purchase orders. Integrity Funds Distributor has agreed to use its best efforts to solicit orders for the sale of the Funds' shares. Integrity Funds Distributor receives for its services the applicable sales charge of a Fund's Class A shares, and reallows a majority or all of such amount to the dealers who sold the shares;

Integrity Funds Distributor may act as such a dealer. The staff of the SEC takes the position that dealers who receive 90% or more of the applicable sales charge may be deemed underwriters under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The table below shows the aggregate dollar amount of underwriting commissions Integrity Funds Distributor received in connection with the offering of the Funds' Class A shares and the net underwriting discounts and commissions Integrity Funds Distributor retained after allowances to dealers for the fiscal years ended July 31, 2016, July 31, 2015, and July 31, 2014.

	Aggregate Underwriting Commissions (\$)	Amount Retained by Integrity Funds Distributor (\$)
2016		
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$96,519	\$15,809
Maine Municipal Fund	\$45,331	\$6,307
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$101,374	\$18,149
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	\$24,166	\$1,267
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$118,910	\$20,198
2015		
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$93,558	\$22,212
Maine Municipal Fund	\$15,864	\$3,296
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$81,661	\$17,763
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	\$17,700	\$2,801
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$127,446	\$24,014
2014		
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$65,371	\$14,272
Maine Municipal Fund	\$21,798	\$6,102
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$42,027	\$10,571
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	\$6,522	\$1,315
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$87,914	\$20,387

Integrity Funds Distributor may be entitled to compensation under the Rule 12b-1 plan, as discussed below. Except as noted, Integrity Funds Distributor receives no other compensation from the Funds for acting as underwriter.

# Compensation

The following table sets forth the amount of underwriting commissions, brokerage commissions, compensation on redemptions, and any other compensation received by Integrity Funds Distributor from the respective Fund indicated below (with respect to Class A shares) during the most recent fiscal year.

	Net Underwriting Discounts and	Compensation on Redemptions and Repurchases	Brokerage Commissions	Other Compensation <sup>(1)</sup>
	Commissions			
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$15,809	\$0	\$0	\$119,445
Maine Municipal Fund	\$6,307	\$0	\$0	\$33,761
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$18,149	\$0	\$0	\$85,467

New Hampshire Municipal	\$1,267	\$0	\$0	\$7,172
Fund				
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$20,198	\$0	\$0	\$88,069

<sup>(1)</sup> Integrity Funds Distributor received this amount under the 12b-1 plan of the respective Fund.

## Distribution and service (12b-1) fees

The Funds have adopted a distribution and service plan dated July 31, 2009 with respect to each Fund (the "Plan"), in accordance with the requirements of Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act and the requirements of the applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) regarding asset-based sales charges.

Pursuant to the Plan, each Fund may compensate Integrity Funds Distributor for its expenditures in financing any activity primarily intended to result in the sale of Fund shares and for maintenance and personal service provided to existing shareholders. The Plan authorizes payments to Integrity Funds Distributor of up to 0.25% annually of the average daily net assets of Class A shares of the Funds. All distribution expenses over this amount will be borne by those who have incurred them.

#### The Plan

The Plan provides for periodic payments by Integrity Funds Distributor to brokers, dealers and other financial intermediaries for providing shareholder services and for promotional and other sales related costs. Expenditures under the Plan may also include, among others, a prorated portion of Integrity Funds Distributor's overhead expenses; the expenses of printing prospectuses and reports used for sales purposes; and preparing and distributing sales literature and advertisements. The portion of payments by a Fund for shareholder servicing may not exceed an annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net asset value of the Fund's Class A shares owned by clients of such broker, dealer or financial intermediary.

The fee is an expense. This means that all Class A shareholders, regardless of when they purchased their shares, will bear Rule 12b-1 expenses at the same rate. The fees shall be payable regardless of whether those fees exceed or are less than the actual expenses incurred by Integrity Funds Distributor with respect to each Fund in a particular year.

The Plan has been approved in accordance with the provisions of Rule 12b-1. The Plan is renewable annually by a vote of the Board, including a majority vote of the Board members who are not interested persons of the Fund and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plan, cast in person at a meeting called for that purpose. It is also required that the selection and nomination of such Board members be done by the noninterested members of the Funds' Board. The Plan may be terminated at any time by vote of a majority of the noninterested Board members or by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

The Plan may not be amended to increase materially the amount to be spent for distribution expenses without approval by a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund, and all material amendments to the Plan shall be approved by a vote of the noninterested Board members, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on any such amendment.

