

**SANFORD C. BERNSTEIN FUND, INC.**  
**-International Portfolio**  
**-Tax-Managed International Portfolio**  
**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN BLENDED STYLE FUNDS**  
**-AllianceBernstein International Portfolio**  
**-AllianceBernstein Tax-Managed International Portfolio**  
*(the "Portfolios")*

Supplement dated July 24, 2013 to the Prospectus and Summary Prospectuses dated January 31, 2013 of the Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc. offering shares of the International Portfolio and the Tax-Managed International Portfolio, and to the AllianceBernstein Blended Style Funds Prospectus and Summary Prospectuses dated January 31, 2013 offering Class A, Class B and Class C shares of the AllianceBernstein International Portfolio and the AllianceBernstein Tax-Managed International Portfolio (the "Prospectuses").

The following chart replaces the chart under the heading "Portfolio Managers" in the summary section of the Prospectuses and in the Summary Prospectuses for each Portfolio and reflects those persons responsible for day-to-day management of each Portfolio's portfolio.

| <b>Employee</b> | <b>Length of Service</b> | <b>Title</b>                         |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sharon E. Fay   | Since 2013               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Kent W. Hargis  | Since 2013               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Laurent Saltiel | Since 2012               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Karen Sesin     | Since 2011               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Kevin F. Simms  | Since 2012               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

The following chart replaces the chart under the heading "Management of the Portfolios — Portfolio Managers" in the Prospectuses with respect to each Portfolio.

| <b>Employee; Length of Service; Title</b>                         | <b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years</b>  |
|---|---|
| Sharon E. Fay; since 2013; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which she has been associated since prior to 2008. She is also Head of AllianceBernstein Equities since 2010 and Chief Investment Officer of Global Value Equities since prior to 2008.  |
| Kent W. Hargis; since 2013; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008, and Director of Quantitative Research Equities.  |
| Laurent Saltiel; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Team Leader and Senior Portfolio Manager — International Large Cap Growth and Emerging Markets Growth. Mr. Saltiel has been associated with the Manager in a similar capacity since June 2010. Prior thereto, he was associated with Janus Capital as a portfolio manager since prior to 2008.        |
| Karen Sesin; since 2011; Senior Vice President of the Manager     | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which she has been associated in a similar capacity to her current position since prior to 2008.   |
| Kevin F. Simms; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008. Mr. Simms was appointed Chief Investment Officer of International Value Equities in 2012, after having served as co-CIO since prior to 2008. |

This Supplement should be read in conjunction with the Prospectuses for the Portfolios.

You should retain this Supplement with your Prospectuses for future reference.

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# Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc. Sanford C. Bernstein Fund II, Inc.

## Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios

(Class Offered—Exchange Ticker Symbol)

- International Portfolio  
(International Class—SIMTX)
- Tax-Managed International Portfolio  
(Tax-Managed International Class—SNIVX)
- Emerging Markets Portfolio  
(Emerging Markets Class—SNEMX)

## Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios

(Class Offered—Exchange Ticker Symbol)

### Short Duration Portfolios

- Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio  
(Short Duration New York Municipal Class—SDNYX)
- Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio  
(Short Duration California Municipal Class—SDCMX)
- Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio  
(Short Duration Diversified Municipal Class—SDDMX)

### Intermediate Duration Portfolios

- New York Municipal Portfolio  
(New York Municipal Class—SNNYX)
- California Municipal Portfolio  
(California Municipal Class—SNCAIX)
- Diversified Municipal Portfolio  
(Diversified Municipal Class—SNDPX)

## Fixed-Income Taxable Portfolios

(Class Offered—Exchange Ticker Symbol)

### Short Duration Portfolios

- U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio  
(U.S. Government Short Duration Class—SNGSX)
- Short Duration Plus Portfolio  
(Short Duration Plus Class—SNSDX)

### Intermediate Duration Portfolios

- Intermediate Duration Portfolio  
(Intermediate Duration Class—SNIDX)
- Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio  
(Intermediate Duration Institutional Class—SIIDX)

## Overlay Portfolios

(Classes Offered—Exchange Ticker Symbol)

- Overlay A Portfolio  
(Class 1—SAOOX; Class 2—SAOTX)
- Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolio  
(Class 1—SATOX; Class 2—SATTX)
- Overlay B Portfolio  
(Class 1—SB00X; Class 2—SB0TX)
- Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio  
(Class 1—SBTOX; Class 2—SBTTX)
- Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio  
(Class 1—SCTOX; Class 2—SCTTX)
- Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio  
(Class 1—SNTOX; Class 2—SNTTX)

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

#### Investment Products Offered

- ▶ Are Not FDIC Insured
- ▶ May Lose Value
- ▶ Are Not Bank Guaranteed

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## SUMMARY INFORMATION

### NON-U.S. STOCK PORTFOLIOS

#### International Portfolio

##### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth.

##### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

##### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|   | International Class |
|---|---------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                |
| Redemption Fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                |
| Exchange Fee  | None                |
| Maximum Account Fee   | None                |

##### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | International Class |
|--|---------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.90%               |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                |
| Other Expenses:                          |                     |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.25%               |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.06%               |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.31%               |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 1.21%               |

##### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | International Class |
|----------------|---------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 123              |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 384              |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 665              |
| After 10 Years | \$1,466             |

##### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account.

These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 69% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio invests primarily in equity securities of issuers in countries that make up the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia and the Far East) and Canada. AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), diversifies the Portfolio among many foreign countries, but not necessarily in the same proportion that the countries are represented in the MSCI EAFE Index. Under normal circumstances, the Manager will invest in companies in at least three countries (and normally substantially more) other than the United States. The Portfolio also invests in less developed or emerging equity markets. The Manager may diversify the Portfolio across multiple research strategies as well as capitalization ranges. The Manager relies on both fundamental and quantitative research to manage both risk and return for the Portfolio. The Portfolio may own stocks from the Manager's bottom-up fundamental research in value, growth, stability and other disciplines. Within each investment discipline, the Manager draws on the capabilities of separate investment teams. The research analyses that support buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings and taking into account broad economic forecasts. The Portfolio is managed without regard to tax considerations.

The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size. The Portfolio will invest primarily in common stocks but may also invest in preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs"). The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps. The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio's securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio will generally invest in foreign-currency futures contracts or foreign-currency forward contracts with terms of up to one year. The Portfolio will also purchase foreign currency for immediate settlement in order to purchase foreign securities. In addition, the Portfolio may invest a portion of its uncommitted cash balances in futures contracts to expose that portion of the Portfolio to the equity markets. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio's portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Country Concentration Risk:** The Portfolio may not always be diversified among countries or regions and the effect on the share price of the Portfolio of specific risks identified above such as political, regulatory and currency may be magnified due to concentration of the Portfolio's investments in a particular country or region.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.

- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Capitalization Risk:** Investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile than investments in large-capitalization companies. Investments in small-capitalization companies may have additional risks because these companies have limited product lines, markets or financial resources.
- **Allocation Risk:** The allocation of investments among investment disciplines may have a significant effect on the Portfolio's performance when the investment disciplines in which the Portfolio has greater exposure perform worse than the investment disciplines with less exposure.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

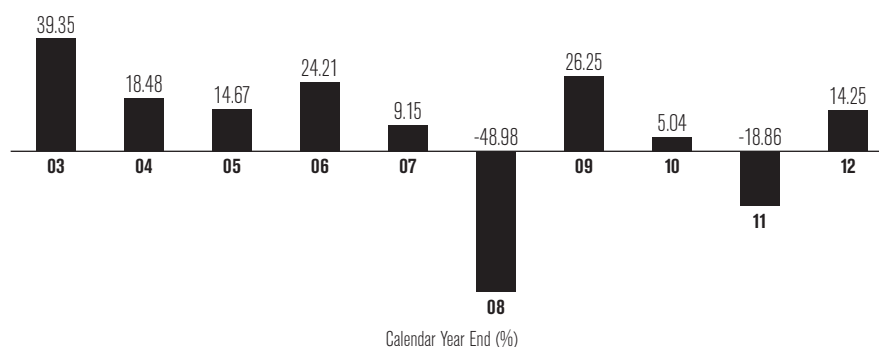
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's International Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 24.94%, 2nd quarter, 2003; and Worst Quarter was down -24.89%, 3rd quarter, 2008.**

**Performance Table****Average Annual Total Returns**

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | <b>1 Year</b> | <b>5 Years</b> | <b>10 Years</b> |
|---|--|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| International Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 14.25%        | -8.91%         | 4.88%           |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 14.11%        | -9.03%         | 4.37%           |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 9.86%         | -7.19%         | 4.55%           |
| MSCI EAFE Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 17.32%        | -3.69%         | 8.21%           |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| <b>Employee</b>   | <b>Length of Service</b> | <b>Title</b>                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Kent W. Hargis    | Since 2013               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Patrick J. Rudden | Since 2009               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Laurent Saltiel   | Since 2012               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Karen Sesin       | Since 2011               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Kevin F. Simms    | Since 2012               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



## Tax-Managed International Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | <b>Tax-Managed<br/>International Class</b> |
|--|--|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                                       |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                                       |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                                       |
| Exchange Fee   | None                                       |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                                       |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | <b>Tax-Managed<br/>International Class</b> |
|--|--|
| Management Fees                          | 0.87%                                      |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                                       |
| Other Expenses:                          |  |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.25%                                      |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.04%                                      |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.29%                                      |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 1.16%                                      |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | <b>Tax-Managed<br/>International Class</b> |
|----------------|--|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 118                                     |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 368                                     |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 638                                     |
| After 10 Years | \$1,409                                    |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 62% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio invests primarily in equity securities of issuers in countries that make up the Morgan Stanley Capital International (“MSCI”) EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia and the Far East) and Canada. AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio’s investment manager (the “Manager”), diversifies the Portfolio among many foreign countries, but not necessarily in the same proportion that the countries are represented in the MSCI EAFE Index. Under normal circumstances, the Manager will invest in companies in at least three countries (and normally substantially more) other than the United States. The Portfolio also invests in less developed or emerging equity markets. The Manager may diversify the Portfolio across multiple research strategies as well as capitalization ranges. The Manager relies on both fundamental and quantitative research to manage both risk and return for the Portfolio. The Portfolio may own stocks from the Manager’s bottom-up fundamental research in value, growth, stability and other disciplines. Within each investment discipline, the Manager draws on the capabilities of separate investment teams. The research analyses that support buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings and taking into account broad economic forecasts. The Portfolio seeks to minimize the impact of taxes on shareholders’ returns.

The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size. The Portfolio will invest primarily in common stocks but may also invest in preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”). The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps. The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio’s securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio will generally invest in foreign-currency futures contracts or foreign-currency forward contracts with terms of up to one year. The Portfolio will also purchase foreign currency for immediate settlement in order to purchase foreign securities. In addition, the Portfolio may invest a portion of its uncommitted cash balances in futures contracts to expose that portion of the Portfolio to the equity markets. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio’s portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

The Portfolio seeks to maximize after-tax returns to shareholders by pursuing a number of strategies that take into account the tax impact of buy and sell investment decisions on its shareholders. For example, the Manager may sell certain securities in order to realize capital losses. Capital losses may be used to offset realized capital gains. To minimize capital gains distributions, the Manager may sell securities in the Portfolio with the highest cost basis. The Manager may monitor the length of time the Portfolio has held an investment to evaluate whether the investment should be sold at a short-term gain or held for a longer period so that the gain on the investment will be taxed at the lower long-term rate. In making this decision, the Manager will consider whether, in its judgment, the risk of continued exposure to the investment is worth the tax savings of a lower capital gains rate. There can be no assurance that any of these strategies will be effective or that their use will not adversely affect the gross returns of the Portfolio.

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- **Allocation Risk:** The allocation of investments among investment disciplines may have a significant effect on the Portfolio's performance when the investment disciplines in which the Portfolio has greater exposure perform worse than the investment disciplines with less exposure.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.

#### **BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:**

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

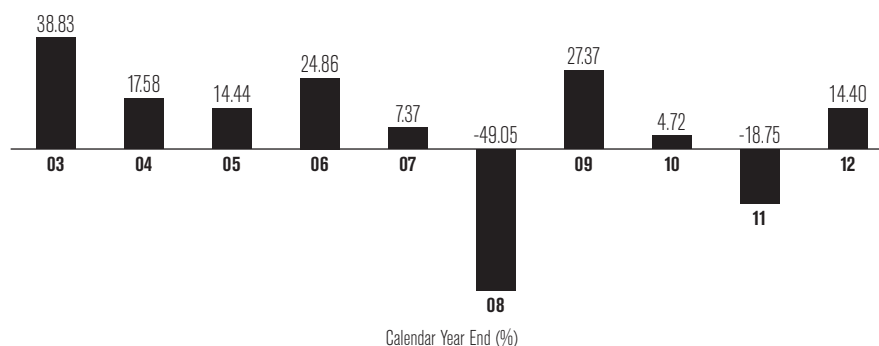
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Tax-Managed International Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 24.55%, 2nd quarter, 2003; and Worst Quarter was down -25.05%, 3rd quarter, 2008.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Tax-Managed International Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 14.40% | -8.78%  | 4.69%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 14.22% | -8.85%  | 4.18%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 10.00% | -7.04%  | 4.49%    |
| MSCI EAFE Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 17.32% | -3.69%  | 8.21%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee          | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Kent W. Hargis    | Since 2013        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Patrick J. Rudden | Since 2009        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Laurent Saltiel   | Since 2012        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Karen Sesin       | Since 2011        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Kevin F. Simms    | Since 2012        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Emerging Markets Portfolio

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide long-term capital growth through investments in equity securities of companies in emerging-market countries.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|   | Emerging Markets Class |
|---|------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                   |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                   |
| Portfolio Transaction Fee upon Purchase of Shares (as a percentage of amount invested)                              | 1.00%                  |
| Portfolio Transaction Fee upon Redemption of Shares (as a percentage of amount redeemed)                            | 1.00%                  |
| Portfolio Transaction Fee upon Exchange of Shares   | 1.00%                  |
| Maximum Account Fee   | None                   |

### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Emerging Markets Class |
|--|------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 1.15%                  |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                   |
| Other Expenses:                          |                        |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.25%                  |
| Transfer Agent                           | 0.02%                  |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.07%                  |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.34%                  |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 1.49%                  |

## Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Emerging Markets Class |
|----------------|------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 152                 |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 471                 |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 813                 |
| After 10 Years | \$1,779                |

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares at the end of the period:

|                | Emerging Markets Class |
|----------------|------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 152                 |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 471                 |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 813                 |
| After 10 Years | \$1,779                |

The amounts shown in the portion of the example showing expenses if you did not redeem your shares at the end of the period reflect the portfolio transaction fee on purchases but do not reflect the portfolio transaction fee on redemptions. If this fee were included, your costs would be higher.

The portfolio transaction fees on purchases and redemptions are received by the Portfolio, not by the Manager, and are neither sales loads nor contingent deferred sales loads. The purpose of these fees is to allocate transaction costs associated with purchases and redemptions to the investors making those purchases and redemptions, not to other shareholders. For more information on the portfolio transaction fees, see the “How to Buy Shares” section below.

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio’s portfolio turnover rate was 55% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in securities of companies in emerging markets. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes. You will be notified at least 60 days prior to any change to the Portfolio’s 80% investment policy. Issuers of these securities may be large or relatively small companies.

AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio’s investment manager (the “Manager”), will determine which countries are emerging-market countries. In general, these will be the countries considered to be developing countries by the international financial community and will include those countries considered by the International Finance Corporation (a subsidiary of the World Bank) to have an “emerging stock market.” Examples of emerging-market countries include Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

The Manager diversifies the investment portfolio between growth and value equity investment styles. The Manager selects emerging markets growth and emerging markets value equity securities based on its fundamental growth and value investment disciplines to produce a blended portfolio. Within each investment discipline, the Manager draws on the capabilities of separate investment teams.

The Portfolio’s emerging markets growth stocks are selected using the Manager’s emerging markets growth investment discipline. The emerging markets growth investment team selects stocks using a process that seeks to identify companies with strong management, superior industry positions and superior earnings-growth prospects.

The Portfolio’s emerging markets value stocks are selected using the Manager’s fundamental emerging markets value investment discipline. In selecting stocks for the Portfolio, the Manager’s emerging markets value investment team looks for stocks that are attractively priced relative to their future earnings power and dividend-paying capability.

Normally, approximately 50% of the value of the Portfolio will consist of emerging markets value stocks and 50% will consist of emerging markets growth stocks. The Manager will rebalance the Portfolio as necessary to maintain this targeted allocation. Depending on market conditions, however, the actual weightings of securities from each investment discipline in the Portfolio may vary within a range. In extraordinary circumstances, when research determines conditions favoring one investment style are compelling, the range may be 40%–60% before rebalancing occurs. Prior to May 2, 2005, 100% of the value of the Portfolio consisted of emerging markets value stocks.

The Portfolio may invest in companies of any size. The Portfolio will invest primarily in common stocks but may also invest in preferred stocks, Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”), warrants and convertible securities of foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”).

Under most conditions, the Portfolio intends to have its assets diversified among emerging-market countries, although the Portfolio may also invest in more developed country markets. In allocating the Portfolio’s assets among emerging-market countries, the

Manager will consider such factors as the geographical distribution of the Portfolio, the sizes of the stock markets represented and the various key economic characteristics of the countries. However, the Portfolio may not necessarily be diversified on a geographical basis. The Manager will also consider the transaction costs and volatility of each individual market.

The Manager may hedge currency risk when it believes there is potential to enhance risk-adjusted returns. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio's securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio. In addition, the Portfolio may invest a portion of its uncommitted cash balances in futures contracts to expose that portion of the Portfolio to the equity markets. The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio's portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

The Portfolio may also make investments in developed foreign securities that comprise the Morgan Stanley Capital International ("MSCI") EAFE Index.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. equities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets. These risks are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Country Concentration Risk:** The Portfolio may not always be diversified among countries or regions and the effect on the share price of the Portfolio of specific risks identified above such as political, regulatory and currency may be magnified due to concentration of the Portfolio's investments in a particular country or region.
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Capitalization Risk:** Investments in small- and mid-capitalization companies may be more volatile than investments in large-capitalization companies. Investments in small-capitalization companies may have additional risks because these companies have limited product lines, markets or financial resources.
- **Allocation Risk:** This is the risk that, by combining the growth and value styles, returns may be lower over any given time period than if the Portfolio had invested only pursuant to the equity style that performed better during that period. Also, as the Portfolio will be periodically rebalanced to maintain the target allocation between styles, there will be transaction costs which may be, over time, significant.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves



go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.

- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

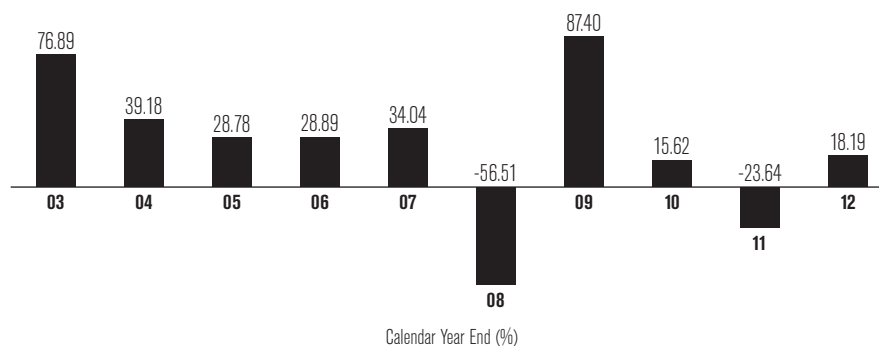
You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

The returns in the bar chart do not reflect the portfolio transaction fee of 1.00% that is payable to the Portfolio when shares of the Portfolio are purchased and when shares are sold. If these fees were reflected in the chart, the returns would be less than those shown.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Emerging Markets Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 35.83%, 2nd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -32.15%, 4th quarter, 2008.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Emerging Markets Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 15.86% | -3.58%  | 16.28%   |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 15.87% | -3.72%  | 15.23%   |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 10.83% | -2.78%  | 15.00%   |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index (Net)<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 18.22% | -0.92%  | 16.52%   |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee          | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Henry D'Auria     | Since 2012        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Patrick J. Rudden | Since 2009        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Laurent Saltiel   | Since 2012        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Karen Sesin       | Since 2011        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## FIXED-INCOME MUNICIPAL PORTFOLIOS

### Short Duration Portfolios

#### Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio

##### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate rate of return after taking account of federal, state and local taxes for New York residents.

##### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

##### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>New York<br>Municipal Class |
|--|---|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None  |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None  |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None  |
| Exchange Fee   | None  |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None  |

##### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>New York<br>Municipal Class |
|--|---|
| Management Fees                          | 0.45%   |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None  |
| Other Expenses:                          |   |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%   |
| Transfer Agent                           | 0.01%   |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.08%   |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.19%   |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.64%   |

##### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Short Duration<br>New York<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|---|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 65   |
| After 3 Years  | \$205   |
| After 5 Years  | \$357   |
| After 10 Years | \$798   |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio’s portfolio turnover rate was 54% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of municipal securities issued by the State of New York or its political subdivisions, or otherwise exempt from New York state income tax. For purposes of these policies, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal and New York state and local personal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio’s investment manager (the “Manager”), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as “junk bonds”).

The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its net assets in revenue bonds, which generally do not have the pledge of the credit of the issuer. The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities or obligations that are related in such a way that business or political developments or changes affecting one such security could also affect the others (for example, securities with interest that is paid from projects of a similar type).

The Portfolio may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in fixed-income securities of U.S. issuers that are not municipal securities if, in the Manager’s opinion, these securities will enhance the after-tax return for New York investors.

The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of one-half year to two and one-half years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities’ risk and return characteristics as well as the securities’ impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio’s other holdings.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio’s investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio’s investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be

downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.

- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Riskier than a Money-Market Fund:** The Portfolio is invested in securities with longer maturities and in some cases lower quality than the assets of the type of mutual fund known as a money-market fund. The risk of a decline in the market value of the Portfolio is greater than for a money-market fund since the credit quality of the Portfolio's securities may be lower and the effective duration of the Portfolio will be longer.
- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. Most of the Portfolio's investments are in New York municipal securities. Thus, the Portfolio may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting New York's economy. New York's economy has a relatively large share of the nation's financial activities. With the financial services sector contributing over one-fifth of the state's wages, the state's economy is especially vulnerable to adverse events affecting the financial markets such as occurred in 2008–2009. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Non-diversification Risk:** Concentration of investments in a small number of securities tends to increase risk. The Portfolio is not "diversified." This means that the Portfolio can invest more of its assets in a relatively small number of issuers with greater concentration of risk. Matters affecting these issuers can have a more significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk. The Portfolio is subject to liquidity risk because the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
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- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.

- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio's income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio's net asset value could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio's yield.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

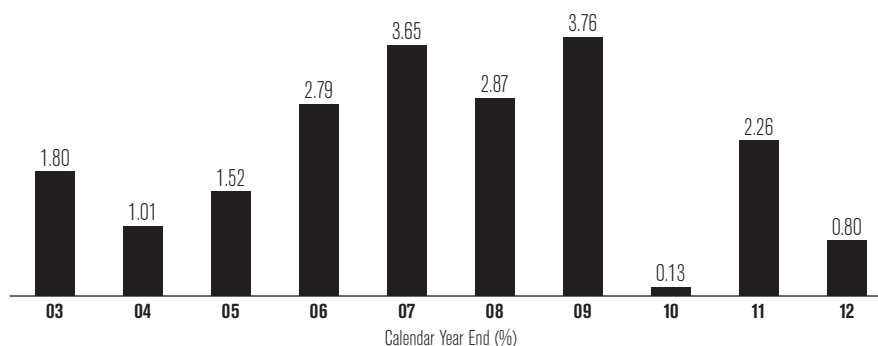
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Short Duration New York Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 1.52%, 1st quarter, 2008; and Worst Quarter was down -0.67%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Short Duration<br>New York<br>Municipal Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 0.80%  | 1.94%   | 2.04%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 0.75%  | 1.91%   | 2.03%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 0.73%  | 1.89%   | 2.03%    |
| Barclays 1-Year Municipal Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 0.84%  | 2.32%   | 2.34%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| <b>Employee</b>   | <b>Length of Service</b> | <b>Title</b>                         |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
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| R.B. Davidson III | Since inception          | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Wayne Godlin      | Since 2010               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Terrance T. Hults | Since 2002               | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

#### **PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

#### **TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

#### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate rate of return after taking account of federal and state taxes for California residents.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>California<br>Municipal Class |
|--|---|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None  |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None  |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None  |
| Exchange Fee   | None  |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None  |

### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>California<br>Municipal Class |
|--|---|
| Management Fees                          | 0.45%   |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None  |
| Other Expenses:                          |   |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%   |
| Transfer Agent                           | 0.02%   |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.10%   |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.22%   |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.67%   |

## Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Short Duration<br>California<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|---|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 68   |
| After 3 Years  | \$214   |
| After 5 Years  | \$373   |
| After 10 Years | \$835   |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account.



These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 45% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of municipal securities issued by the State of California or its political subdivisions, or otherwise exempt from California state income tax. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal and California state personal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its net assets in revenue bonds, which generally do not have the pledge of the credit of the issuer. The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities or obligations that are related in such a way that business or political developments or changes affecting one such security could also affect the others (for example, securities with interest that is paid from projects of a similar type).

The Portfolio may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in fixed-income securities of U.S. issuers that are not municipal securities if, in the Manager's opinion, these securities will enhance the after-tax return for California investors.

The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of one-half year to two and one-half years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities' risk and return characteristics as well as the securities' impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio's other holdings.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.

- **Riskier than a Money-Market Fund:** The Portfolio is invested in securities with longer maturities and in some cases lower quality than the assets of the type of mutual fund known as a money-market fund. The risk of a decline in the market value of the Portfolio is greater than for a money-market fund since the credit quality of the Portfolio's securities may be lower and the effective duration of the Portfolio will be longer.
- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. The Portfolio's investments in California municipal securities may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting California's economy. California's economy, the largest of the 50 states, however, continues to be affected by serious fiscal conditions as a result of voter-passed initiatives that limit the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues, particularly with respect to real property taxes. The recent economic downturn has had a severe and negative impact on California, causing a significant deterioration in California's economic base. In addition, state expenditures are difficult to reduce because of constitutional provisions that require a minimum level of spending, for certain government programs, such as education. California's economy may also be affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes or fires. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Non-diversification Risk:** Concentration of investments in a small number of securities tends to increase risk. The Portfolio is not "diversified." This means that the Portfolio can invest more of its assets in a relatively small number of issuers with greater concentration of risk. Matters affecting these issuers can have a more significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value.
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- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio's income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio's net asset value could also decline as yields on municipal bonds,

which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio's yield.

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- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

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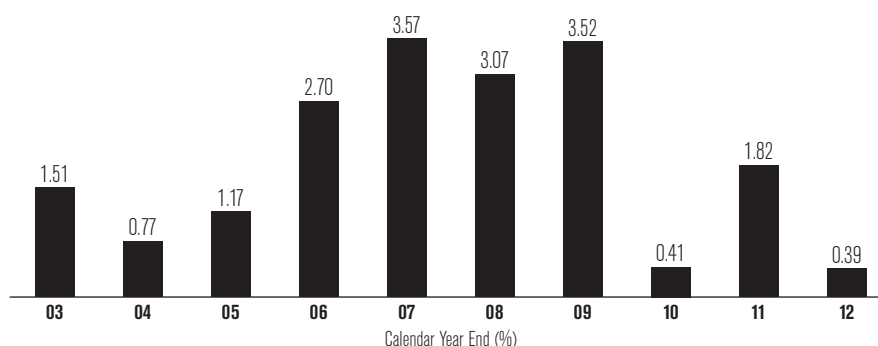
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The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Short Duration California Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 1.56%, 1st quarter, 2008; and Worst Quarter was down -0.83%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Short Duration California Municipal Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 0.39%  | 1.83%   | 1.89%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 0.35%  | 1.78%   | 1.85%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 0.43%  | 1.78%   | 1.86%    |
| Barclays 1-Year Municipal Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 0.84%  | 2.32%   | 2.34%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee          | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Michael Brooks    | Since 1999        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Fred S. Cohen     | Since 1994        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
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**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate rate of return after taking account of federal taxes.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>Diversified<br>Municipal Class |
|--|--|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None   |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None   |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None   |
| Exchange Fee   | None   |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None   |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Short Duration<br>Diversified<br>Municipal Class |
|--|--|
| Management Fees                          | 0.45%  |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None   |
| Other Expenses:                          |  |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%  |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.04%  |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.14%  |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.59%  |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Short Duration<br>Diversified<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|--|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 60  |
| After 3 Years  | \$189  |
| After 5 Years  | \$329  |
| After 10 Years | \$738  |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 51% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes. The Portfolio will invest no more than 25% of its total assets in municipal securities of issuers located in any one state.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

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The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of one-half year to two and one-half years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities' risk and return characteristics as well as the securities' impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio's other holdings.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

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- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.



- **Riskier than a Money-Market Fund:** The Portfolio is invested in securities with longer maturities and in some cases lower quality than the assets of the type of mutual fund known as a money-market fund. The risk of a decline in the market value of the Portfolio is greater than for a money-market fund since the credit quality of the Portfolio's securities may be lower and the effective duration of the Portfolio will be longer.
- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. To the extent the Portfolio invests in a particular state's municipal securities, it may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting that state, including economic, political and regulatory occurrences, court decisions, terrorism and catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk. The Portfolio is subject to liquidity risk because the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
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- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio's income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio's net asset value could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio's yield.

- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

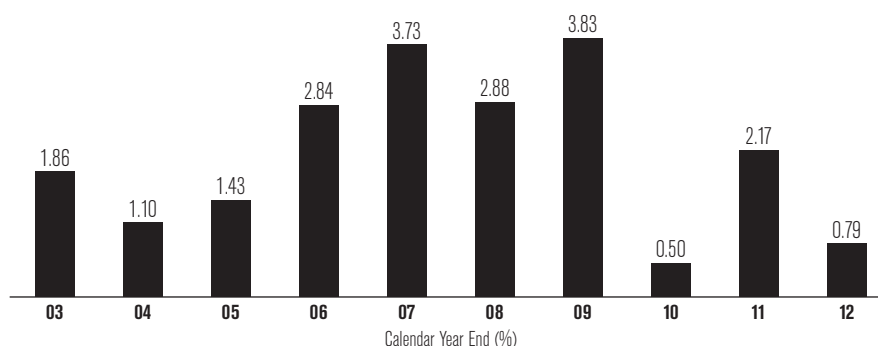
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Short Duration Diversified Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 1.35%, 1st quarter, 2008; and Worst Quarter was down -0.54%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Short Duration<br>Diversified<br>Municipal Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 0.79%  | 2.03%   | 2.11%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 0.69%  | 1.99%   | 2.08%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 0.83%  | 1.97%   | 2.08%    |
| Barclays 1-Year Municipal Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 0.84%  | 2.32%   | 2.34%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.



**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee          | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Michael Brooks    | Since 1999        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Fred S. Cohen     | Since 1994        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| R.B. Davidson III | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Wayne Godlin      | Since 2010        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Terrance T. Hults | Since 2002        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC (“Bernstein LLC”).

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## FIXED-INCOME MUNICIPAL PORTFOLIOS

### Intermediate Duration Portfolios

#### New York Municipal Portfolio

##### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and maximize total return after taking account of federal, state and local taxes for New York residents.

##### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

##### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | New York<br>Municipal Class |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                        |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                        |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                        |
| Exchange Fee   | None                        |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                        |

##### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | New York<br>Municipal Class |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.48%                       |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                        |
| Other Expenses:                          |                             |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                       |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.03%                       |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.13%                       |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.61%                       |

##### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | New York<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 62                       |
| After 3 Years  | \$195                       |
| After 5 Years  | \$340                       |
| After 10 Years | \$762                       |

##### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of municipal securities issued by the State of New York or its political subdivisions, or otherwise exempt from New York state income tax. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal and New York state and local personal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its net assets in revenue bonds, which generally do not have the pledge of the credit of the issuer. The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities or obligations that are related in such a way that business or political developments or changes affecting one such security could also affect the others (for example, securities with interest that is paid from projects of a similar type).

The Portfolio may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in fixed-income securities of U.S. issuers that are not municipal securities if, in the Manager's opinion, these securities will enhance the after-tax return for New York investors.

The Portfolio may also use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of three and one-half years to seven years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

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- **Non-diversification Risk:** Concentration of investments in a small number of securities tends to increase risk. The Portfolio is not "diversified." This means that the Portfolio can invest more of its assets in a relatively small number of issuers with greater concentration of risk. Matters affecting these issuers can have a more significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value.
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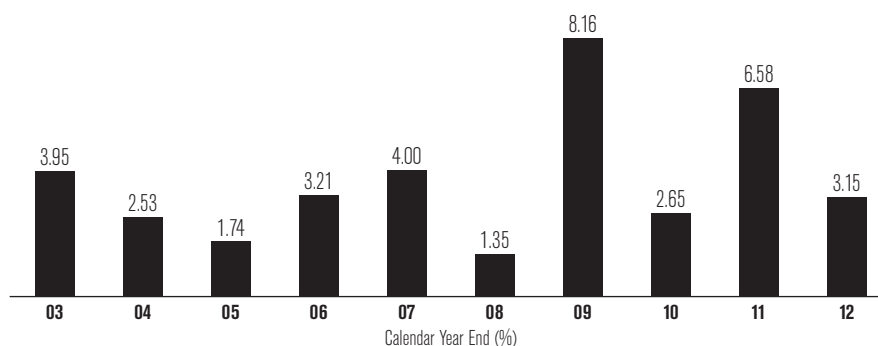
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#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's New York Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 4.58%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -2.12%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| New York Municipal Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 3.15%  | 4.35%   | 3.71%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.14%  | 4.31%   | 3.69%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 3.07%  | 4.17%   | 3.64%    |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 5.10%   | 4.21%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER:

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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

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| Michael Brooks    | Since 1999        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
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**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

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**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

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# California Municipal Portfolio

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and maximize total return after taking account of federal and state taxes for California residents.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | California<br>Municipal Class |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                          |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                          |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                          |
| Exchange Fee   | None                          |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                          |

### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | California<br>Municipal Class |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.49%                         |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                          |
| Other Expenses:                          |                               |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                         |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.04%                         |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.14%                         |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.63%                         |

## Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | California<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 64                         |
| After 3 Years  | \$202                         |
| After 5 Years  | \$351                         |
| After 10 Years | \$786                         |

## Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 15% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. In addition, as a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in a portfolio of municipal securities issued by the State of California or its political subdivisions, or otherwise exempt from California state income tax. For purposes of these policies, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal and California state personal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its net assets in revenue bonds, which generally do not have the pledge of the credit of the issuer. The Portfolio may invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities or obligations that are related in such a way that business or political developments or changes affecting one such security could also affect the others (for example, securities with interest that is paid from projects of a similar type).

The Portfolio may also invest up to 20% of its net assets in fixed-income securities of U.S. issuers that are not municipal securities if, in the Manager's opinion, these securities will enhance the after-tax return for California investors.

The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of three and one-half years to seven years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities' risk and return characteristics as well as the securities' impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio's other holdings.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.



- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. The Portfolio's investments in California municipal securities may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting California's economy. California's economy, the largest of the 50 states, however, continues to be affected by serious fiscal conditions as a result of voter-passed initiatives that limit the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues, particularly with respect to real property taxes. The recent economic downturn has had a severe and negative impact on California, causing a significant deterioration in California's economic base. In addition, state expenditures are difficult to reduce because of constitutional provisions that require a minimum level of spending, for certain government programs, such as education. California's economy may also be affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes or fires. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Non-diversification Risk:** Concentration of investments in a small number of securities tends to increase risk. The Portfolio is not "diversified." This means that the Portfolio can invest more of its assets in a relatively small number of issuers with greater concentration of risk. Matters affecting these issuers can have a more significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk. The Portfolio is subject to liquidity risk because the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio's income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio's net asset value could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio's yield.

- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

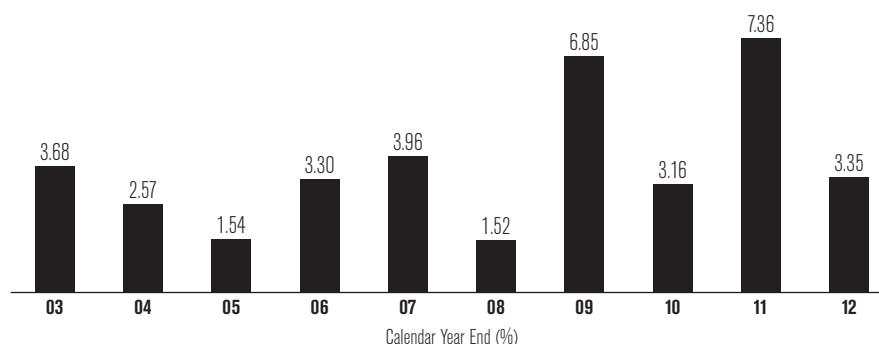
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's California Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 5.03%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -2.53%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

#### Performance Table

##### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--|--------|---------|----------|
| California Municipal Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.35%  | 4.43%   | 3.71%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.34%  | 4.37%   | 3.67%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 3.22%  | 4.26%   | 3.63%    |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 5.10%   | 4.21%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

#### INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee          | Length of Service | Title                                |
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| Michael Brooks    | Since 1999        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Fred S. Cohen     | Since 1994        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
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| Wayne Godlin      | Since 2010        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Terrance T. Hults | Since 2002        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC (“Bernstein LLC”).

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## Diversified Municipal Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and maximize total return after taking account of federal taxes.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Diversified<br>Municipal<br>Class |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                              |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                              |
| Exchange Fee   | None                              |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Diversified<br>Municipal Class |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.43%                          |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                           |
| Other Expenses:                          |                                |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                          |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.03%                          |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.13%                          |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.56%                          |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Diversified<br>Municipal Class |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 57                          |
| After 3 Years  | \$179                          |
| After 5 Years  | \$313                          |
| After 10 Years | \$701                          |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 16% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio, under normal circumstances, invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes. The Portfolio will invest no more than 25% of its total assets in municipal securities of issuers located in any one state.

The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax.

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated municipal notes. The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

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## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

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- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to

the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

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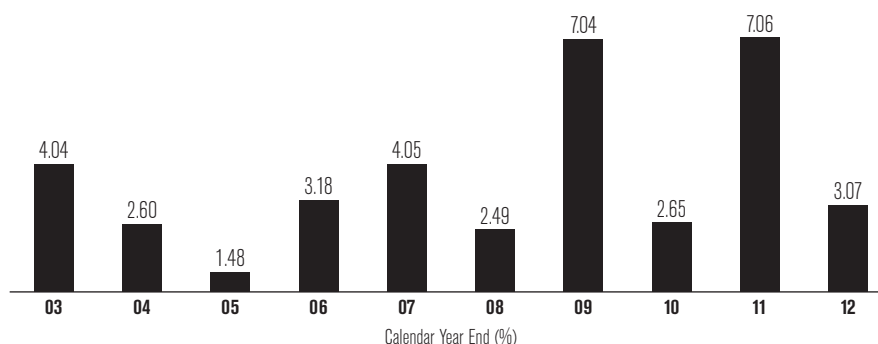
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## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Diversified Municipal Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 4.06%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -2.06%, 4th quarter, 2010.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Diversified Municipal Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.07%  | 4.44%   | 3.75%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.02%  | 4.39%   | 3.72%    |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.97%  | 4.24%   | 3.66%    |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 5.10%   | 4.21%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

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**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities). Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.



# FIXED-INCOME TAXABLE PORTFOLIOS

## Short Duration Portfolios

### U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate rate of income that is generally exempt from state and local taxes.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | U.S. Government<br>Short Duration Class |
|--|---|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                                    |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                                    |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                                    |
| Exchange Fee   | None                                    |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                                    |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | U.S. Government<br>Short Duration Class |
|--|---|
| Management Fees                          | 0.45%                                   |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                                    |
| Other Expenses:                          |   |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                                   |
| Transfer Agent                           | 0.02%                                   |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.11%                                   |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.23%                                   |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.68%                                   |

#### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | U.S. Government<br>Short Duration Class |
|----------------|---|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 69                                   |
| After 3 Years  | \$218                                   |
| After 5 Years  | \$379                                   |
| After 10 Years | \$847                                   |

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account.

These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 95% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio invests, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. Government and agency securities. For purposes of this policy, net assets include any borrowings for investment purposes. You will be notified at least 60 days prior to any change to the Portfolio's 80% investment policy. The Portfolio may also invest in high-quality money-market securities, which are securities that have remaining maturities of one year or less and are rated A-1 or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P"), F-1 by Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch") or P-1 or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or the comparable long-term ratings (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality). Additionally, up to 10% of the Portfolio's total assets may be invested in other securities rated A or better by national rating agencies and comparably rated commercial paper and notes.

Many types of securities may be purchased by the Portfolio, including bills, notes, corporate bonds, inflation-protected securities, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities, as well as others. The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

The income earned by the Portfolio is generally exempt from state and local taxes; however, states have different requirements for tax-exempt distributions and there is no assurance that your distributions from the Portfolio's income will not be subject to the state and local taxes of your state. Please consult your tax advisor with respect to the tax treatment of such distributions in your state.

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of one to three years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities' risk and return characteristics as well as the securities' impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio's other holdings.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **No Government Guarantee:** Investments in the Portfolio are not insured by the U.S. Government.
- **Riskier than a Money-Market Fund:** The Portfolio is invested in securities with longer maturities and in some cases lower quality than the assets of the type of mutual fund known as a money-market fund. The risk of a decline in the market value of the Portfolio is greater than for a money-market fund since the credit quality of the Portfolio's securities may be lower and the effective duration of the Portfolio will be longer.

- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis. In addition, these securities may have limited liquidity in the secondary market.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Mortgage-Related Securities Risk:** In the case of investments in mortgage-related securities, a loss could be incurred if the collateral backing these securities is insufficient.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.
- **Subordination Risk:** The Portfolio may invest in securities that are subordinated to more senior securities of an issuer, or which represent interests in pools of such subordinated securities. Subordinated securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.

#### **BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:**

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

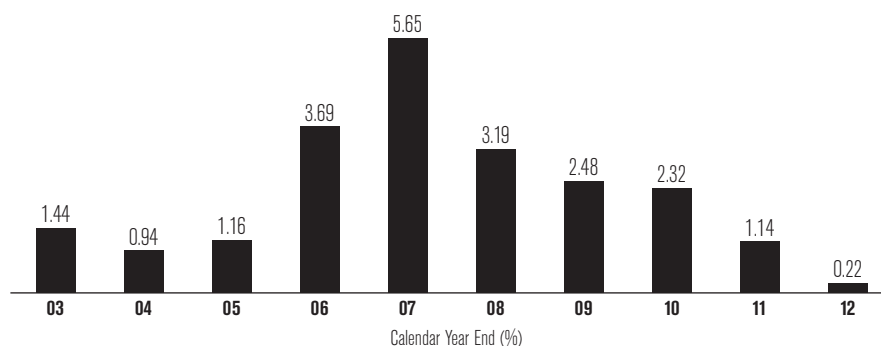
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the U.S. Government Short Duration Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 2.07%, 1st quarter, 2008; and Worst Quarter was down -1.29%, 2nd quarter, 2004.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--|--------|---------|----------|
| U.S. Government Short Duration Class   | Return Before Taxes  | 0.22%  | 1.87%   | 2.21%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | -0.02% | 1.29%   | 1.34%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 0.20%  | 1.27%   | 1.38%    |
| BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year Treasury Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 0.43%  | 2.32%   | 2.72%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee           | Length of Service | Title                                |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jon P. Denfeld     | Since 2008        | Vice President of the Manager        |
| Shawn E. Keegan    | Since 2005        | Vice President of the Manager        |
| Alison M. Martier  | Since 2009        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Douglas J. Peebles | Since 2009        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Greg J. Wilensky   | Since 2009        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily ordinary income dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of net short-term capital gains, dividends and non-exempt interest).

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## Short Duration Plus Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate rate of income that is subject to taxes.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|   | Short Duration Plus Class |
|---|---------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                      |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                      |
| Redemption Fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                      |
| Exchange Fee  | None                      |
| Maximum Account Fee   | None                      |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Short Duration Plus Class |
|--|---------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.45%                     |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                      |
| Other Expenses:                          |                           |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                     |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.07%                     |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.17%                     |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.62%                     |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Short Duration Plus Class |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 63                     |
| After 3 Years  | \$199                     |
| After 5 Years  | \$346                     |
| After 10 Years | \$774                     |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 134% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by AllianceBernstein L.P., the Portfolio's investment manager (the "Manager"), to be of comparable quality) and comparably rated commercial paper and notes. Many types of securities may be purchased by the Portfolio, including corporate bonds, notes, U.S. Government and agency securities, asset-backed securities, mortgage-related securities, inflation-protected securities, bank loan debt and preferred stock, as well as others. The Portfolio may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income foreign securities in developed or emerging-market countries.

The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

The Portfolio may invest up to 20% of its total assets in fixed-income securities rated BB or B by national rating agencies, which are not investment-grade (commonly known as "junk bonds").

In managing the Portfolio, the Manager may use interest rate forecasting to determine the best level of interest rate risk at a given time. The Manager may moderately shorten the average duration of the Portfolio when it expects interest rates to rise and modestly lengthen average duration when it anticipates that interest rates will fall.

The Portfolio seeks to maintain an effective duration of one to three years under normal market conditions. Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a debt security is the weighted average term to maturity, expressed in years, of the present value of all future cash flows, including coupon payments and principal repayments.

The Manager selects securities for purchase or sale based on its assessment of the securities' risk and return characteristics as well as the securities' impact on the overall risk and return characteristics of the Portfolio. In making this assessment, the Manager takes into account various factors including the credit quality and sensitivity to interest rates of the securities under consideration and of the Portfolio's other holdings.

The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio's securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Riskier than a Money-Market Fund:** The Portfolio is invested in securities with longer maturities and in some cases lower quality than the assets of the type of mutual fund known as a money-market fund. The risk of a decline in the market value of the Portfolio is greater than for a money-market fund since the credit quality of the Portfolio's securities may be lower and the effective duration of the Portfolio will be longer.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.



- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis. In addition, these securities may have limited liquidity in the secondary market.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Mortgage-Related Securities Risk:** In the case of investments in mortgage-related securities, a loss could be incurred if the collateral backing these securities is insufficient.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.
- **Subordination Risk:** The Portfolio may invest in securities that are subordinated to more senior securities of an issuer, or which represent interests in pools of such subordinated securities. Subordinated securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Leverage Risk:** To the extent the Portfolio uses leveraging techniques, its net asset value may be more volatile because leverage tends to exaggerate the effect of changes in interest rates and any increase or decrease in the value of the Portfolio's investments.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local securities prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.



- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.

## BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

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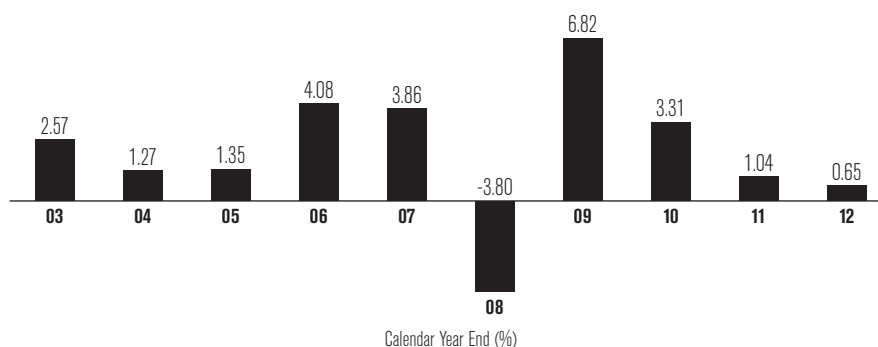
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

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The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Short Duration Plus Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 2.40%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -1.63%, 1st quarter, 2008.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Short Duration Plus Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 0.65%  | 1.54%   | 2.08%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 0.34%  | 0.81%   | 1.07%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 0.42%  | 0.89%   | 1.18%    |
| BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year Treasury Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 0.43%  | 2.32%   | 2.72%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

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| Employee           | Length of Service | Title                                |
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| Jon P. Denfeld     | Since 2008        | Vice President of the Manager        |
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**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily ordinary income dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of net short-term capital gains, dividends and non-exempt interest).

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## FIXED-INCOME TAXABLE PORTFOLIOS

### Intermediate Duration Portfolios

#### Intermediate Duration Portfolio

##### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate to high rate of income that is subject to taxes.

##### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

##### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Intermediate<br>Duration Class |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None                           |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None                           |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None                           |
| Exchange Fee   | None                           |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None                           |

##### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|  | Intermediate<br>Duration Class |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Management Fees                          | 0.44%                          |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees | None                           |
| Other Expenses:                          |                                |
| Shareholder Servicing                    | 0.10%                          |
| Other Expenses                           | 0.03%                          |
| Total Other Expenses                     | 0.13%                          |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses       | 0.57%                          |

##### Examples

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|                | Intermediate<br>Duration Class |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 58                          |
| After 3 Years  | \$183                          |
| After 5 Years  | \$318                          |
| After 10 Years | \$714                          |

##### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 154% of the average value of its portfolio.

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The Portfolio may use derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps.

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The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio's securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio.

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- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
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- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio may use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Mortgage-Related Securities Risk:** In the case of investments in mortgage-related securities, a loss could be incurred if the collateral backing these securities is insufficient.
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- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
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- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local securities prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.

- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.

## BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

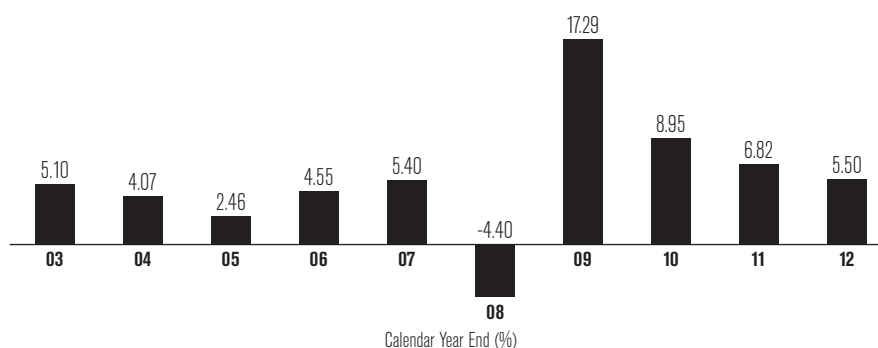
- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over ten years; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one, five and ten years compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

You may obtain updated performance information for the Portfolio at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com) (click on "Investments," then "Stocks," then "Mutual Fund Performance at a Glance").

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Intermediate Duration Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 7.09%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -3.66%, 3rd quarter, 2008.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Intermediate Duration Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 5.50%  | 6.60%   | 5.45%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 4.15%  | 4.85%   | 3.80%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 3.57%  | 4.65%   | 3.70%    |
| Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 4.21%  | 5.95%   | 5.18%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

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| Greg J. Wilensky   | Since 2005        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$25,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC (“Bernstein LLC”).

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily ordinary income dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of net short-term capital gains, dividends and non-exempt interest) but may distribute capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The Portfolio's investment objective is to provide safety of principal and a moderate to high rate of current income.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Intermediate Duration<br>Institutional Class |
|--|--|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None   |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None   |
| Redemption Fee<br>(as a percentage of amount redeemed)   | None   |
| Exchange Fee   | None   |
| Maximum Account Fee  | None   |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Intermediate Duration<br>Institutional Class |
|---|--|
| Management Fees   | 0.49%  |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None   |
| Other Expenses  | 0.05%  |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses (before fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement) | 0.54%  |
| Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement   | (0.09)%                                      |
| Total Portfolio Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement    | 0.45%*                                       |

\* This fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement agreement will remain in effect until January 31, 2014 and will be automatically extended for one-year terms thereafter unless terminated by the Manager upon 60 days' notice to the Portfolio prior to that date.

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|                | Intermediate Duration<br>Institutional Class |
|----------------|--|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 46  |
| After 3 Years  | \$164  |
| After 5 Years  | \$293  |
| After 10 Years | \$668  |

### Portfolio Turnover

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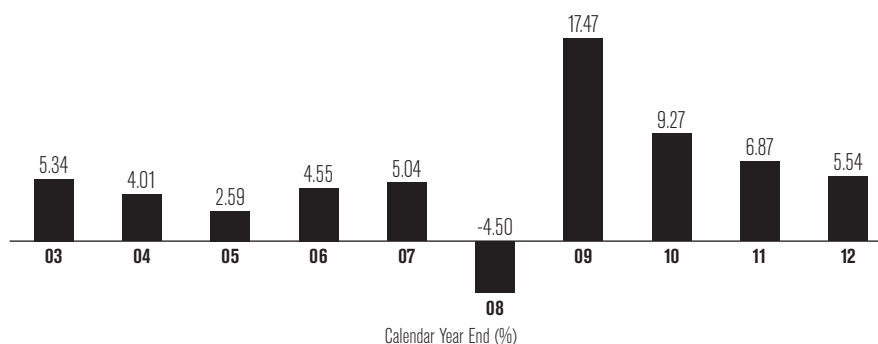
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## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Intermediate Duration Institutional Class shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 7.31%, 3rd quarter, 2009; and Worst Quarter was down -3.60%, 3rd quarter, 2008.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Intermediate Duration Institutional Class  | Return Before Taxes  | 5.54%  | 6.70%   | 5.49%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 4.31%  | 4.97%   | 3.77%    |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 3.69%  | 4.74%   | 3.69%    |
| Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 4.21%  | 5.95%   | 5.18%    |

After-tax returns are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income-tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown, and are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

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| Greg J. Wilensky   | Since 2005        | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:**

The minimum initial investment in the Portfolio is \$3,000,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio. You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., LLC ("Bernstein LLC").

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio anticipates distributing primarily ordinary income dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of net short-term capital gains, dividends and non-exempt interest) but may distribute capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels but may also be sold through intermediaries. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## OVERLAY PORTFOLIOS

### Overlay A Portfolio

#### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Overlay A Portfolio (“Portfolio”) is to moderate the volatility of an equity-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor’s overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

#### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management Fees                           | 0.90%             | 0.90%             |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None              | None              |
| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.20%             | None              |
| Other Expenses                            | 0.06%             | 0.06%             |
| Total Other Expenses                      | 0.26%             | 0.06%             |
| Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses | 1.16%             | 0.96%             |

#### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio’s operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 118            | \$ 98             |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 368            | \$ 306            |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 638            | \$ 531            |
| After 10 Years | \$1,409           | \$1,178           |

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio’s portfolio turnover rate was 99% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:**

The Portfolio is intended to be used as part of a broader investment program administered directly by the Bernstein Global Wealth Management Unit of AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Bernstein”). The performance and objectives of the Portfolio should be evaluated only in the context of the investor’s complete investment program. The Portfolio is NOT designed to be used as a stand-alone investment.