Integrity Funds Distributor is required to report in writing to the Board at least quarterly on the amounts and purpose of any payment made under the Plan.

## **Expenditures**

For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016, Integrity Funds Distributor's expenditures pursuant to the Plan were:

	Integrity Funds Distributor's Eligible Expenses (\$)
Kansas Municipal Fund	
Advertising and promotion	\$1,431
Compensation to dealers (including commission and service fees)	87,804
Compensation to sales personnel and payroll taxes	91,093
Distribution-related overhead	20,937
Maine Municipal Fund	
Advertising and promotion	\$461
Compensation to dealers (including commission and service fees)	29,689
Compensation to sales personnel and payroll taxes	29,018
Distribution-related overhead	6,644
Nebraska Municipal Fund	
Advertising and promotion	\$1,070
Compensation to dealers (including commission and service fees)	61,479
Compensation to sales personnel and payroll taxes	67,366
Distribution-related overhead	15,432
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	
Advertising and promotion	\$132
Compensation to dealers (including commission and service fees)	20,073
Compensation to sales personnel and payroll taxes	8,215
Distribution-related overhead	1,868
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	
Advertising and promotion	\$1,076
Compensation to dealers (including commission and service fees)	73,895
Compensation to sales personnel and payroll taxes	68,526
Distribution-related overhead	15,760

The amount absorbed by Integrity Funds Distributor (i.e. the difference between 12b-1 fees paid by the Funds and Plan expenses incurred by the Distributor) are set forth below. Negative amounts represent unreimbursed expenses, that is, expenses that qualified for the Plan but that were paid by Integrity Funds Distributor.

	Absorbed by Integrity Funds
	Distributor
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$(81,820)
Maine Municipal Fund	\$(32,051)
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$(59,880)
New Hampshire Municipal Fund	\$(23,116)
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$(71,188)

As of July 31, 2016, the following unreimbursed Plan expenses had been incurred by Integrity Funds Distributor in a previous year and carried over to future years:

Percentage	of	F	und	Ne	t
A					

	Dollar Amount	Assets	
Kansas Municipal Fund	\$(527,995)	0.87%	
Maine Municipal Fund	\$(29,543)	0.15%	
Nebraska Municipal Fund	\$(899,986)	1.95%	
New Hampshire Municipal	\$(29,976)	0.44%	
Fund			
Oklahoma Municipal Fund	\$(1,120,147)	2.43%	

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Each Fund will adopt the financial statements and financial history of the corresponding series of Integrity Managed Portfolios upon the consummation of the applicable Reorganization. The audited financial statements of the series of Integrity Managed Portfolios for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2016 appear in their annual report, and are incorporated herein by reference. The annual report is available without charge by calling 800-276-1262.

#### DESCRIPTION OF BOND RATINGS

The following descriptions of ratings are based on information publicly available from Moody's, S&P and Fitch.

## **Description of Bond Ratings**

## **Moody's Long-Term Obligation Ratings**

- **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 category 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. Additionally, a "(hyb)" indicator is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms.\*

\* By their terms, hybrid securities allow for the omission of scheduled dividends, interest, or principal payments, which can potentially result in impairment if such a omission occurs. Hybrid securities may also be subject to contractually allowable write-downs of principal that could result in impairment. Together with the hybrid indicator, the long-term obligation rating assigned to a hybrid security is an expression of the relative credit risk associated with that security.

# **S&P Long-Term Issue Ratings**

CC

AAA	An obligation rated AAA has the highest rating assigned by S&P. The obligor's capacity
	to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA An obligation rated AA differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

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

An obligation rated BBB exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

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

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

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

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

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 expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

 $\mathbf{C}$ 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 to

obligations that are rated higher.

An obligation rated D is in default or breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid D capital instruments, the D rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P 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.

NR: This indicates that no rating has been requested, or that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of

policy.

**Highest credit quality** 

quality

The ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) Plus (+) or

sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories. Minus (-)

# Fitch's Long-Term Ratings for Structured, Project and Public Finance Obligations

AAA: 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of default 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: 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very Very high credit

strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not

significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment A:

High credit quality 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: 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low. The Good credit quality

capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this

capacity.

BB: 'BB' ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in **Speculative** 

the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time.

B: 'B' ratings indicate that material default risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, Highly speculative

capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business

and economic environment.

CCC:

Default is a real possibility. Substantial credit risk

Very high levels of Default of some kind appears probable.

credit risk

C: Exceptionally high

levels of credit risk

Default appears imminent or inevitable.

D: Default Indicates a default. Default generally is defined as one of the following:

- failure to make payment of principal and/or interest under the contractual terms of the rated obligation;
- bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other winding-up or cessation of the business of an issuer/obligor; or
- distressed exchange of an obligation, where creditors were offered securities with diminished structural or economic terms compared with the existing obligation to avoid a probable payment default.

# **Description of Municipal Short-Term Ratings**

# **Moody's Municipal Short-Term Obligation Ratings**

- 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.

## **S&P's Municipal Note Ratings**

- **SP-1** 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** Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.
- **SP-3** Speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

# Fitch's Short-Term Ratings Assigned to Issuers or Obligations in Corporate, Public and Structured Finance

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

F2:

Good short-term credit quality

Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

F3:

Fair short-term credit

quality

The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is

adequate.

B:

Speculative short-term heighten

credit quality

Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near-term adverse changes in financial and

economic conditions.

C:

High short-term default

risk

D:

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.

Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a short-

**Default** term obligation.

#### PROXY VOTING

Information on how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during each 12-month period ended June 30 will be available by August 31 of the same year without charge, upon request, by calling 800-276-1262, on the Trust's Internet site at www.integrityvikingfunds.com, and on the SEC's Internet site at www.sec.gov.

To the extent a Fund invests in any voting securities, the Board of Trustees has delegated to the Investment Adviser the final authority and responsibility for voting proxies with respect to each Fund's underlying securities holdings. In the event a Fund were to receive a proxy, the Investment Adviser may follow proxy voting guidelines developed by an independent third party such as Glass, Lewis & Co. The Trustees will review each Fund's proxy voting records from time to time and will annually consider revising its proxy voting policy.

The Investment Adviser may abstain from voting from time to time where it determines that the costs associated with voting a proxy outweigh the benefits derived from exercising the right to vote. The Investment Adviser will monitor situations that may result in a potential conflict of interest, in particular between a Fund's shareholders and Investment Adviser or any of its affiliates or an affiliate of the Funds. If any such conflict is discovered, the issue will be examined in detail by the Investment Adviser and in such circumstances, the Investment Adviser generally will refrain from voting the proxies giving rise to conflict, until the Trustees, after consultation, instruct on an appropriate course of action to vote the proxies in the best interest of the relevant Fund.

#### APPENDIX A—FACTORS PERTAINING TO STATES AND U.S. TERRITORIES

The information regarding states and U.S. territories was obtained from official statements of issuers located in the respective states and U.S. territories as well as from other publicly available official documents and statements. The Funds have not independently verified any of the information contained in such statements and documents. The information below is intended only as a general summary and is not intended as a discussion of any specific factor that may affect any particular obligation or issuer. While the following summarizes certain information currently available from the above sources, it does not reflect economic conditions or developments that may have occurred or trends that may have materialized since the dates indicated. Additionally, many factors including national economic, social and environmental policies and conditions, which are not within the control of issuers of municipal securities, could affect or could have an adverse impact on the financial condition of a state and its various agencies and political subdivisions or U.S. territories and possessions. Viking Management is unable to predict whether or to what extent such factors or other factors may affect issuers of municipal securities in which a Fund invests, the market value or marketability of these municipal securities or the ability of the respective issuers of the municipal securities acquired by a Fund to pay interest on or principal of the municipal securities.

# **Factors Pertaining to Kansas**

Since the Kansas Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in Kansas municipal securities, the Kansas Fund is susceptible to political, economic or regulatory factors affecting issuers of Kansas municipal obligations.

The State government is comprised of three branches: the Executive Branch, with the Governor as chief executive; the Legislative Branch, consisting of a Senate of 40 members and a House of Representatives of 125 members; and the Judicial Branch, which includes the Supreme Court, the Appeals Court and the District Trial Courts. The annual budget serves as the foundation of the State's financial planning and control. On or before October 1 of even-numbered years, agencies are required to submit biennial budget estimates for the next two fiscal years to the Division of Budget. These estimates are used in preparing the Governor's budget report. On or before the eighth calendar day of each regular legislative session, the Governor is required to submit the budget report to the Legislature. However, in the case of the regular legislative session immediately following the election of a governor who was elected to the Office of Governor for the first time, that governor must submit the budget report to the Legislature on or before the 21st calendar day of that regular session.

The Kansas economy has improved in fiscal year 2015. The Kansas Department of Labor reports Kansas gained 12,800 non-farm jobs over the last year, a .9 percent increase. Kansas has gained 12,700 private sector jobs since June 2014, a 1.1 percent increase. The unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in June 2015, compared to 4.8 percent in June 2014. There were 81,504 continued unemployment claims in June, 2015, down from 81,790 in June, 2014.