The Portfolio may invest in a diversified portfolio of securities and other financial instruments, including derivative instruments, that provide investment exposure to a variety of asset classes. These asset classes may include: equity securities and fixed-income instruments of issuers located within and outside the United States, real estate related securities, below-investment grade (“high yield”) securities (commonly known as “junk bonds”), currencies and commodities. By adjusting investment exposure among the various asset classes in the Portfolio, AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) will seek to moderate the volatility of diversified client portfolios managed by Bernstein that reflect a significant allocation to equity securities. The Portfolio’s asset class exposures may be implemented and adjusted either through transactions in individual securities or through derivatives. The Portfolio is managed without regard to tax considerations.

The Portfolio may obtain equity exposure by investing in common stocks, but may also invest in preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”) and derivatives. In selecting equity investments, the Manager may draw on the capabilities of separate investment teams that specialize in different areas that are defined by investment style. The Manager selects growth and value equity securities by drawing from its fundamental growth and value investment disciplines. The research analyses supporting buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio’s direct investments in equity securities are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings rather than on broad economic forecasts.

The Portfolio may obtain fixed-income exposure principally through derivatives but may also invest in U.S., international and emerging market fixed-income instruments, including high yield securities and inflation-protected securities. To identify attractive bonds for the Portfolio, the Manager combines quantitative and fundamental research forecasts through a disciplined investment process to identify opportunities among country/yield curves, sectors, securities and currencies. The Portfolio’s fixed-income instruments will primarily be investment grade debt securities, but may also include below-investment grade securities and preferred stock.

The Manager will alter asset class exposures as market and economic conditions change. The Manager will employ risk/return tools and fundamental research insights to determine how to adjust the Portfolio’s exposures to various asset classes. These dynamic adjustments to the Portfolio’s asset class exposures will be implemented principally through the use of derivatives. The Portfolio’s use of derivatives to alter investment exposure of an investor’s Bernstein account may create significant leveraged exposure to certain asset classes within the Portfolio. The Portfolio may invest part or all of its portfolio in U.S. Government obligations or investment-grade debt securities of U.S. issuers, including municipal issuers.

The Manager also may use exchange traded funds (“ETFs”), exchange traded notes, structured investments and commodity-linked notes in seeking to carry out the Portfolio’s investment strategies. The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio’s securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of ETFs. These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio’s portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

Exposure to certain asset classes may also be achieved through investment in the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios—Multi-Asset Real Return Portfolio. The Manager may use other AllianceBernstein Mutual Funds in the future, in addition to or instead of that in the preceding sentence.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS:**

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

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- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that stock and bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. The value of the Portfolio's securities will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. The Portfolio does not seek to control risk relative to, or to outperform, a particular securities market benchmark. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Allocation Risk:** The allocation of investments among different global asset classes may have a significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value when one of these asset classes is performing more poorly than others. As both the direct investments and derivative positions will be periodically rebalanced to reflect the Manager's view of market and economic conditions, there will be transaction costs which may be, over time, significant. In addition, there is a risk that certain asset allocation decisions may not achieve the desired results and, as a result, the Portfolio may incur significant losses.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio intends to use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Leverage Risk:** Leverage creates exposure to gains and losses in a greater amount than the dollar amount made in an investment by attempting to enhance return or value without increasing the investment amount. Leverage can magnify the effects of changes in the value of the Portfolio's investments and make it more volatile. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid investments at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.

- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Commodity Risk:** The value of commodity-linked derivatives, exchange traded notes and exchange traded funds may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis.
- **Mortgage-Related Securities Risk:** In the case of investments in mortgage-related securities, a loss could be incurred if the collateral backing these securities is insufficient.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.
- **Subordination Risk:** The Portfolio may invest in securities that are subordinated to more senior securities of an issuer, or which represent interests in pools of such subordinated securities. Subordinated securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Real Estate Related Securities Risk:** Investing in real estate related securities includes, among others, the following risks: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions, including increases in the rate of inflation; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. Investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.
- **Investment in Other Investment Companies Risk:** As with other investments, investments in other investment companies, including ETFs, are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Portfolio acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Portfolio (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of the investment companies.



## BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

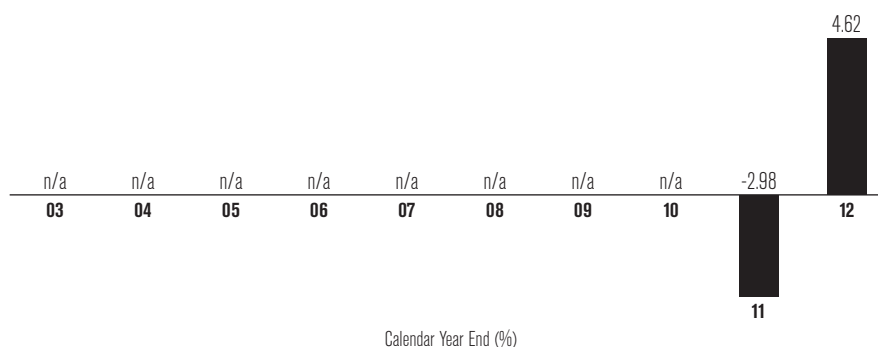
The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over the life of the Portfolio; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one year and over the life of the Portfolio compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 7.72%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -7.35%, 2nd quarter, 2012.**

### Performance Table

#### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|--|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**  | Return Before Taxes  | 4.62%  | 5.94%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 4.51%  | 4.93%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 3.15%  | 4.68%            |
| Class 2  | Return Before Taxes  | 4.83%  | 6.12%            |
| S&P 500 Stock Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)    |  | 16.00% | 13.30%           |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 15.51% | 11.56%           |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

- Are shown for Class 1 shares only and will vary for Class 2 shares because these Classes have different expense ratios;
- Are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown; and
- Are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

\*\*\* Composite Index is comprised of 47.6% S&P 500 Stock Index, 17% MSCI EAFE Index, 3.4% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 12% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index, and 20% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee        | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Seth J. Masters | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Daniel J. Loewy | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:****Purchase Minimums\***

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

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## Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolio ("Portfolio") is to moderate the volatility of an equity-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor's overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management Fees                           | 0.90%             | 0.90%             |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None              | None              |
| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.20%             | None              |
| Other Expenses                            | 0.04%             | 0.04%             |
| Total Other Expenses                      | 0.24%             | 0.04%             |
| Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses | 1.14%             | 0.94%             |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

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| After 1 Year   | \$ 116            | \$ 96             |
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| After 5 Years  | \$ 628            | \$ 520            |
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### Portfolio Turnover

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The Portfolio may obtain equity exposure by investing principally in common stocks, but may also invest in preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”) and derivatives. In selecting equity investments, the Manager may draw on the capabilities of separate investment teams that specialize in different areas that are defined by investment style. The Manager selects growth and value equity securities by drawing from its fundamental growth and value investment disciplines. The research analyses supporting buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio’s direct investments in equity securities are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings rather than on broad economic forecasts.

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The Manager will employ tax management strategies in an attempt to reduce the impact of taxes on shareholders in the Portfolio. For example, the Manager will consider the tax impact that buy and sell investment decisions will have on the Portfolio’s shareholders. The Manager may sell certain securities in order to realize capital losses. Capital losses may be used to offset realized capital gains. To minimize capital gains distributions, the Manager may sell securities in the Portfolio with the highest cost basis. The Manager may monitor the length of time the Portfolio has held an investment to evaluate whether the investment should be sold at a short-term gain or held for a longer period so that the gain on the investment will be taxed at the lower long-term rate. In making this decision, the Manager will consider whether, in its judgment, the risk of continued exposure to the investment is worth the tax savings of a lower capital gains rate. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of ETFs. These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio’s portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

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- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio intends to use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
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- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations. Credit risk is greater for medium-quality and lower-rated securities. Lower-rated debt securities and similar unrated securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") have speculative elements or are predominantly speculative credit risks.
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- **Commodity Risk:** The value of commodity-linked derivatives, exchange traded notes and exchange traded funds may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
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- **Subordination Risk:** The Portfolio may invest in securities that are subordinated to more senior securities of an issuer, or which represent interests in pools of such subordinated securities. Subordinated securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Real Estate Related Securities Risk:** Investing in real estate related securities includes, among others, the following risks: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions, including increases in the rate of inflation; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. Investing in Real Estate

Investment Trusts (“REITs”) involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.

- **Investment in Other Investment Companies Risk:** As with other investments, investments in other investment companies, including ETFs, are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Portfolio acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Portfolio (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of the investment companies.

## BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

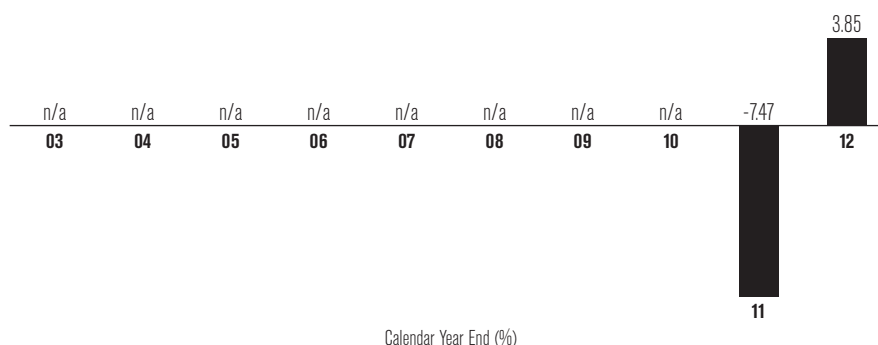
The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio’s performance changed from year to year over the life of the Portfolio; and
- how the Portfolio’s average annual returns for one year and over the life of the Portfolio compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio’s past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio’s Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio’s:

**Best Quarter was up 8.38%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -9.28%, 3rd quarter, 2011.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|--|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**  | Return Before Taxes  | 3.85%  | 4.51%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.79%  | 4.21%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.58%  | 3.85%            |
| Class 2  | Return Before Taxes  | 4.06%  | 4.75%            |
| S&P 500 Stock Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)    |  | 16.00% | 13.30%           |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 13.98% | 10.30%           |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

- Are shown for Class 1 shares only and will vary for Class 2 shares because these Classes have different expense ratios;
- Are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor’s tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown; and
- Are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

\*\*\* Composite Index is comprised of 56% S&P 500 Stock Index, 20% MSCI EAFE Index, 4% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 20% Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index.



**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee        | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Seth J. Masters | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Daniel J. Loewy | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:****Purchase Minimums\***

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager’s private client and institutional channels. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## Overlay B Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Overlay B Portfolio (“Portfolio”) is to moderate the volatility of a fixed-income-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor’s overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management Fees                           | 0.65%             | 0.65%             |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None              | None              |
| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.15%             | None              |
| Transfer Agent                            | 0.01%             | 0.01%             |
| Other Expenses                            | 0.06%             | 0.06%             |
| Total Other Expenses                      | 0.22%             | 0.07%             |
| Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses | 0.87%             | 0.72%             |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio’s operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 89             | \$ 74             |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 278            | \$230             |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 482            | \$401             |
| After 10 Years | \$1,073           | \$894             |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio’s portfolio turnover rate was 111% of the average value of its portfolio.

### PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

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The Portfolio may invest in a diversified portfolio of securities and other financial instruments, including derivative instruments, that provide investment exposure to a variety of asset classes. These asset classes may include: fixed-income instruments and equity securities of issuers located within and outside the United States, real estate related securities, below-investment grade (“high yield”) securities (commonly known as “junk bonds”), currencies and commodities. By adjusting investment exposure among the various asset classes in the Portfolio, AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) will seek to moderate the volatility of diversified client portfolios managed by Bernstein that reflect a significant allocation to fixed-income securities. The Portfolio’s asset class exposures may be implemented and adjusted either through transactions in individual securities or through derivatives. The Portfolio is managed without regard to tax considerations.

The Portfolio may obtain fixed-income exposure by investing in U.S., international and emerging market fixed-income instruments, including high yield securities and inflation-protected securities, and derivatives. To identify attractive bonds for the Portfolio, the Manager combines quantitative and fundamental research forecasts through a disciplined investment process to identify opportunities among country/yield curves, sectors, securities and currencies. Many types of securities may be purchased by the Portfolio, including corporate bonds, government and agency securities, asset-backed securities, mortgage-related securities, bank loan debt, preferred stock and inflation-protected securities, as well as others. The Portfolio may also invest without limit in U.S. Dollar denominated foreign fixed-income securities, in each case in developed or emerging-market countries.

The Portfolio’s fixed-income securities will primarily be investment grade debt securities, but may also include high yield securities and preferred stock. High yield securities are less liquid instruments that are often considered to be speculative and involve greater risk of default or price change due to changes in the issuer’s creditworthiness or in response to periods of general economic difficulty.

The Portfolio may obtain equity exposure principally through derivatives, but may also invest in common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”). In selecting equity investments, the Manager may draw on the capabilities of separate investment teams that specialize in different areas that are defined by investment style. The Manager selects growth and value equity securities by drawing from its fundamental growth and value investment disciplines. The research analyses supporting buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio’s direct investments in equity securities are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings rather than on broad economic forecasts.

The Manager will alter asset class exposures as market and economic conditions change. The Manager will employ risk/return tools and fundamental research insights to determine how to adjust the Portfolio’s exposures to various asset classes. These dynamic adjustments to the Portfolio’s asset class exposures will be implemented principally through the use of derivatives. The Portfolio’s use of derivatives to alter investment exposure of an investor’s Bernstein account may create significant leveraged exposure to certain asset classes within the Portfolio. The Portfolio may invest part or all of its portfolio in U.S. Government obligations or investment-grade debt securities of U.S. issuers. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio’s portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

The Manager also may use ETFs, exchange traded notes, structured investments and commodity-linked notes in seeking to carry out the Portfolio’s investment strategies. The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio’s securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio.

Exposure to certain asset classes may also be achieved through investment in the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios – Multi-Asset Real Return Portfolio. The Manager may use other AllianceBernstein Mutual Funds in the future, in addition to or instead of that in the preceding sentence.

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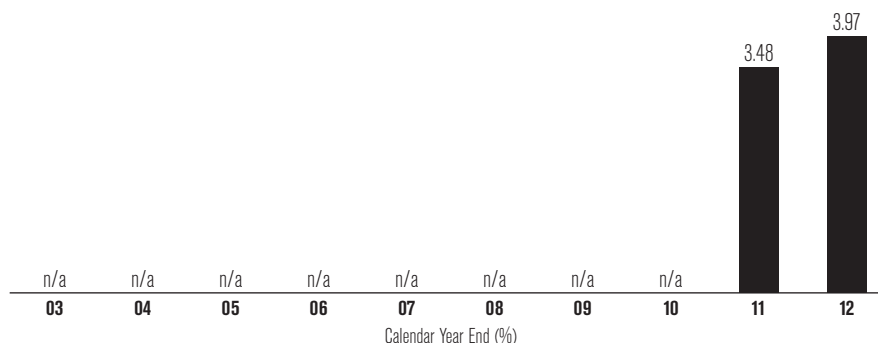
The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio's performance changed from year to year over the life of the Portfolio; and
- how the Portfolio's average annual returns for one year and over the life of the Portfolio compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 3.19%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -2.27%, 2nd quarter, 2012.**

### Performance Table

#### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|  |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|--|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**  | Return Before Taxes  | 3.97%  | 5.94%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.20%  | 4.99%            |
|  | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.87%  | 4.62%            |
| Class 2  | Return Before Taxes  | 4.01%  | 6.07%            |
| Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 4.32%  | 5.30%            |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)               |  | 8.29%  | 8.07%            |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

- Are shown for Class 1 shares only and will vary for Class 2 shares because these Classes have different expense ratios;
- Are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown; and
- Are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

\*\*\* Composite Index is comprised of 18.9% S&P 500 Stock Index, 6.75% MSCI EAFE Index, 1.35% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 3% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index, and 70% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:**

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| Employee        | Length of Service | Title                                |
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| Seth J. Masters | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Daniel J. Loewy | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

**PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:****Purchase Minimums\***

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

**TAX INFORMATION:**

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

**PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:**

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## Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio (“Portfolio”) is to moderate the volatility of a fixed-income-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor’s overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management Fees                           | 0.65%             | 0.65%             |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None              | None              |
| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.15%             | None              |
| Other Expenses                            | 0.04%             | 0.04%             |
| Total Other Expenses                      | 0.19%             | 0.04%             |
| Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses | 0.84%             | 0.69%             |

### Examples

The Examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio’s operating expenses stay the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs as reflected in the Examples would be:

|                | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| After 1 Year   | \$ 86             | \$ 70             |
| After 3 Years  | \$ 268            | \$221             |
| After 5 Years  | \$ 466            | \$384             |
| After 10 Years | \$1,037           | \$859             |

### Portfolio Turnover

The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys or sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when shares are held in a taxable account. These transaction costs, which are not reflected in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Examples, affect the Portfolio’s performance. For the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio’s portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL STRATEGIES:

The Portfolio is intended to be used as part of a broader investment program administered directly by the Bernstein Global Wealth Management Unit of AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Bernstein”). The performance and objectives of the Portfolio should be evaluated only in the context of the investor’s complete investment program. The Portfolio is NOT designed to be used as a stand-alone investment.

The Portfolio may invest in a diversified portfolio of securities and other financial instruments, including derivative instruments, that provide investment exposure to a variety of asset classes. These asset classes may include: fixed-income instruments and equity securities of issuers located within and outside the United States, real estate related securities, below-investment grade (“high yield”) securities (commonly known as “junk bonds”), currencies and commodities. By adjusting investment exposure among the various asset classes in the Portfolio, AllianceBernstein L.P. (“Manager”) will seek to moderate the volatility of diversified client portfolios managed by Bernstein that reflect a significant allocation to municipal securities. The Portfolio’s asset class exposures may be implemented and adjusted either through transactions in individual securities or through derivatives. The Portfolio seeks to minimize the impact of federal income taxes on shareholders’ returns over time.