The combined net position of the State (government and business-type activities) totaled \$9.75 billion at the end of 2015, compared to \$11.85 billion at the end of the previous year, a decrease of 17.8 percent. The largest portion of net position reflects investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure (roads, bridges, and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The State uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Differences existed between the original budget and the final budget. Revenue estimates were decreased by approximately \$30.2 million and expenditure estimates were decreased by approximately \$39.7 million. The original estimates provided for revenues less than expenditures of \$401.6 million. The final budget provided for \$392.1 million of revenues less than expenditures. Subsequently, fiscal year 2015 was closed with revenues less than expenditures of \$381.9 million.

For fiscal year 2015, the governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$0.9 billion, a decrease of \$193.7 million in comparison with the prior year. Of the total amount, \$512.0 million represents the fund balance of the Non-Major Governmental funds. The General Fund reported an unassigned fund balance for fiscal year 2015 of a negative \$285.0 million, as compared to the prior year unassigned balance of a negative \$5.4 million.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the State. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was a negative \$285.0 million, while the total fund balance was a negative \$279.7 million. During fiscal year 2015, the State experienced increased revenue in income, inheritance, sales and excise taxes. During the 2012 Legislative Session, House Bill 2117 was passed and signed into law. This Bill contained a number of provisions (most of which become effective January 1, 2013) which affect Kansas income tax. The cash and investment balance is approximately \$331 million lower in fiscal year 2015 than it was in fiscal year 2014.

Kansas Development Finance Authority (KDFA) is a public body politic and corporate, constituting an independent instrumentality of the State. It was created to enhance the ability of the State to finance capital improvements and improve access to long-term financing for State agencies, political subdivisions, public and private organizations, and businesses. The total long-term debt obligations increased by \$2.2 billion during the current fiscal year. The key factor in this increase was the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68 and 71 which recorded a \$1.8 billion net pension liability.

The State's total long-term debt obligation (including bonds payable on demand) showed a net increase of \$2.2 billion (56.6%) during the current year. This net increase was primarily due to the implementation of GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date which increased long-term obligations by \$1.8 billion, a \$565.4 million increase in revenue bonds and the removal of Sales tax obligation bonds of \$105 million.

The above information provided is only a brief summary of the complex factors affecting the financial situation in Kansas and is derived from sources that are generally available to investors and are believed to be accurate. No independent verification has been made of the accuracy or completeness of any of the preceding information. It is based in part on information obtained from various state and local agencies in Kansas or contained in Official Statements for various Kansas municipal obligations.

#### **Factors pertaining to Maine**

Since the Maine Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in Maine municipal securities, the Maine Fund is susceptible to political, economic or regulatory factors affecting issuers of Maine municipal obligations.

The Maine economy showed continued signs of gradual improvement since the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission (CEFC) met in March 2015. Maine's real GDP increased from 2013-2014, the

second year in a row of GDP growth. Personal income in Maine grew 2.7 percent from 2014 to 2015, while wage and salary income, which is the largest component of total personal income, grew 1.8 percent over the same period. The Consumer Price Index was unchanged in September 2015 from a year ago, driven by declines in energy prices.

For the 2015 fiscal year, the final legally adopted budgeted expenditures for the General Fund amounted to \$3.3 billion, an increase of about \$62.1 million from the original legally adopted budget of approximately \$3.2 billion. Actual expenditures on a budgetary basis amounted to approximately \$96.7 million less than those authorized in the final budget. After deducting the encumbered obligations and other commitments that will come due in fiscal year 2015, including the budgeted starting balance for Fiscal Year 2015, there were funds remaining of \$33.5 million to distribute in Fiscal Year 2015. Actual revenues exceeded final budget forecasts by \$38.5 million.

When issuing General Obligation Bonds, the State of Maine pledges its full faith and credit to repay the financial obligation. Unless certain tax revenue streams are specifically restricted, states typically pledge all of their tax-raising powers to secure the obligations. The major bond rating agencies regularly assess the capacity and willingness of the State to repay its general obligation debt. Moody's and S&P make their assessments, in large part, by examining four basic analytical areas: economy; financial performance and flexibility; debt burden; and administration. The economic base is the most critical element in determining the rating. Growth and diversity in the demographics, tax base, and employment base of the State over the last decade are indicators of future growth prospects and debt repayment capabilities. Generally, states with higher income levels and diverse economic bases have superior debt repayment capabilities and are better protected from sudden shocks or unexpected volatility in the economy. Because a strong economy does not always ensure a state's ability to meet debt payments, the state's financial management and performance are also key factors.