The Portfolio may obtain fixed-income exposure primarily by investing in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies (or, if unrated, determined by the Manager to be of comparable quality), comparably rated municipal notes and derivatives. The Portfolio will invest no more than 25% of its total assets in municipal securities of issuers located in any one state. The municipal securities in which the Portfolio may invest are issued to raise money for a variety of public or private purposes, including general financing for state and local governments, the District of Columbia or possessions and territories of the United States, or financing for specific projects or public facilities. The interest paid on these securities is generally exempt from federal personal income tax, although in certain instances, it may be includable in income subject to alternative minimum tax. The Portfolio may invest in fixed-income securities of U.S. issuers that are not municipal securities if, in the Manager’s opinion, these securities may enhance the after-tax return for Portfolio investors. The Portfolio’s fixed-income securities may include high yield securities and preferred stock. To identify attractive bonds for the Portfolio, the Manager combines quantitative and fundamental research forecasts through a disciplined investment process to identify opportunities among country/yield curves, sectors, securities and currencies.

The Portfolio may obtain equity exposure principally through derivatives but may also invest in common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of U.S. and foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”). In selecting equity investments, the Manager may draw on the capabilities of separate investment teams that specialize in different areas that are defined by investment style. The Manager selects growth and value equity securities by drawing from its fundamental growth and value investment disciplines. The research analyses supporting buy and sell decisions for the Portfolio’s direct investments in equity securities are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings rather than on broad economic forecasts.

The Manager will alter asset class exposures as market and economic conditions change. The Manager will employ risk/return tools and fundamental research insights to determine how to adjust the Portfolio’s exposures to various asset classes. These dynamic adjustments to the Portfolio’s asset class exposures will be implemented principally through the use of derivatives. The Portfolio’s use of derivatives to alter investment exposure of an investor’s Bernstein account may create significant leveraged exposure to certain asset classes within the Portfolio. The Portfolio may invest part or all of its portfolio in U.S. Government obligations or investment-grade debt securities of U.S. issuers. The Portfolio also may invest without limit in high-quality municipal notes or variable rate demand obligations, or in taxable cash equivalents.

The Manager also may use exchange traded funds (“ETFs”), exchange traded notes, structured investments and commodity-linked notes in seeking to carry out the Portfolio’s investment strategies. The Portfolio may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the use of derivatives. An appropriate hedge of currency exposure resulting from the Portfolio’s securities positions may not be available or cost effective, or the Manager may determine not to hedge the positions, possibly even under market conditions where doing so could benefit the Portfolio. The Portfolio may use options strategies involving the purchase and/or writing of various combinations of call and/or put options, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including futures contracts on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of ETFs. These options transactions may be used, for example, in an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of the Portfolio’s portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges.

The Manager will employ tax management strategies in an attempt to reduce the impact of taxes on shareholders in the Portfolio. For example, the Manager will consider the tax impact that buy and sell investment decisions will have on the Portfolio’s shareholders. The Manager may sell certain securities in order to realize capital losses. Capital losses may be used to offset realized capital gains. To minimize capital gains distributions, the Manager may sell securities in the Portfolio with the highest cost basis. The Manager may monitor the length of time the Portfolio has held an investment to evaluate whether the investment should be sold at a short-term gain or held for a longer period so that the gain on the investment will be taxed at the lower long-term rate. In making this decision, the Manager will consider whether, in its judgment, the risk of continued exposure to the investment is worth the tax savings of a lower capital gains rate.

Exposure to certain asset classes may also be achieved through investment in the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios—Multi-Asset Real Return Portfolio. The Manager may use other AllianceBernstein Mutual Funds in the future, in addition to or instead of that in the preceding sentence.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS:

The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

The Portfolio is intended to be used as part of a broader investment program administered directly by Bernstein. The performance and objectives of the Portfolio should be evaluated only in the context of the investor's complete investment program. Changes in value of the Portfolio may be particularly pronounced because the Portfolio is managed in such a fashion as to affect the investor's assets subject to that broader investment program. The Portfolio is NOT designed to be used as a stand-alone investment.

- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that stock and bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. The value of the Portfolio's securities will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. The Portfolio does not seek to control risk relative to, or to outperform, a particular securities market benchmark. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Allocation Risk:** The allocation of investments among different global asset classes may have a significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value, or NAV, when one of these asset classes is performing more poorly than others. As both the direct investments and derivative positions will be periodically rebalanced to reflect the Manager's view of market and economic conditions, there will be transaction costs which may be, over time, significant. In addition, there is a risk that certain asset allocation decisions may not achieve the desired results and, as a result, the Portfolio may incur significant losses.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio intends to use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Leverage Risk:** Leverage creates exposure to gains and losses in a greater amount than the dollar amount made in an investment by attempting to enhance return or value without increasing the investment amount. Leverage can magnify the effects of changes in the value of the Portfolio's investments and make it more volatile. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid investments at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk.
- **Mortgage-Related Securities Risk:** In the case of investments in mortgage-related securities, a loss could be incurred if the collateral backing these securities is insufficient.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

- **Subordination Risk:** The Portfolio may invest in securities that are subordinated to more senior securities of an issuer, or which represent interests in pools of such subordinated securities. Subordinated securities will be disproportionately affected by a default or even a perceived decline in creditworthiness of the issuer. Subordinated securities are more likely to suffer a credit loss than non-subordinated securities of the same issuer, any loss incurred by the subordinated securities is likely to be proportionately greater, and any recovery of interest or principal may take more time.
- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. To the extent the Portfolio invests in a particular state's municipal securities, it may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting that state, including economic, political and regulatory occurrences, court decisions, terrorism and catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.
- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
- **Commodity Risk:** The value of commodity-linked derivatives, exchange traded notes and exchange traded funds may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.

- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.
- **Real Estate Related Securities Risk:** Investing in real estate related securities includes, among others, the following risks: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions, including increases in the rate of inflation; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. Investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs") involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.
- **Investment in Other Investment Companies Risk:** As with other investments, investments in other investment companies, including ETFs, are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Portfolio acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Portfolio (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of the investment companies.
- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio's municipal bond income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio's NAV could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio's yield.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

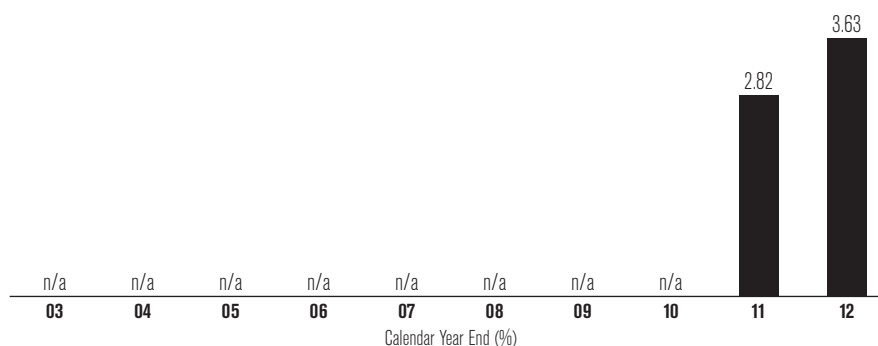
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The Portfolio's past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio's Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio's:

**Best Quarter was up 3.64%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -2.80%, 2nd quarter, 2012.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|---|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.63%  | 5.23%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.52%  | 4.90%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.83%  | 4.46%            |
| Class 2   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.75%  | 5.38%            |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 3.90%            |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)                                  |  | 7.47%  | 6.90%            |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

- Are shown for Class 1 shares only and will vary for Class 2 shares because these Classes have different expense ratios;
- Are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown; and
- Are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

\*\*\* Composite Index is comprised of 21% S&P 500 Stock Index, 7.5% MSCI EAFE Index, 1.5% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 70% Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

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| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:

### Purchase Minimums\*

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

## TAX INFORMATION:

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains. Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



## Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio (“Portfolio”) is to moderate the volatility of a fixed-income-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor’s overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

#### Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

|   | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Management Fees                           | 0.65%             | 0.65%             |
| Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees  | None              | None              |
| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.15%             | None              |
| Transfer Agent                            | 0.01%             | 0.01%             |
| Other Expenses                            | 0.08%             | 0.08%             |
| Total Other Expenses                      | 0.24%             | 0.09%             |
| Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses | 0.89%             | 0.74%             |

### Examples

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economic downturn has had a severe and negative impact on California, causing a significant deterioration in California's economic base. In addition, state expenditures are difficult to reduce because of constitutional provisions that require a minimum level of spending, for certain government programs, such as education. California's economy may also be affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes or fires. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.

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- **Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
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- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.

- **Real Estate Related Securities Risk:** Investing in real estate related securities includes, among others, the following risks: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions, including increases in the rate of inflation; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. Investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”) involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.
- **Investment in Other Investment Companies Risk:** As with other investments, investments in other investment companies, including ETFs, are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Portfolio acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Portfolio (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of the investment companies.
- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio’s municipal bond income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio’s NAV could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio’s yield.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

#### BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

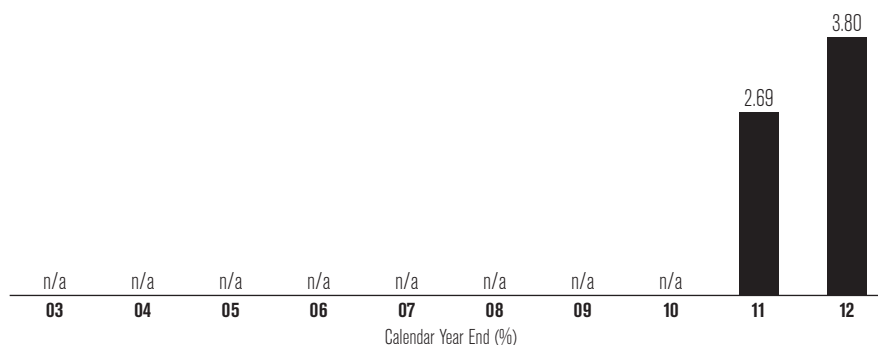
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- how the Portfolio’s performance changed from year to year over the life of the Portfolio; and
- how the Portfolio’s average annual returns for one year and over the life of the Portfolio compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio’s past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

#### Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio’s Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio’s:

**Best Quarter was up 3.85%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -2.87%, 3rd quarter, 2011.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|---|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.80%  | 5.24%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.69%  | 4.86%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.86%  | 4.42%            |
| Class 2   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.82%  | 5.36%            |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 3.90%            |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)                                  |  | 7.47%  | 6.90%            |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

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## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. ("Manager") is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee        | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Seth J. Masters | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Daniel J. Loewy | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:

### Purchase Minimums\*

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

## TAX INFORMATION:

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains. Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

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## Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE:

The investment objective of the Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio (“Portfolio”) is to moderate the volatility of a fixed-income-oriented asset allocation over the long term, as part of an investor’s overall asset allocation managed by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC.

### FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO:

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

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

|  | Class 1<br>Shares | Class 2<br>Shares |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases<br>(as a percentage of offering price)                                | None              | None              |
| Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)<br>(as a percentage of offering price or redemption proceeds, whichever is lower) | None              | None              |
| Exchange Fee   | None              | None              |

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|---|-------------------|-------------------|
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| Other Expenses:                           |                   |                   |
| Shareholder Servicing                     | 0.15%             | None              |
| Transfer Agent                            | 0.01%             | 0.01%             |
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The share price of the Portfolio will fluctuate and you may lose money. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will achieve its investment objective.

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- **Market Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to market risk, which is the risk that stock and bond prices in general may decline over short or extended periods. The value of the Portfolio's securities will fluctuate as the stock or bond market fluctuates. Equity and debt markets around the world have experienced unprecedented volatility, including as a result of the recent European sovereign debt crisis, and these market conditions may continue or get worse. This financial environment has caused a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many investments, and could make identifying investment risks and opportunities especially difficult. High public debt in the United States and other countries creates ongoing systemic and market risks and policy making uncertainty. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries are affecting many aspects of financial regulation. The impact of these changes, and the practical implications for market participants, may not be fully known for some time.
- **Management Risk:** The Portfolio is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment portfolio. The Manager will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Portfolio, but its decisions may not produce the desired results. The Portfolio does not seek to control risk relative to, or to outperform, a particular securities market benchmark. In some cases, derivative and other investment techniques may be unavailable or the Manager may determine not to use them, possibly even under market conditions where their use could benefit the Portfolio.
- **Allocation Risk:** The allocation of investments among different global asset classes may have a significant effect on the Portfolio's net asset value, or NAV, when one of these asset classes is performing more poorly than others. As both the direct investments and derivative positions will be periodically rebalanced to reflect the Manager's view of market and economic conditions, there will be transaction costs which may be, over time, significant. In addition, there is a risk that certain asset allocation decisions may not achieve the desired results and, as a result, the Portfolio may incur significant losses.
- **Derivatives Risk:** The Portfolio intends to use derivatives as direct investments to earn income, enhance return and broaden portfolio diversification, which entail greater risk than if used solely for hedging purposes. In addition to other risks such as the credit risk of the counterparty, derivatives involve the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate with relevant assets, rates or indices. Derivatives may be illiquid and difficult to price or unwind, and small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Portfolio. Assets required to be set aside or posted to cover or secure derivatives positions may themselves go down in value, and these collateral and other requirements may limit investment flexibility. Some derivatives involve leverage, which can make the Portfolio more volatile and can compound other risks. Recent legislation calls for new regulation of the derivatives markets. The extent and impact of the regulation are not yet fully known and may not be for some time. The regulation may make derivatives more costly, may limit their availability, or may otherwise adversely affect their value or performance.
- **Leverage Risk:** Leverage creates exposure to gains and losses in a greater amount than the dollar amount made in an investment by attempting to enhance return or value without increasing the investment amount. Leverage can magnify the effects of changes in the value of the Portfolio's investments and make it more volatile. The use of leverage may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions when it may not be advantageous to do so.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid investments at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk. The Portfolio is subject to liquidity risk because the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets.
- **Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of the Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. Most of the Portfolio's investments are in New York municipal securities. Thus, the Portfolio may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting New York's economy.

New York's economy has a relatively large share of the nation's financial activities. With the financial services sector contributing over one-fifth of the state's wages, the state's economy is especially vulnerable to adverse events affecting the financial markets such as occurred in 2008–2009. The Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, are subject to the risk that factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.

- **Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of the Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of the Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or duration.
- **Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.
- **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which the Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio's assets.
- **Emerging Markets Securities Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities are heightened with respect to issuers in emerging-market countries, because the markets are less developed and less liquid and there may be a greater amount of economic, political and social uncertainty.
- **Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of the Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of the Portfolio. For example, the value of the Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (*i.e.*, gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (*i.e.*, losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar).
- **Actions by a Few Major Investors:** In certain countries, volatility may be heightened by actions of a few major investors. For example, substantial increases or decreases in cash flows of mutual funds investing in these markets could significantly affect local stock prices and, therefore, share prices of the Portfolio.
- **Commodity Risk:** The value of commodity-linked derivatives, exchange traded notes and exchange traded funds may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.
- **Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Portfolio's assets can decline as can the value of the Portfolio's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.
- **Inflation-Protected Securities Risk:** The terms of inflation-protected securities provide for the coupon and/or maturity value to be adjusted based on changes in inflation. Decreases in the inflation rate or in investors' expectations about inflation could cause these securities to underperform non-inflation-adjusted securities on a total-return basis.
- **Lower-rated Securities Risk:** Lower-rated securities, or junk bonds/high yield securities, are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates.

- **Real Estate Related Securities Risk:** Investing in real estate related securities includes, among others, the following risks: possible declines in the value of real estate; risks related to general and local economic conditions, including increases in the rate of inflation; possible lack of availability of mortgage funds; overbuilding; extended vacancies of properties; increases in competition, property taxes and operating expenses; changes in zoning laws; costs resulting from the clean-up of, and liability to third parties for damages resulting from, environmental problems; casualty or condemnation losses; uninsured damages from floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters; limitations on and variations in rents; and changes in interest rates. Investing in Real Estate Investment Trusts (“REITs”) involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.
- **Investment in Other Investment Companies Risk:** As with other investments, investments in other investment companies, including ETFs, are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Portfolio acquires shares of investment companies, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Portfolio (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of the investment companies.
- **Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that all of the Portfolio’s municipal bond income will remain exempt from federal or state income taxes. From time to time, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Congress consider changes in federal tax law that could limit or eliminate the federal tax exemption for municipal bond income, which would in effect reduce the income received by shareholders from the Portfolio by increasing taxes on that income. In such event, the Portfolio’s NAV could also decline as yields on municipal bonds, which are typically lower than those on taxable bonds, would be expected to increase to approximately the yield of comparable taxable bonds. Actions or anticipated actions affecting the tax exempt status of municipal bonds could also result in significant shareholder redemptions of Portfolio shares as investors anticipate adverse effects on the Portfolio or seek higher yields to offset the potential loss of the tax deduction. As a result, the Portfolio would be required to maintain higher levels of cash to meet the redemptions, which would negatively affect the Portfolio’s yield.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk:** Prepayment risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other security might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. If this happens, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or credit spreads, the Portfolio may not be able to invest the proceeds in securities providing as much income, resulting in a lower yield to the Portfolio. Conversely, extension risk is the risk that as interest rates rise or spreads widen, payments of securities may occur more slowly than anticipated by the market. When this happens, the values of these securities may go down because their interest rates are lower than current market rates and they remain outstanding longer than anticipated.

## BAR CHART AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

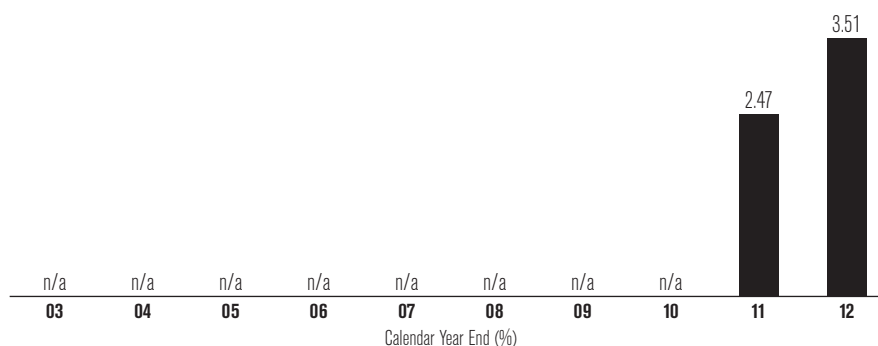
The bar chart and performance information provide an indication of the historical risk of an investment in the Portfolio by showing:

- how the Portfolio’s performance changed from year to year over the life of the Portfolio; and
- how the Portfolio’s average annual returns for one year and over the life of the Portfolio compare to those of a broad-based securities market index.

The Portfolio’s past performance before and after taxes, of course, does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Bar Chart

The annual returns in the bar chart are for the Portfolio’s Class 1 shares.