Financial analysis involves several factors, including: accounting and reporting methods; revenue and expenditure patterns; annual operating and budgetary performance; leverage and equity positions; budget and financial planning; and contingency obligations. These factors present a clear indication of the financial strengths and weaknesses of the State. The rating agencies' analyses of these factors provide the framework for judging Maine's capacity to manage economic, political, and financial uncertainties.

At year-end, the State had \$1.7 billion in general obligation and other long-term debt outstanding. During the year, the State reduced outstanding long-term obligations by \$82.1 million for outstanding general obligation bonds and \$383.8 million for other long-term debt. Also during fiscal year 2015, the State incurred \$501.4 million of additional long-term obligations.

The State's credit was rated during fiscal year 2015 by Moody's as Aa2 with a stable outlook and by S&P as AA with a stable outlook. Any explanation concerning the significance of such ratings must be obtained from the rating agencies. There is no assurance that any ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn. There can be no assurances that such ratings will be maintained in the future. It should be noted that the creditworthiness of obligations issued by local Maine issuers may be unrelated to the creditworthiness of obligations issued by the State of Maine, and there is no obligation on the part of the State to make payment on such local obligations in the event of default.

The above information provided is only a brief summary of the complex factors affecting the financial situation in Maine and is derived from sources that are generally available to investors and are believed to be accurate. No independent verification has been made of the accuracy or completeness of any of the preceding information. It is based in part on information obtained from various state and local agencies in Maine or contained in Official Statements for various Maine municipal obligations.

## **Factors pertaining to Nebraska**

Since the Nebraska Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in Nebraska municipal securities, the Nebraska Fund is susceptible to political, economic or regulatory factors affecting issuers of Nebraska municipal obligations.

The State was admitted to the Union as the thirty-seventh state in 1867. Nebraska's government is divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. Nebraska is the only state with a Unicameral Legislature, which has 49 members elected on a non-partisan ballot. The chief executive is the governor, who is elected for a four-year term. Within the executive branch are various departments and agencies that perform a variety of functions. Since Nebraska's Constitution generally allows no indebtedness, government expenses of such departments and agencies must be met on a pay-as-you-go basis. The State provides a full range of services including: the construction and maintenance of highways and infrastructure, education, social and health services, public safety, conservation of natural resources, economic development, and recreation facilities and development.

Budgetary control of State expenditures is maintained chiefly by three processes. First, a budget is required to be adopted through passage of appropriation bills by the Legislature. Second, the appropriated funds are allocated by program and fund type and are controlled by the executive branch through an allotment process. The Legislature may also enact a supplemental appropriation bill and other appropriation bills as it deems necessary. Finally, the State's accounting system checks each expenditure to ensure the appropriation and allotment are not exceeded.

The General Fund operations of the State are almost entirely dependent upon the income and sales taxes the State receives each year. Such taxes represent 95 percent of all General Fund revenues. Net revenue from income taxes and sales taxes from all funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 increased \$239 million from the prior year, indicating that the Nebraska economy continues to strengthen.

Long-term liabilities shown on the government-wide financial statements totaled \$718 million at June 30, 2015, which is a \$218 million decrease from the prior year, primarily due to a decrease in net accrued pension liability realized as a result of adopting Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68. The remaining liabilities consist of claims payable for workers' compensation, medical excess liability, litigation, unemployment insurance, employee health insurance, and Medicaid, in addition to the calculated amount for accrued vacation and vested sick leave due to employees when they retire.

The focus of the State's Governmental Funds is to provide information on near-term inflows and outflows and the availability of spendable resources. At June 30, 2015, the State's Governmental Funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$3,975 million. Of this amount, \$552 million is nonspendable, either due to its form or legal constraints, and \$1,931 million is restricted for specific programs by external constraints, constitutional provisions, or contractual obligations. Revenue restricted by enabling legislation, and public school land lease revenues are included in restricted fund balance. An additional \$827 million of total fund balance has been committed to specific purposes. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless approved by the Legislature. An additional \$50 million of total fund balance has been assigned to specific purposes, as expressed by legislative intent. The remaining \$615 million is unassigned and available for appropriations.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the State. The major General Fund liability is the estimated tax refunds payable of \$370 million. However, such refunds payable are \$44 million less than the expected taxes owed the State. Other assets of the General Fund available to pay non tax-refund liabilities exceed such liabilities by \$1,339 million.

Article XIII of the State's Constitution prohibits the State from incurring debt in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. However, there is a provision in the State's Constitution that permits the issuance of revenue bonds for: (1) construction of highways; and (2) construction of water conservation and management structures. At June 30, 2015, there was no outstanding debt for either of these purposes.