During the period shown in the bar chart, the Portfolio’s:

**Best Quarter was up 3.68%, 1st quarter, 2012; and Worst Quarter was down -2.97%, 3rd quarter, 2011.**

## Performance Table

### Average Annual Total Returns

(For the periods ended December 31, 2012)

|   |  | 1 Year | Since Inception* |
|---|--|--------|------------------|
| Class 1**   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.51%  | 5.03%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions                              | 3.38%  | 4.63%            |
|   | Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Portfolio Shares | 2.69%  | 4.23%            |
| Class 2   | Return Before Taxes  | 3.62%  | 5.17%            |
| Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) |  | 2.36%  | 3.90%            |
| Composite Benchmark***<br>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)                                  |  | 7.47%  | 6.90%            |

\* Inception date for Class 1 and Class 2 shares: 2/8/10.

\*\* After-tax returns:

- Are shown for Class 1 shares only and will vary for Class 2 shares because these Classes have different expense ratios;
- Are an estimate, which is based on the highest historical individual federal marginal income tax rates, and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes; actual after-tax returns depend on an individual investor's tax situation and are likely to differ from those shown; and
- Are not relevant to investors who hold Portfolio shares through tax-deferred arrangements such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

\*\*\* Composite Index is comprised of 21% S&P 500 Stock Index, 7.5% MSCI EAFE Index, 1.5% MSCI Emerging Markets Index, 70% Barclays 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index.

## INVESTMENT MANAGER:

AllianceBernstein L.P. ("Manager") is the investment manager for the Portfolio.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:

The following table lists the persons responsible for day-to-day management of the Portfolio:

| Employee        | Length of Service | Title                                |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Seth J. Masters | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Daniel J. Loewy | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Dianne F. Lob   | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |
| Andrew Y. Chin  | Since inception   | Senior Vice President of the Manager |

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES:

### Purchase Minimums\*

|         | Initial     | Subsequent |
|---------|-------------|------------|
| Class 1 | \$25,000    | None       |
| Class 2 | \$1,500,000 | None       |

\* Note: Initial purchase minimums are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. The Portfolio may waive investment minimums for certain types of retirement accounts or under certain other circumstances.

You may sell (redeem) your shares each day the New York Stock Exchange is open. You may sell your shares by sending a request to Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. LLC, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105.

## TAX INFORMATION:

The Portfolio intends to distribute dividends and/or distributions that may be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains. Any dividends paid by the Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES:

Shares of the Portfolio are offered primarily through the Manager's private client and institutional channels. If you purchase shares of the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio shares and related services. These payments may provide a financial incentive for the broker-dealer or other financial intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT INVESTMENT PROCESSES

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This section contains additional information about Portfolios' investment processes and certain principal risks. This Prospectus refers to Alliance Bernstein L.P. as the "Manager" or "AllianceBernstein" and shareholders of the Portfolios as "you."

### Overlay Portfolios

**The Overlay Portfolios are intended to be used as part of a broader investment program administered directly by Bernstein. The performance and objectives of the Overlay Portfolios should be evaluated only in the context of the investor's complete investment program. The board of directors of Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc. does not oversee the investment management services provided by Bernstein directly to private clients. The Overlay Portfolios are NOT designed to be used as stand-alone investments.**

Each Overlay Portfolio may access a wide range of asset class exposures to alter the near-term expected risk and reward of a representative investor's overall asset allocation strategy—one that includes an investment in the Overlay Portfolios and a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds held through Bernstein. Each of the Overlay A and Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolios is designed to complement an equity-oriented asset allocation managed by Bernstein, and each of the Overlay B, Tax-Aware Overlay B, Tax-Aware Overlay C and Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolios is designed to complement a fixed-income-oriented asset allocation managed by Bernstein. Combinations of the various Overlay Portfolios can be used to suit a variety of intermediate asset allocations.

Investors in the Overlay Portfolios will experience short-term market fluctuations and should have a long-term investment horizon. Investors should evaluate the Overlay Portfolios' risk in combination with their other Bernstein investments when selecting an Overlay Portfolio. Each Overlay Portfolio may not achieve its goal and is not intended as a complete investment program.

*Asset Allocation Overlay.* The Manager will employ its risk/return tools and research insights to implement adjustments to the Overlay Portfolios' asset class exposures, and thereby those within an investor's Bernstein account, as market and economic conditions change. For example, the Manager may employ derivatives to increase (by taking a long position) or decrease (by taking a short position) exposures to certain asset classes created by its direct investments or to provide market exposure to certain asset classes not held in the Overlay Portfolios. The Overlay Portfolios intend to use derivatives to reduce risk or to seek enhanced returns from certain asset classes as well as to leverage their exposure to certain asset classes. The Overlay Portfolios may maintain a significant percentage of their assets in cash and cash equivalent instruments, some of which may serve as margin or collateral for the Overlay Portfolios' obligations under derivative transactions. The Manager may use exchange traded

funds, exchange traded notes, structured investments and commodity-linked notes in seeking to carry out an Overlay Portfolio's investment strategies.

*Direct Investment.* The Overlay Portfolios may invest in a diversified portfolio of securities and other financial instruments that provide exposure to a variety of asset classes, including: fixed-income instruments and equity securities of issuers located within and outside the United States, high yield securities, currencies, commodities and real estate. In addition, the Overlay Portfolios will generally invest a portion of their uncommitted cash balances in derivatives to expose that portion of the Overlay Portfolio to the fixed-income and/or equity markets.

*Fixed-Income Instrument Selection:* To identify attractive bonds for the Overlay Portfolios, the Manager combines quantitative and fundamental research forecasts through a disciplined investment process to identify opportunities among country/yield curves, sectors, securities and currencies.

Many types of debt securities may be purchased by the Overlay Portfolios, including corporate bonds, notes, U.S. Government and agency securities, municipal securities, asset-backed securities, mortgage-related securities, bank loan debt, preferred stock and inflation-protected securities, and foreign securities in developed or emerging-market countries.

Each Overlay Portfolio may invest in fixed-income securities rated below investment grade (BB or below) by national rating agencies (high yield bonds). High yield bonds are less liquid instruments that are often considered to be speculative and involve greater risk of default or price change due to changes in the issuer's creditworthiness or in response to periods of general economic difficulty. No more than 5% of an Overlay Portfolio's total assets may be invested in fixed-income securities rated CCC by national rating agencies.

*Equity Security Selection:* In managing the Overlay Portfolios, the Manager may diversify the direct equity component across multiple research strategies as well as capitalization ranges. The Manager relies on both fundamental and quantitative research to manage both risk and return for the Overlay Portfolios. The Overlay Portfolios may own stocks from our bottom-up fundamental research in value, growth, stability and other disciplines. Within each investment discipline, the Manager draws on the capabilities of separate investment teams. The research analyses that support buy and sell decisions are fundamental and bottom-up, based largely on specific company and industry findings and taking into account broad economic forecasts.

The Overlay Portfolios' direct equity investments will be comprised primarily of common stocks but the Overlay Portfolios may also invest in preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities of foreign issuers, including sponsored or unsponsored ADRs and GDRs. The Overlay Portfolios may enter into foreign currency transactions for hedging and non-hedging purposes on a spot (*i.e.*, cash) basis or through the

use of derivatives transactions, such as forward currency exchange contracts, currency futures and options thereon, and options on currencies. The Overlay Portfolios will generally invest in foreign-currency futures contracts or foreign-currency forward contracts with terms of up to one year. The Overlay Portfolios will also purchase foreign currency for immediate settlement in order to purchase foreign securities. The Overlay Portfolios may also make investments in less developed or emerging equity markets. See “Additional Investment Information, Special Investment Techniques and Related Risks—Foreign Currency Transactions” for more information about currency trading in the Overlay Portfolios.

#### **Additional Strategies Applicable to the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios**

The Manager will employ tax management strategies in an attempt to reduce the impact of taxes on shareholders in the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios. For example, the Manager will consider the tax impact that buy and sell investment decisions will have on such Portfolios’ shareholders. The Manager may sell certain securities in order to realize capital losses. Capital

losses may be used to offset realized capital gains. To minimize capital gains distributions, the Manager may sell securities in each such Portfolio with the highest cost basis. The Manager may monitor the length of time such Portfolios have held an investment to evaluate whether the investment should be sold at a short-term gain or held for a longer period so that the gain on the investment will be taxed at the lower long-term rate. In making this decision, the Manager will consider whether, in its judgment, the risk of continued exposure to the investment is worth the tax savings of a lower capital gains rate. In addition, the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios will generally maintain a larger exposure to municipal obligations than the other Portfolios. The use of derivatives will generate taxable income for the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios, which may compromise the Manager’s ability to minimize the tax impact of the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios’ investment strategies. There can be no assurance that any of these strategies will be effective or that their use will not adversely affect the gross returns of the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios.



In addition to the principal investments previously described, the Portfolios may invest in other investments. This section of the Prospectus provides additional information about the Portfolios' investment practices and related risks. Most of these investment practices are discretionary, which means that the Manager may or may not decide to use them. This Prospectus does not describe all of a Portfolio's investment practices and additional information about each Portfolio's risks and investments can be found in the Portfolios' SAI.

### **Interest Only/Principal Only Securities**

The Fixed-Income Portfolios and Overlay Portfolios may invest in a type of mortgage-related security where all interest payments go to one class of holders—"Interest Only" or "IO"—and all of the principal goes to a second class of holders—"Principal Only" or "PO."

The market values of both IOs and POs are sensitive to prepayment rates; the value of POs varies directly with prepayment rates, while the value of IOs varies inversely with prepayment rates. If prepayment rates are high, investors may actually receive less cash from the IO than was initially invested. IOs and POs issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies and instrumentalities that are backed by fixed-rate mortgages may be considered liquid securities under guidelines established by each Portfolio's Board of Directors (the "Board"); all other IOs and POs will be considered illiquid (see discussion of Illiquid Securities below).

### **Obligations of Supranational Agencies**

The Fixed-Income Portfolios and Overlay Portfolios may invest in the obligations of supranational agencies. Supranational agencies rely on participating countries (which may include the United States) for funds. Some supranationals, such as the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "World Bank"), have the right to borrow from participating countries, including the United States. Other supranationals must request funds from participating countries; however, such requests may not always be honored. Moreover, the securities of supranational agencies, depending on where and how they are issued, may be subject to some of the risks associated with investments in foreign securities.

### **Variable, Floating and Inverse Floating Rate Instruments**

Fixed-income securities may have fixed, variable or floating rates of interest. Variable and floating rate securities pay interest at rates that are adjusted periodically, according to a specified formula. A "variable" interest rate adjusts at predetermined intervals (e.g., daily, weekly or monthly), while a "floating" interest rate adjusts whenever a specified benchmark rate (such as the bank prime lending rate) changes.

Each Fixed-Income Portfolio and each Overlay Portfolio may invest in variable rate demand notes ("VRDNs") which are instruments whose interest rates change on a specific date (such as coupon date or interest payment date) or whose interest rates vary with changes in a designated base rate (such as prime

interest rate). These instruments are payable on demand and are secured by letters of credit or other credit support agreements from major banks.

Each Fixed-Income Portfolio and each Overlay Portfolio may invest in fixed-income securities that pay interest at a coupon rate equal to a base rate, plus additional interest for a certain period of time if short-term interest rates rise above a predetermined level. The amount of such an additional interest payment typically is calculated under a formula based on a short-term interest rate index multiplied by a designated factor and may be subject to a "cap."

Each Fixed-Income Portfolio and each Overlay Portfolio may invest in "inverse floaters," which are securities with two variable components that, when combined, result in a fixed interest rate. The "auction component" typically pays an interest rate that is reset periodically through an auction process, while the "residual component" pays a current residual interest rate based on the difference between the total interest paid on the securities and the auction rate paid on the auction component. A Portfolio may purchase both auction and residual components. When an inverse floater is in the residual mode (leveraged), the interest rate typically resets in the opposite direction from the variable or floating market rate of interest on which the floater is based. The degree of leverage inherent in inverse floaters is associated with a greater degree of volatility of market value, such that the market values of inverse floaters that represent the residual component tend to decrease more rapidly during periods of increasing interest rates than those of fixed-rate securities.

### **Zero Coupon Securities**

Zero coupon securities are debt securities that have been issued without interest coupons or stripped of their unmatured interest coupons, and include receipts or certificates representing interests in such stripped debt obligations and coupons. Such a security pays no interest to its holder during its life. Its value to an investor consists of the difference between its face value at the time of maturity and the price for which it was acquired, which is generally an amount significantly less than its face value. Such securities usually trade at a deep discount from their face or par value and are subject to greater fluctuations in market value in response to changing interest rates than debt obligations of comparable maturities and credit quality that make current distributions of interest. On the other hand, because there are no periodic interest payments to be reinvested prior to maturity, these securities eliminate reinvestment risk and "lock in" a rate of return to maturity.

### **Fixed-Income Securities**

The Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios, the U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio and the Short Duration Plus Portfolio may invest in medium-quality securities rated A or Baa by Moody's, or A or BBB by S&P or Fitch. It is generally expected that these Portfolios will not retain a security downgraded below B by Moody's, S&P and Fitch, or if unrated, determined by the



Manager to have undergone similar credit quality deterioration, however, the Portfolios are not required to dispose of such downgraded securities. The Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio, the Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio and the Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio may obtain fixed-income exposure primarily by investing in municipal securities rated A or better by national rating agencies. The Intermediate Duration Portfolio, the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in below-investment grade securities rated Ba, B or Caa by Moody's or BB, B or CCC by S&P and Fitch.

**Fixed-Income Portfolios and Overlay Portfolios:** The value of each Fixed-Income Portfolio's and each Overlay Portfolio's shares will fluctuate with the value of its investments.

**Interest Rate Risk:** This is the risk that changes in interest rates will affect the value of a Portfolio's investments in fixed-income debt securities such as bonds and notes. Interest rates in the United States have recently been historically low. Increases in interest rates may cause the value of a Portfolio's investments to decline and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. A Portfolio may experience increased interest rate risk to the extent it invests in fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations. There is also the risk that a floating rate fixed-income security may reset its interest rate when its specified benchmark rate changes. Because prices of intermediate-duration bonds are more sensitive to interest rate changes than those of shorter duration, intermediate-duration Portfolios have greater interest rate risk than the short-duration Portfolios.

**Credit Risk:** This is the risk that the issuer or the guarantor of a debt security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. A Portfolio may rely upon rating agencies to determine credit ratings, but those ratings are opinions and are not absolute guarantees of quality. Credit risk is greater for medium-quality and lower-rated securities. Lower-rated debt securities and similar unrated securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") have speculative elements or are predominantly speculative credit risks. Credit rating agencies may lower the credit rating of certain debt securities held by a Portfolio. If a debt security's credit rating is downgraded, its price is likely to decline, which would lower an investor's total return.

**Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Portfolio from selling out of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price. Illiquid securities may also be difficult to value. Derivatives and securities involving substantial market and credit risk tend to involve greater liquidity risk. To the

extent a Portfolio invests in municipal securities, the Portfolio is subject to liquidity risk because the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets. A Portfolio is exposed to liquidity risk when low trading volume, lack of a market maker, a large position, or legal restrictions limit or prevent a Portfolio from selling securities or closing derivative positions at desirable prices. In addition, liquidity risk tends to increase to the extent a Portfolio invests in securities whose sale may be restricted by law or by contract.

## **Municipal Securities**

The two principal classifications of municipal securities are bonds and notes. Municipal bonds are intended to meet longer-term capital needs while municipal notes are intended to fulfill short-term capital needs. Municipal notes generally have original maturities not exceeding one year. Municipal notes include tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, bond anticipation notes, variable rate demand obligations, and tax-exempt commercial paper.

Municipal bonds are typically classified as "general obligation" or "revenue" or "special obligation" bonds. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer's pledge of its full faith, credit, and taxing power for payment of principal and interest. Revenue or special obligation bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other tax, but not from general tax revenues. The payment of the principal and interest on revenue bonds is dependent solely on the ability of the user of the facilities financed by the bonds to meet its financial obligations and the pledge, if any, of real and personal property financed as security for such payment.

A Portfolio may purchase municipal securities the interest on which, in the opinion of bond counsel, is exempt from federal income tax. Neither AllianceBernstein nor any Portfolio guarantees that this opinion is correct, and there is no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will agree with bond counsel's opinion. If the IRS determines that an issuer of a municipal security has not complied with applicable tax requirements, interest from the security could become subject to federal income tax, possibly retroactively to the date the security was issued, and the value of the security could decline significantly and past distributions to Portfolio shareholders could be recharacterized as taxable.

Bonds of certain sectors have special risks. For example, the health-care industry can be affected by federal or state legislation, electric utilities are subject to governmental regulation, and private-activity bonds are not government-backed. Attempts to restructure the federal tax system may have adverse effects on the value of municipal securities or make them less attractive to investors relative to taxable investments.

**Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield or value of a Portfolio's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related

to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. The value of municipal securities may also be adversely affected by rising health care costs, increasing unfunded pension liabilities, and by the phasing out of federal programs providing financial support. Investments in municipal securities are subject to the supply of and demand for such securities, which may vary from time to time. Supply and demand factors can also affect the value of municipal securities. Most of the Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio's, the New York Municipal Portfolio's and the Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio's investments are in New York State's municipal securities. Thus, the Portfolios may be more vulnerable to events adversely affecting New York's economy. New York's economy has a relatively large share of the nation's financial activities. With the financial services sector contributing over one-fifth of the state's wages, the state's economy is especially vulnerable to adverse events affecting the financial markets such as have occurred in 2008–2009. Each of the Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio's, the California Municipal Portfolio's and the Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio's investments in California municipal securities may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting California's economy. California's economy, the largest of the 50 states, continues to be affected by serious fiscal conditions as a result of voted-passed initiatives that limit the ability of state and local governments to raise revenues, particularly with respect to real property taxes. The recent economic downturn has had a severe and negative impact on California, causing a significant deterioration in California's economic base. In addition, state expenditures are difficult to reduce because of constitutional provisions that require a minimum level of spending for certain government programs, such as education. California's economy may also be affected by natural disasters, such as earthquakes or fires. To the extent the Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio, the Diversified Municipal Portfolio and the Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio invest in a particular state's municipal securities, they may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting that state, including economic, political and regulatory occurrences, court decisions, terrorism and catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. A Portfolio's investments in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, may have increased risks. Factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities. In addition, the credit quality of private activity bonds is tied to the credit quality of related corporate issuers.