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## **Factors pertaining to New Hampshire**

Since the New Hampshire Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in New Hampshire municipal securities, the New Hampshire Fund is susceptible to political, economic or regulatory factors affecting issuers of New Hampshire municipal obligations.

As of the end of fiscal year 2015, data indicates that the State has experienced a higher growth rate than the national growth rate over the four year period (2010-2014). Partly due to the higher (comparative) growth of prior years, gross State Product for New Hampshire is currently forecasted to be below the growth rates both regionally and nationally over the next five years.

As of the close of fiscal year 2015, the State's governmental funds reported a combined balance of all funds of \$570.7 million, an increase of \$26.8 million over the prior year. Within the governmental funds, fund balances for the general fund and the combined non-major governmental funds increased by \$38.8 million and \$24.2 million, respectively. This increase was partially offset by a decrease of fund balance of \$35.4 million in the highway fund. The increase in the general fund was driven by a \$40.1 million increase in unassigned fund balance, as the year ended with an unassigned fund balance of \$71.3 million (including revenue stabilization balance of \$22.3 million).

The State budget is prepared on a biennial basis. Prior to the start of each biennium, all departments of the state are required by law to transmit to the commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services requests for capital and operating expenses and estimates for revenue for the ensuing biennium. Following public hearings and consultation with various department heads, the Governor prepares a recommended budget. The budget is forwarded to the Legislature by February 15th of the odd year for consideration. The Legislature performs its review of the proposed budget and can make further adjustments. The budget passed by the Legislature is forwarded to the Governor to be enacted into law or to be vetoed. This usually occurs in June of that same odd numbered year.

The State's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of June 30, 2015, amounted to \$6.8 billion, with accumulated depreciation amounts of \$3.1 billion, leaving a net book value of \$3.7 billion, consistent with the prior year. The investment in capital assets includes equipment, real property, infrastructure, computer software, and construction in progress. Infrastructure assets are items that are normally immovable, of value only to the State, and include only roads and bridges. The net book value of the State's infrastructure for its roads and bridges approximates \$2.2 billion, representing a \$0.1 billion increase from the prior year.

The State may issue general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and notes in anticipation of such bonds authorized by the Legislature and Governor and Council. The State may also directly guarantee certain authority or political subdivision obligations. At the end of the current fiscal year, the State had total bonded debt outstanding of \$1,490.5 million. Of this amount, \$906.4 million are general obligation

bonds, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the State and \$155.9 million are Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Bonds (GARVEE). The remainder of the State's bonded debt is Turnpike revenue bonds, which are secured by the specified revenue sources within the Turnpike System.

As of September 2016, all outstanding general obligation bonds of the State of New Hampshire were rated AA by S&P and Aa1 by Moody's. Any explanation concerning the significance of such ratings must be obtained from the rating agencies. There is no assurance that any ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn. There can be no assurances that such ratings will be maintained in the future. It should be noted that the creditworthiness of obligations issued by local New Hampshire issuers may be unrelated to the creditworthiness of obligations issued by the State of New Hampshire, and there is no obligation on the part of the State to make payment on such local obligations in the event of default.

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# **Factors pertaining to Oklahoma**

Since the Oklahoma Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in Oklahoma municipal securities, the Oklahoma Fund is susceptible to political, economic or regulatory factors affecting issuers of Oklahoma municipal obligations.

The Oklahoma unemployment rate was consistently lower than that for the nation between 1997 and 2014. The national unemployment rate as of June 30, 2015 is 5.0% while Oklahoma's still remains less at 4.3% for the same time period.

During 2014, the most recent data available, receipts from three of the five major taxes were more than revenues of the prior year. The taxes combined for \$4.8 billion, or 100.7 percent of total General Revenue Fund receipts for the prior year. The total of major taxes collected increased \$32 million or 0.7 percent from that of the previous year. As compared to fiscal year 2013, collections from income taxes decreased by \$174 million, or 6.9 percent; sales taxes increased by \$59 million, or 3.1 percent; motor vehicle taxes increased \$35 million, or 18.4 percent; and gross production taxes on gas and oil increased by \$112 million, or 50 percent.

The assets plus deferred outflows of resources of the state exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 by \$18.8 billion (presented as "net position"). Of this amount, \$1.9 billion was reported as "unrestricted net position". Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the state's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

The state's total net position increased by \$1.3 billion (a 7.6% increase) in fiscal year 2015 after a 5.8% increase during the previous fiscal year. Net position of governmental activities increased by \$1.3 billion (a 8.8% increase), with \$837.9 million of that attributable to a decrease in net pension liability. Net position of the business-type activities showed a decrease of \$20.2 million (a 0.9% decrease).

As of the close of fiscal year 2015, the state's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$7.3 billion, an increase of \$314.4 million in comparison with the prior year. Of this total amount, \$3.3 billion represents nonspendable fund balance, with \$76.9 million being in the General Fund.

Amounts that can be spent include \$1.6 billion of restricted fund balance, \$2.3 billion of committed fund balance, \$80.5 million of assigned fund balance, and \$96.3 million of unassigned fund balance. The portion of fund balance which is available is roughly 23.0% of the total governmental expenditures for the year.

The state's total long-term debt obligations showed a net decrease of \$1.1 billion (36.7%) in the governmental type activities and a net decrease of \$23.4 thousand (2.9%) in the business type activities during the current fiscal year. The majority of the decrease of governmental activities debt was due to an improvement in net pension liability of \$837.9 million.

The focus of the state's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the state's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the state's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$7.3 billion, an increase of \$314.4 million from the prior year. The largest portion \$3.3 billion (45.2%) of this total amount constitutes nonspendable fund balance, which includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. In addition \$1.6 billion (21.5%) of fund balance is classified as restricted meaning that the funds can only be used for specific purposes defined by enabling legislation or externally imposed limitations. Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints of the government's highest level of decision-making authority are reported as committed fund balance. Committed fund balance represents \$2.3 billion (30.8%) of total fund balance. Amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted or committed are reported as assigned fund balance. Assigned fund balance represents \$80.5 million (1.1%) of total fund balance. The remaining funds that are not classified in any of the other four categories represent unassigned fund balance. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 the state has \$96.3 million (1.3%) classified as unassigned fund balance.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the state. At the end of the current fiscal year, the total fund balance increased \$314.1 million to \$4.0 billion. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the portion of fund balance not classified as nonspendable (spendable) and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Spendable fund balance represents 23.0% of total Governmental Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 42.0% of that same amount.

General obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state, including the state's power to levy additional taxes to ensure repayment of the debt. Accordingly, all general obligation debt currently outstanding was approved by a vote of the citizens. The general obligation bonds of the state are rated "Aa2" by Moody's, "AA+" by Fitch Investors Service, and "AA+" by S&P. Any explanation concerning the significance of such ratings must be obtained from the rating agencies. There is no assurance that any ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn. There can be no assurances that such ratings will be maintained in the future. It should be noted that the creditworthiness of obligations issued by local Oklahoma issuers may be unrelated to the creditworthiness of obligations issued by the State of Oklahoma, and there is no obligation on the part of the State to make payment on such local obligations in the event of default.

The State of Oklahoma's total debt decreased by \$1.1 billion, or 36.7%, during the current fiscal year. Business-type activities' debt decreased by \$23.4 million. The decrease in long-term obligations for governmental activities was primarily related to improvement in net pension liability, while business-type activities decreased due to ordinary amortization of existing debt.

## **Factors pertaining to Guam**

Each Fund may invest in Guam municipal bonds and, therefore, may be impacted by political, economic, or regulatory developments that affect issuers in Guam and their ability to pay principal and interest on their obligations. Guam is the westernmost territory of the United States of America, approximately 3,800 miles west-southwest of Honolulu, Hawaii, 1,550 miles south-southeast of Tokyo, Japan and 1,600 miles east of Manila, Philippines. Guam's location exposes it to typhoons, earthquakes and volcanic activity. Guam's economy is largely dependent upon tourism and the United States' military presence. Risk of future cut backs in the federal defense budget and/or military realignments could negatively affect Guam's economy. The unemployment rate in Guam was 6.9% in March of 2015, which was above the national average of 5.5% during the same period but down from a fourteen year high of 14.6% in June 2013. The scheduled military buildup based upon a United States agreement with Japan to relocate a number of U.S. Marines and their dependents from Okinawa to Guam has been reduced and delayed yet is still expected to be the primary driver of Guam's growth over the mid to long term. Tourist arrivals have grown given the favorable exchange rate for Asian visitors and the relative improvement in the overall global economy. Guam has made progress to eliminate its general fund deficit in part through the use of deficit reduction bonds but will continue to face increasing financial pressure from costs relating to pensions and other post-employment benefits for government employees.