Also, some municipal securities are municipal lease obligations. A municipal lease obligation is not backed by the full faith and credit of the issuing municipality, but is usually backed by the municipality's pledge to make annual appropriations for lease payments. Thus, it is possible that a municipality will not appropriate money for lease payments. Additionally, some municipal lease obligations may allow for lease cancellation prior to the maturity date of the security. Municipal lease obligations may be less readily marketable than other municipal securities and some may be illiquid.

## Investment in Exchange-Traded Funds and Other Investment Companies

The Overlay Portfolios may invest to a significant extent in shares of ETFs, subject to the restrictions and limitations of the 1940 Act or any applicable rules, exemptive orders or regulatory guidance. ETFs are pooled investment vehicles, which may be managed or unmanaged, that generally seek to track the performance of a specific index. The ETFs in which a Portfolio invests will not be able to replicate exactly the performance of the indices they track because the total return generated by the securities will be reduced by transaction costs incurred in adjusting the actual balance of the securities. In addition, the ETFs in which a Portfolio invests will incur expenses not incurred by their applicable indices. Certain securities comprising the indices tracked by the ETFs may, from time to time, temporarily be unavailable, which may further impede the ability of the ETFs to track their applicable indices. The market value of the ETF shares may differ from their net asset value ("NAV"). This difference in price may be due to the fact that the supply and demand in the market for ETF shares at any point in time is not always identical to the supply and demand in the market for the underlying basket of securities. Accordingly, there may be times when an ETF's shares trade at a discount to its NAV.

The Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in other investment companies, including affiliated investment companies, as permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). As with ETFs, if the Portfolios acquire shares in investment companies, shareholders would bear, indirectly, the expenses of such investment companies (which may include management and advisory fees), which are in addition to the Portfolios' expenses. The Portfolios intend to invest uninvested cash balances in an affiliated money market fund as permitted by Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act and, as indicated above, the Overlay Portfolios intend to invest from time to time in the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios—Multi-Asset Real Return Portfolio. A brief description of the Multi-Asset Real Return Portfolio follows. Additional details are available in the prospectus and SAI for the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios. You may request a free copy of the prospectus and/or SAI of the AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios by contacting your Financial Advisor.

AllianceBernstein Pooling Portfolios—AllianceBernstein Multi-Asset Real Return ("Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio") has an investment objective to maximize real return over inflation. Real return is the rate of total return (including income and capital appreciation) after adjusting for inflation. The Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio pursues an investment strategy involving a variety of asset classes that the Manager expects to outperform broad equity indices during periods of rising inflation. Under normal circumstances, the Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio invests its assets principally in the following instruments that, in the judgment of the Manager, are affected directly or indirectly by the level and change in rate of inflation: inflation-protected fixed-income securities, such as TIPS and similar bonds issued by governments outside of the United States, commodities, equity securities, such

as commodity-related stocks, real estate securities, utility securities, infra-structure related securities, securities and derivatives linked to the price of other assets (such as commodities, stock indices and real estate), and currencies.

The Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio may seek to gain exposure to physical commodities traded in the commodities markets through investments in a variety of derivative instruments, including investments in commodity index-linked notes. The Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio seeks to gain exposure to commodities and commodities-related instruments and derivatives primarily through investments in AllianceBernstein Cayman Inflation Pooling Subsidiary, Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Portfolio organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The Multi-Asset Pooling Portfolio limits its investment in the subsidiary to no more than 25% of its net assets.

### **Bank Loan Debt**

The Short Duration Plus, the Intermediate Duration Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in fixed and floating rate loans (“Loans”) arranged through private negotiations between borrowers and one or more financial institutions (“Lenders”). Such loans are often referred to as bank loan debt. The Portfolios’ investments in Loans are expected in most instances to be in the form of participations in Loans (“Participations”) and assignments of all or a portion of Loans (“Assignments”) from third parties. The lack of a liquid secondary market for such securities may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities and a Portfolio’s ability to dispose of particular Assignments or Participations when necessary to meet the Portfolio’s liquidity needs in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the borrower.

### **Illiquid Securities**

Each Portfolio will limit its investments in illiquid securities to 15% of its net assets. Illiquid securities generally include (i) direct placements or other securities for which there is no readily available market (*e.g.*, when market makers do not exist or will not entertain bids or offers), (ii) over-the-counter options and assets used to cover over-the-counter options, and (iii) repurchase agreements not terminable within seven days. Rule 144A securities that have legal or contractual restrictions on resale but have a readily available market are not deemed illiquid. AllianceBernstein will monitor the liquidity of each Portfolio’s Rule 144A portfolio securities. A Portfolio that invests in illiquid securities may not be able to sell such securities and may not be able to realize their full value upon sale.

### **Preferred Stock**

Each Portfolio may invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock is subordinated to any debt the issuer has outstanding. Accordingly, preferred stock dividends are not paid until all debt obligations are first met. Preferred stock may be subject to more fluctuations in market value, due to changes in market participants’ perceptions of the issuer’s ability to continue to pay dividends, than debt of the same issuer.

### **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities**

The equity securities in which the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may invest include common and

preferred stocks, warrants and convertible securities. These Portfolios may invest in foreign securities directly or in the form of sponsored or unsponsored ADRs, GDRs or other similar securities convertible into securities of foreign issuers without limitation. ADRs are receipts typically issued by a U.S. bank or trust company that evidence ownership of the underlying securities. GDRs are receipts typically issued by a non-U.S. bank or trust company evidencing a similar arrangement. The issuers of unsponsored ADRs are not obligated to disclose material information in the United States and, therefore, there may not be a correlation between such information and the market value of the ADR. Depositary receipts may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the underlying securities into which they may be converted. Generally, depositary receipts in registered form are designed for use in the U.S. securities markets, and depositary receipts in bearer form are designed for use in foreign securities markets. For purposes of determining the country of issuance, investments in depositary receipts of either type are deemed to be investments in the underlying securities.

**Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities Risk:** Investments in foreign securities entail significant risks in addition to those customarily associated with investing in U.S. securities. These risks include risks related to adverse market, economic, political and regulatory factors and social instability, all of which could disrupt the financial markets in which a Portfolio invests and adversely affect the value of the Portfolio’s assets. These risks are heightened with respect to investments in emerging market countries. Investments in foreign securities are subject to the risk that the investment may be affected by foreign tax laws and restrictions on receiving investment proceeds from a foreign country. In general, since investments in foreign countries are not subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or U.S. reporting requirements, there may be less publicly available information concerning foreign issuers of securities held by a Portfolio than will be available concerning U.S. companies. In addition, the enforcement of legal rights in foreign countries and against foreign governments may be difficult and costly and there may be special difficulties enforcing claims against foreign governments. National policies may also restrict investment opportunities. For example, there may be restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests.

### **Other foreign investment risks include:**

- the availability of less public information on issuers of securities
- less governmental supervision of brokers and issuers of securities
- lack of uniform accounting, auditing and financial-reporting standards
- settlement practices that differ from those in the U.S. and may result in delays or may not fully protect the Portfolios against loss or theft of assets
- the possibility of nationalization of a company or industry and expropriation or confiscatory taxation

- the imposition of foreign taxes
- high inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates
- less developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment

Higher costs associated with foreign investing: Investments in foreign securities will also result in generally higher expenses due to:

- the costs of currency exchange
- higher brokerage commissions in certain foreign markets
- the expense of maintaining securities with foreign custodians

**Foreign Currency Risk:** This is the risk that changes in foreign (non-U.S.) currency exchange rates may negatively affect the value of a Portfolio's investments or reduce the returns of a Portfolio. For example, the value of a Portfolio's investments in foreign securities and foreign currency positions may decrease if the U.S. Dollar is strong (i.e., gaining value relative to other currencies) and other currencies are weak (i.e., losing value relative to the U.S. Dollar). Currency markets generally are not as regulated as securities markets. In addition, currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time, causing a Portfolio's NAV to fluctuate. Currency exchange rates are determined by supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets, the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, and other complex factors. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks or by currency controls or political developments.

It is possible that foreign governments will impose currency exchange control regulations or other restrictions that would prevent cash from being brought back to the U.S. Foreign governments may also intervene in currency markets or interpose registration/approval processes, which may adversely affect a Portfolio and your investment. Certain countries in which a Portfolio may invest are members of the European Union ("EU") and have adopted the Euro as their sole currency. A monetary and economic union on this scale has not been attempted before and there is uncertainty whether participating countries will remain committed to the EU.

Although forward contracts may be used to protect a Portfolio from adverse currency movements, they involve the risk that anticipated currency movements will not be accurately predicted and the Portfolio's total return could be adversely affected as a result.

## Derivatives

Each Portfolio may, but is not required to, use derivatives for hedging or risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies. Each Overlay Portfolio intends to use derivatives to achieve its investment objective. Derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index.

Derivatives can be used by investors such as the Portfolios to earn income and enhance returns, to hedge or adjust the risk

profile of its investments, to replace more traditional direct investments and to obtain exposure to otherwise inaccessible markets. Each of the Portfolios is permitted to use derivatives for one or more of these purposes. A Portfolio may take a significant position in those derivatives that are within its investment policies if, in AllianceBernstein's judgment, this represents the most effective response to current or anticipated market conditions. There are four principal types of derivatives, including options, futures, forwards and swaps, each of which is described below. Derivatives may be (i) standardized, exchange-traded contracts or (ii) customized, privately negotiated contracts. Exchange-traded derivatives tend to be more liquid and subject to less credit risk than those that are privately negotiated.

A Portfolio's use of derivatives may involve risks that are different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities or other more traditional instruments. These risks include the risk that the value of a derivative instrument may not correlate perfectly, or at all, with the value of the assets, reference rates, or indexes that they are designed to track. Other risks include the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for a particular instrument and possible exchange-imposed price fluctuation limits, either of which may make it difficult or impossible to close out a position when desired and the risk that the counterparty will not perform its obligations. Certain derivatives may have a leverage component and involve leverage risk. Adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, note or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the Portfolio's investment (in some cases, the potential loss is unlimited).

The Portfolios' investments in derivatives may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Forward Contracts**—A forward contract is an agreement that obligates one party to buy, and the other party to sell, a specific quantity of an underlying commodity or other tangible asset for an agreed upon price at a future date. A forward contract generally is settled by physical delivery of the commodity or tangible asset to an agreed-upon location (rather than settled by cash), rolled forward into a new forward contract or, in the case of a non-deliverable forward, by a cash payment at maturity. The Portfolios' investments in forward contracts may include the following:
  - **Forward Currency Exchange Contracts.** A Portfolio may purchase or sell forward currency exchange contracts for hedging purposes to minimize the risk from adverse changes in the relationship between the U.S. Dollar and other currencies or for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under "Other Derivatives and Strategies—Currency Transactions". A Portfolio, for example, may enter into a forward contract as a transaction hedge (to "lock in" the U.S. Dollar price of a non-U.S. Dollar security), as a position hedge (to protect the value of securities the Portfolio owns that are denominated in a foreign currency against substantial changes in the value of the foreign currency) or as a cross-hedge (to protect the value



of securities the Portfolio owns that are denominated in a foreign currency against substantial changes in the value of that foreign currency by entering into a forward contract for a different foreign currency that is expected to change in the same direction as the currency in which the securities are denominated).

• **Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts**—

A futures contract is a standardized, exchange-traded agreement that obligates the buyer to buy and the seller to sell a specified quantity of an underlying asset (or settle for cash the value of a contract based on an underlying asset, rate or index) at a specific price on the contract maturity date. Options on futures contracts are options that call for the delivery of futures contracts upon exercise. A Portfolio may purchase or sell futures contracts and options thereon to hedge against changes in interest rates, securities (through index futures or options) or currencies. Options on futures contracts written or purchased by the Fixed-Income Municipal Intermediate Duration Portfolios will be traded on U.S. exchanges and will be used only for hedging purposes or to manage the effective maturity or duration of fixed-income securities. The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and Overlay Portfolios may also purchase or sell futures contracts for foreign currencies or options thereon for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Other Derivatives and Strategies—Currency Transactions”.

• **Options**—An option is an agreement that, for a premium payment or fee, gives the option holder (the buyer) the right but not the obligation to buy (a “call option”) or sell (a “put option”) the underlying asset (or settle for cash an amount based on an underlying asset, rate, or index) at a specified price (the exercise price) during a period of time or on a specified date. Investments in options are considered speculative. A Portfolio may lose the premium paid for them if the price of the underlying security or other assets decreased or remained the same (in the case of a call option) or increased or remained the same (in the case of a put option). If a put or call option purchased by a Portfolio were permitted to expire without being sold or exercised, its premium would represent a loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolios’ investments in options include the following:

– **Options on Foreign Currencies.** The Portfolios may invest in options on foreign currencies that are privately negotiated or traded on U.S. or foreign exchanges for hedging purposes to protect against declines in the U.S. Dollar value of foreign currency denominated securities held by a Portfolio and against increases in the U.S. Dollar cost of securities to be acquired. The purchase of an option on a foreign currency may constitute an effective hedge against fluctuations in exchange rates, although if rates move adversely, a Portfolio may forfeit the entire amount of the premium plus related transaction costs. The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may also invest in options on foreign currencies for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct

investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Other Derivatives and Strategies—Currency Transactions”.

- **Options on Securities.** A Portfolio may purchase or write a put or call option on securities. The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Fixed-Income Portfolios will write only covered options on securities, which means writing an option for securities the Portfolio owns. None of the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios or Fixed-Income Portfolios will write any option if, immediately thereafter, the aggregate value of the Portfolio’s securities subject to outstanding options would exceed 25% of its net assets.
- **Options on Securities Indices.** An option on a securities index is similar to an option on a security except that, rather than taking or making delivery of a security at a specified price, an option on a securities index gives the holder the right to receive, upon exercise of the option, an amount of cash if the closing level of the chosen index is greater than (in the case of a call) or less than (in the case of a put) the exercise price of the option.
- A Portfolio may write put or call options on securities indices to, among other things, earn income. If the value of the chosen index declined below the exercise price of the put option, the Portfolio has the risk of loss of the amount of the difference between the exercise price and the closing level of the chosen index, which it would be required to pay to the buyer of the put option and which may not be offset by the premium it received upon sale of the put option. Similarly, if the value of the index is higher than the exercise price of the call option, the Portfolio has the risk of loss of the amount of the difference between the exercise price and the closing level of the chosen index, which may not be offset by the premium it received upon sale of the call option. If the decline or increase in the value securities index is significantly below or above the exercise price of the written option, the Portfolio could experience a substantial loss.
- **Other Option Strategies.** In an effort to earn extra income, to adjust exposure to individual securities or markets, or to protect all or a portion of its portfolio from a decline in value, sometimes within certain ranges, a Portfolio may use option strategies such as the concurrent purchase of a call or put option, including on individual securities and stock indexes, futures contracts (including on individual securities and stock indexes) or shares of ETFs at one strike price and the writing of a call or put option on the same individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF at a higher strike price in the case of a call option or at a lower strike price in the case of a put option. The maximum profit from this strategy would result for the call options from an increase in the value of the individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF above the higher strike price or, for the put options, the decline in the value of the individual security, stock index, futures contract or ETF below the lower strike price. If the price of the individual security, stock index,

futures contract or ETF declines in the case of the call option, or increases in the case of the put option, the Portfolio has the risk of losing the entire amount paid for the call or put options.

- **Swaps**—A swap is an agreement that obligates two parties to exchange a series of cash flows at specified intervals (payment dates) based upon or calculated by reference to changes in specified prices or rates (*e.g.*, interest rates in the case of interest rate swaps or currency exchange rates in the case of currency swaps) for a specified amount of an underlying asset (the “notional” principal amount). Except for currency swaps, as described below, the notional principal amount is used solely to calculate the payment stream, but is not exchanged. Rather, most swaps are entered into on a net basis (*i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out, with the Portfolio receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments). Payments received by a Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolio from swap agreements will result in taxable income, either as ordinary income or capital gains, rather than tax-exempt income, which will increase the amount of taxable distributions received by shareholders. The Portfolios’ investments in swap transactions include the following:

- **Currency Swaps.** The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Short Duration Plus Portfolio, the Intermediate Duration Portfolio, the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in currency swaps for hedging purposes to protect against adverse changes in exchange rates between the U.S. Dollar and other currencies or for non-hedging purposes as a means of making direct investments in foreign currencies, as described below under “Other Derivatives and Strategies—Currency Transactions”. Currency swaps involve the individually negotiated exchange by a Portfolio with another party of a series of payments in specified currencies. Actual principal amounts of currencies may be exchanged by the counterparties at the initiation, and again upon the termination, of the transaction. Therefore, the entire principal value of a currency swap is subject to the risk that the swap counterparty will default on its contractual delivery obligations. If there is a default by the counterparty to the transaction, the Portfolio will have contractual remedies under the transaction agreements.
- **Total Return Swaps.** A Portfolio may enter into total return swaps in order to take a “long” or “short” position with respect to an underlying asset. A total return swap involves commitments to pay interest in exchange for a market-linked return based on a notional amount of the underlying asset. Therefore, when a Portfolio enters into a total return swap, it is subject to the market price volatility of the underlying asset. To the extent that the total return of the security, group of securities or index underlying the swap exceeds or falls short of the offsetting interest obligation, the Portfolio will receive or make a payment to the counterparty.
- **Interest Rate Swaps, Swaptions, Caps, and Floors.** Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Portfolio with

another party of payments calculated by reference to specified interest rates (*e.g.*, an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed rate payments). Unless there is a counterparty default, the risk of loss to the Portfolio from interest rate swap transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Portfolio is contractually obligated to make. If the counterparty to an interest rate swap transaction defaults, the Portfolio’s risk of loss consists of the net amount of interest payments that the Portfolio contractually is entitled to receive.

An option on a swap agreement, also called a “swaption”, is an option that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a swap on a future date in exchange for paying a market-based “premium”. A receiver swaption gives the owner the right to receive the total return of a specified asset reference rate, or index. A payer swaption gives the owner the right to pay the total return of a specified asset, reference rate, or index. Swaptions also include options that allow an existing swap to be terminated or extended by one of the counterparties.

The purchase of an interest rate cap entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index exceeds a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on a contractually-based principal amount from the party selling the interest rate cap. The purchase of an interest rate floor entitles the purchaser, to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate, to receive payments of interest on an agreed principal amount from the party selling the interest rate floor. Caps and floors may be less liquid than swaps.