As of March 2017, all outstanding general obligation bonds of Guam were rated BB- by S&P. Any explanation concerning the significance of such ratings must be obtained from the rating agencies. There is no assurance that any ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn. There can be no assurances that such ratings will be maintained in the future. It should be noted that the creditworthiness of obligations issued by local Guam issuers may be unrelated to the creditworthiness of obligations issued by Guam, and there is no obligation on the part of the Territory to make payment on such local obligations in the event of default.

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## **Factors pertaining to Puerto Rico**

Each Fund may invest in Puerto Rico municipal bonds and, therefore, may be impacted by political, economic, or regulatory developments that affect issuers in Puerto Rico and their ability to pay principal and interest on their obligations. The island has more than \$70 billion of outstanding debt, or \$12,000 per capita in a territory with an unemployment rate more than double the national average (12.0% in Feb 2017 vs. US at 4.7%) and a 45% poverty rate. In February 2014, various American credit rating agencies downgraded the government's debt to non-investment grade.

Puerto Rico has been experiencing an economic depression for 12 consecutive years, starting in late 2005 after a series of deficits and the expiration of the Section 936 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code that applied to Puerto Rico. The government has also experienced 17 consecutive government deficits since 2000, exacerbating its fragile economic situation as the government issued new debt to fund the payment for maturing debt. Puerto Rico has defaulted on many debts, including bonds, since 2015.

On June 30, 2016 President Obama signed the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, or PROMESA, a law creating a federal oversight board that would negotiate the restructuring of Puerto Rico's debt. With the protection this bill gave from lawsuits, the governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro Garcia Padilla, suspended payments due on July 1. Initially, the oversight board created under PROMESA called for Puerto Rico's governor to deliver a fiscal turnaround plan by January 28, 2017. In late January 2017, the control board extended the deadline it gave the government to February 28 to present a fiscal plan which included negotiations with creditors for restructuring debt. A moratorium on lawsuits by debtors was extended to May 31.

As of March 2017, all outstanding general obligation bonds of Puerto Rico were rated D by S&P and Caa3 by Moody's. Any explanation concerning the significance of such ratings must be obtained from the rating agencies. There is no assurance that any ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be revised or withdrawn. There can be no assurances that such ratings will be maintained in the future. It should be noted that the creditworthiness of obligations issued by local Puerto Rico issuers may be unrelated to the creditworthiness of obligations issued by Puerto Rico, and there is no obligation on the part of the Territory to make payment on such local obligations in the event of default. The above information provided is only a brief summary of the complex factors affecting the financial situation in Puerto Rico and is derived from sources that are generally available to investors and are believed to be accurate. No independent verification has been B-A-6 made of the accuracy or completeness of any of the preceding information. It is based in part on information obtained from various agencies in Puerto Rico or contained in Official Statements for various municipal obligations of Puerto Rico.

## Factors pertaining to the U.S. Virgin Islands

Each Fund may invest in U.S. Virgin Islands municipal bonds and, therefore, may be impacted by political, economic, or regulatory developments that affect issuers in the U.S. Virgin Islands and their ability to pay principal and interest on their obligations. The U.S. Virgin Islands are the easternmost territory of the United States of America, approximately 40 miles east of Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Sea. The Virgin Islands are made up primarily of four main islands: Saint Thomas, Saint John, Saint Croix, and Water Island. There are also several dozen smaller islands and the location of the U.S. Virgin Islands exposes them to hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanic activity. The Virgin Islands' small, open economy, which is heavily dependent on tourism, rum production, and oil refining, is suffering under the weight of a trifecta of shocks that negatively impacted economic growth – the Jobs Act, the Great Recession, and the closure of HOVENSA's petroleum refinery. Most notably, the Virgin Islands' two flagship industries – tourism and oil refining which are both disproportionately affected by global economic downturns and geopolitical factors – were heavily impacted, resulting in business closures and significant job losses. The impact of the recession and the HOVENSA refinery shut-down created economic and financial contractions so severe and unprecedented from which the Virgin Islands is yet to emerge.

The U.S. Virgin Islands is facing a financial crisis due to a very high debt level of \$2 billion, or \$19,000 per capita, and a structural budget deficit of \$110 million. The government introduced a "sin tax" bill that would introduce or increase taxes on rum, beer, tobacco products and sugary drinks, as well as internet purchases and timeshare unit owners. Governor Kenneth Mapp issued an order that restricted the use of government-owned vehicles, put a freeze on non-essential hiring, suspended wage negotiations, and froze non-essential travel paid for by the Government of the Virgin Islands. He also suspended negotiated wage increases, including those ordered by the U.S. Appeals Court. The unemployment rate in the U.S. Virgin Islands was 10.5% in February 2017, which was above the national average of 4.7% during the same period.

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