There is no limit on the amount of interest rate transactions that may be entered into by a Portfolio. The value of these transactions will fluctuate based on changes in interest rates. Interest rate swap, swaption, cap, and floor transactions may be used to preserve a return or spread on a particular investment or a portion of a Portfolio’s portfolio or to protect against an increase in the price of securities a Portfolio anticipates purchasing at a later date. Interest rate swaps may also be used to leverage a Portfolio’s investments by creating positions that are functionally similar to purchasing a municipal or other fixed-income security but may only require payments to a swap counterparty under certain circumstances and allow the Portfolio to efficiently increase (or decrease) its duration and income.

A Portfolio will enter into interest rate swap, cap or floor transactions only with counterparties whose debt securities (or whose guarantors’ debt securities) are rated at least A (or the equivalent) by at least one nationally recognized rating organization and are on the Manager’s approved list of swap counterparties for that Portfolio.

Each Fixed-Income Municipal Intermediate Duration Portfolio expects to enter into these transactions primarily for hedging purposes, which may include preserving a return or a spread on a particular investment or a portion of its portfolio or protecting against an increase in the

price of securities the Portfolio anticipates purchasing at a later date, and as a duration management technique. The Fixed-Income Municipal Intermediate Duration Portfolios do not intend to use these transactions in a speculative manner.

***Inflation (CPI) Swaps.*** Each Portfolio may enter into inflation swap agreements. Inflation swap agreements are contracts in which one party agrees to pay the cumulative percentage increase in a price index (the Consumer Price Index with respect to CPI swaps) over the term of the swap (with some lag on the inflation index), and the other pays a compounded fixed rate. Inflation swap agreements may be used to protect the NAV of a Portfolio against an unexpected change in the rate of inflation measured by an inflation index. A Portfolio will enter into inflation swaps on a net basis. The net amount of the excess, if any, of the Portfolio's obligations over its entitlements with respect to each inflation swap will be accrued on a daily basis, and an amount of cash or liquid instruments having an aggregate NAV at least equal to the accrued excess will be segregated by the Portfolio. The values of inflation swap agreements are expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. If nominal interest rates increase at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates may rise, leading to a decrease in value of an inflation swap agreement. Additionally, payments received by a Portfolio from inflation swap agreements will result in taxable income, either as ordinary income or capital gains, rather than tax-exempt income, which will increase the amount of taxable distributions received by shareholders.

***Credit Default Swap Agreements.*** The "buyer" in a credit default swap contract is obligated to pay the "seller" a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract in return for a contingent payment upon the occurrence of a credit event with respect to an underlying reference obligation. Generally, a credit event means bankruptcy, failure to pay, obligation acceleration or modified restructuring. A Portfolio may be either the buyer or seller in the transaction. As a seller, a Portfolio receives a fixed rate of income throughout the term of the contract, which typically is between one month and five years, provided that no credit event occurs. If a credit event occurs, a Portfolio typically must pay the contingent payment to the buyer, which will be either (i) the "par value" (face amount) of the reference obligation in which case the Portfolio will receive the reference obligation in return or (ii) an amount equal to the difference between the par value and the current market value of the reference obligation. The periodic payments previously received by the Portfolio, coupled with the value of any reference obligation received, may be less than the full amount it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. If a Portfolio is a buyer and no credit event occurs, the Portfolio will lose its periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract. However, if a credit event occurs, the buyer typically receives full notional value for a reference obligation that may have little or no value.

Credit default swaps may involve greater risks than if a Portfolio had invested in the reference obligation directly. Credit default swaps are subject to general market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

A Portfolio will enter into credit default swap transactions only with counterparties whose debt securities (or whose guarantor's debt securities) are rated at least A (or the equivalent) by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization and are on the Manager's approved list of swap counterparties for that Portfolio.

A Portfolio may enter into a credit default swap that provides for settlement by physical delivery if, at the time of entering into the swap, such delivery would not result in the Portfolio investing more than 20% of its total assets in securities rated lower than A by Standard & Poor's, Fitch or Moody's. A subsequent deterioration of the credit quality of the underlying obligation of the credit default swap will not require the Portfolio to dispose of the swap.

## **Other Derivatives and Strategies**

- **Currency Transactions.** The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Short Duration Plus Portfolio, the Intermediate Duration Portfolio, the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in non-U.S. Dollar-denominated securities on a currency hedged or un-hedged basis. The Manager may actively manage a Portfolio's currency exposures and may seek investment opportunities by taking long or short positions in currencies through the use of currency-related derivatives, including forward currency exchange contracts, futures and options on futures, swaps and options. The Manager may enter into currency transactions for investment opportunities when it anticipates that a foreign currency will appreciate or depreciate in value but securities denominated in that currency are not held by a Portfolio and do not present attractive investment opportunities. Such transactions may also be used when the Manager believes that it may be more efficient than a direct investment in a foreign currency-denominated security. A Portfolio may also conduct currency exchange contracts on a spot basis (*i.e.*, for cash at the spot rate prevailing in the currency exchange market for buying or selling currencies).
- **Synthetic Foreign Equity Securities.** The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in different types of derivatives generally referred to as synthetic foreign equity securities. These securities may include international warrants or local access products. International warrants are financial instruments issued by banks or other financial institutions, which may or may not be traded on a foreign exchange. International warrants are a form of derivative security that may give holders the right to buy or sell an underlying security or a basket of securities representing an index from or to the issuer of the warrant for a particular price or may entitle holders to receive a cash payment relating to the value of the underlying security or index, in each case upon exercise by the Portfolio. Local access products are similar to options in that they are exercisable by the holder for an underlying security or a cash payment based upon the value of that security, but are generally exercisable over a longer term than typical



options. These types of instruments may be American style, which means that they can be exercised at any time on or before the expiration date of the international warrant, or European style, which means that they may be exercised only on the expiration date.

Other types of synthetic foreign equity securities in which a Portfolio may invest include covered warrants and low exercise price warrants. Covered warrants entitle the holder to purchase from the issuer, typically a financial institution, upon exercise, common stock of an international company or receive a cash payment (generally in U.S. Dollars). The issuer of the covered warrants usually owns the underlying security or has a mechanism, such as owning equity warrants on the underlying securities, through which it can obtain the securities. The cash payment is calculated according to a predetermined formula, which is generally based on the difference between the value of the underlying security on the date of exercise and the strike price. Low exercise price warrants are warrants with an exercise price that is very low relative to the market price of the underlying instrument at the time of issue (e.g., one cent or less). The buyer of a low exercise price warrant effectively pays the full value of the underlying common stock at the outset. In the case of any exercise of warrants, there may be a time delay between the time a holder of warrants gives instructions to exercise and the time the price of the common stock relating to exercise or the settlement date is determined, during which time the price of the underlying security could change significantly. In addition, the exercise or settlement date of the warrants may be affected by certain market disruption events, such as difficulties relating to the exchange of a local currency into U.S. Dollars, the imposition of capital controls by a local jurisdiction or changes in the laws relating to foreign investments. These events could lead to a change in the exercise date or settlement currency of the warrants, or postponement of the settlement date. In some cases, if the market disruption events continue for a certain period of time, the warrants may become worthless, resulting in a total loss of the purchase price of the warrants.

A Portfolio will acquire synthetic foreign equity securities issued by entities deemed to be creditworthy by the Manager, which will monitor the creditworthiness of the issuers on an ongoing basis. Investments in these instruments involve the risk that the issuer of the instrument may default on its obligation to deliver the underlying security or cash in lieu thereof. These instruments may also be subject to liquidity risk because there may be a limited secondary market for trading the warrants. They are also subject, like other investments in foreign securities, to foreign (non-U.S.) risk and currency risk.

### **Commodity-Linked Derivative Instruments**

The Overlay Portfolios may invest in commodity-linked derivatives such as commodity-linked structure notes, commodity index-linked securities and other derivatives that provide

exposure to the investment returns of the commodity markets without direct investment in physical commodities or commodities futures contracts. Commodities are assets such as oil, gas, industrial and precious metals, livestock, and agricultural or meat products, or other items that have tangible properties as compared to stocks and bonds, which are financial instruments. The Manager may seek to provide exposure to various commodities and commodity sectors.

The Overlay Portfolios may invest in commodity-linked notes that pay a return linked to the performance of a commodities index or basket of futures contracts with respect to all of the commodities in an index. In some cases, the return is based on a multiple of the performance of the relevant index or basket. The notes are derivative debt instruments with principal payments generally linked to the value of commodities, commodity futures contracts or the performance of commodity indices and interest and coupon payments pegged to a market-based interest rate, such as LIBOR or a bank's prime rate. The value of these notes will rise or fall in response to changes in the underlying commodity or related index or investment. These notes expose the Portfolios economically to movements in commodity prices.

The value of commodity-linked derivatives may be affected by a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, overall market movements and other factors affecting the value of particular industries or commodities, such as weather, disease, embargoes, acts of war or terrorism, or political and regulatory developments. The prices of commodity-linked derivatives may move in different directions than investments in traditional equity and debt securities when the value of those traditional securities is declining due to adverse economic conditions. For example, during periods of rising inflation, debt securities have historically tended to decline in value due to the general increase in prevailing interest rates. Conversely, during those same periods of rising inflation, the prices of certain commodities, such as oil and metals, have historically tended to increase. There is no guarantee that these investments will perform in that manner in the future and, at certain times, the price movements of commodity-linked derivatives have been parallel to those of debt and equity securities.

Commodities have historically tended to increase and decrease in value during different parts of the business cycle than financial assets. Nevertheless, at various times, commodities prices may move in tandem with the prices of financial assets and thus may not provide overall portfolio diversification benefits.

### **Structured Products**

A Portfolio may invest in certain hybrid derivatives-type investments that combine a traditional stock or bond with, for example, a futures contract or an option. These investments include structured notes and indexed securities, commodity-linked notes and commodity index-linked notes and credit-linked securities. The performance of the structured product, which is generally a fixed-income security, is tied (positively or negatively) to the price or prices of an unrelated reference indicator such as a security or basket of securities, currencies, commodities, a securities or commodities index or a credit

default swap or other kinds of swaps. The structured product may not pay interest or protect the principal invested. The structured product or its interest rate may be a multiple of the reference indicator and, as a result, may be leveraged and move (up or down) more rapidly than the reference indicator. Investments in structured products may provide a more efficient and less expensive means of investing in underlying securities, commodities or other derivatives, but may potentially be more volatile, less liquid and carry greater market risk than investments in traditional securities. The purchase of a structured product also exposes a Portfolio to the credit risk of the structured product.

Structured notes are derivative debt instruments. The interest rate or principal of these notes are determined by reference to an unrelated indicator (for example, a currency, security, or indices thereof) unlike a typical note where the borrower agrees to make fixed or floating interest payments and to pay a fixed sum at maturity. Indexed securities may include structured notes as well as securities other than debt securities, the interest or principal of which is determined by an unrelated indicator.

Commodity-linked notes and commodity index-linked notes provide exposure to the commodities markets. These are derivative securities with one or more commodity-linked components that have payment features similar to commodities futures contracts, commodity options, commodity indices or similar instruments. Commodity-linked products may be either equity or debt securities, leveraged or unleveraged, and have both security and commodity-like characteristics. A portion of the value of these instruments may be derived from the value of a commodity, futures contract, index or other economic variable.

A Portfolio may also invest in certain hybrid derivatives-type investments that combine a traditional bond with certain derivatives such as a credit default swap, an interest rate swap or other securities. These investments include credit-linked securities. The issuers of these securities frequently are limited purpose trusts or other special purpose vehicles that invest in a derivative instrument or basket of derivative instruments in order to provide exposure to certain fixed-income markets. For instance, a Portfolio may invest in credit-linked securities as a cash management tool to gain exposure to a certain market or to remain fully invested when more traditional income-producing securities are not available. The performance of the structured product, which is generally a fixed-income security, is linked to the receipt of payments from the counterparties to the derivatives instruments or other securities. A Portfolio's investments in credit-linked securities are indirectly subject to the risks associated with derivative instruments, including among others credit risk, default risk, counterparty risk, interest rate risk and leverage risk. These securities are generally structured as Rule 144A securities so that they may be freely traded among institutional buyers. However, changes in the market for credit-linked securities or the availability of willing buyers may result in the securities becoming illiquid.

None of the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios or the Fixed Income Portfolios will invest more than 20% of its total assets in structured products.

## **Real Estate Investment Trusts**

The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"). REITs are pooled investment vehicles which invest primarily in income producing real estate or real estate related loans or interests. REITs are generally classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs or a combination of equity and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs invest the majority of their assets directly in real property and derive income primarily from the collection of rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages and derive income from the collection of interest payments. Similar to investment companies such as the Portfolios, REITs in the United States are not taxed on income distributed to shareholders provided they comply with several requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Each Portfolio will indirectly bear its proportionate share of expenses incurred by REITs in which the Portfolio invests in addition to the expenses incurred directly by the Portfolio.

Investing in REITs involves certain unique risks in addition to those risks associated with investing in the real estate industry in general. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REITs, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. REITs are dependent upon management skills, are not diversified, and are subject to heavy cash flow dependency, default by borrowers and self-liquidation.

Investing in REITs involves risks similar to those associated with investing in small capitalization companies. REITs may have limited financial resources, may trade less frequently and in a limited volume and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than larger company securities. Historically, small capitalization stocks, such as REITs, have had more price volatility than larger capitalization stocks.

REITs are subject to the possibilities of failing to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code and failing to maintain their exemptions from registration under the 1940 Act. REITs (especially mortgage REITs) also are subject to interest rate risks. When interest rates decline, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a REIT's investment in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to decline. In contrast, as interest rates on adjustable rate mortgage loans are reset periodically, yields on a REIT's investments in such loans will gradually align themselves to reflect changes in market interest rates, causing the value of such investments to fluctuate less dramatically in response to interest rate fluctuations than would investments in fixed-rate obligations.

## **Forward Commitments**

Each Portfolio may purchase or sell securities on a forward commitment basis. Forward commitments for the purchase or sale of securities may include purchases on a "when-issued" basis or purchases or sales on a "delayed delivery" basis. In some cases, a forward commitment may be conditioned upon the occurrence of a subsequent event, such as approval and

consummation of a merger, corporate reorganization or debt restructuring or approval of a proposed financing by appropriate authorities (*i.e.*, a “when, as and if issued” trade).

When forward commitments with respect to fixed-income securities are negotiated, the price, which is generally expressed in yield terms, is fixed at the time the commitment is made, but payment for and delivery of the securities take place at a later date. Securities purchased or sold under a forward commitment are subject to market fluctuation, and no interest or dividends accrue to the purchaser prior to the settlement date. There is the risk of loss if the value of either a purchased security declines before the settlement date or the security sold increases before the settlement date. The use of forward commitments helps a Portfolio to protect against anticipated changes in interest rates and prices.

### **Repurchase Agreements and Buy/Sell Back Transactions**

Each Portfolio may enter into repurchase agreements in which a Portfolio purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer, which agrees to repurchase it from the Portfolio at an agreed-upon future date, normally a day or a few days later. The purchase and repurchase obligations are transacted under one document. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed-upon interest rate for the period the buyer’s money is invested in the security. Such agreements permit a Portfolio to keep all of its assets at work while retaining “overnight” flexibility in pursuit of investments of a longer-term nature. If the bank or broker-dealer defaults on its repurchase obligation, a Portfolio would suffer a loss to the extent that the proceeds from the sale of the security were less than the repurchase price.

A Portfolio may enter into buy/sell back transactions, which are similar to repurchase agreements. In this type of transaction, a Portfolio enters a trade to buy securities at one price and simultaneously enters a trade to sell the same securities at another price on a specified date. Similar to a repurchase agreement, the repurchase price is higher than the sale price and reflects current interest rates. Unlike a repurchase agreement, however, the buy/sell back transaction is considered two separate transactions.

### **Reverse Repurchase Agreements**

The Portfolios may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with banks and broker-dealers from time to time. In a reverse repurchase transaction, it is the Portfolio, rather than the other party to the transaction, that sells the securities and simultaneously agrees to repurchase them at a price reflecting an agreed-upon rate of interest. A Portfolio may not enter into reverse repurchase agreements if its obligations thereunder would be in excess of one third of the Portfolio’s total assets, less liabilities other than obligations under such reverse repurchase agreements. During the time a reverse repurchase agreement is outstanding, each Portfolio that has entered into such an agreement maintains liquid assets in a segregated account with its custodian having a value at least equal to the repurchase price under the reverse repurchase agreement. Reverse repurchase agreements may create leverage, increasing a Portfolio’s opportunity for gain and risk of loss for a given fluctuation in the value of the Portfolio’s assets. There may also be risks of delay in recovery

and, in some cases, even loss of rights in the underlying securities, should the opposite party fail financially.

### **Short Sales**

The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio, the Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio, the Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio and the Overlay Portfolios may engage in short sales. A short sale is effected by selling a security that a Portfolio does not own, or, if the Portfolio does own such security, it is not to be delivered upon consummation of the sale. The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio, the Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio and the Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio may only make short sales “against the box.” A short sale is “against the box” to the extent that a Portfolio contemporaneously owns or has the right to obtain securities identical to those sold short without payment. A Portfolio may utilize short selling in order to attempt both to protect its portfolio against the effects of potential downtrends in the securities markets and as a means of enhancing its overall performance.

A short sale of a security involves the risk that instead of declining, the price of the security sold short will rise. If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of a short sale and the time a Portfolio replaces the borrowed security, the Portfolio will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Portfolio will realize a gain. The short sale of securities involves the possibility of a theoretically unlimited loss since there is a theoretically unlimited potential for the market price of the security sold short to increase.

### **Dollar Rolls**

Each of the Fixed-Income Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may enter into dollar rolls. Dollar rolls involve sales by a Portfolio of securities for delivery in the current month and the Portfolio’s simultaneously contracting to repurchase substantially similar (same type and coupon) securities on a specified future date. During the roll period, the Portfolio forgoes principal and interest paid on the securities. The Portfolio is compensated by the difference between the current sales price and the lower forward price for the future purchase (often referred to as the “drop”) as well as by the interest earned on the cash proceeds of the initial sale. Dollar rolls involve the risk that the market value of the securities a Portfolio is obligated to repurchase under the agreement may decline below the repurchase price. Each of the Fixed-Income Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may also enter into a type of dollar roll known as a “fee roll.” In a fee roll, a Portfolio is compensated for entering into the commitment to repurchase by “fee income,” which is received when the Portfolio enters into the commitment. Such fee income is recorded as deferred income and accrued by the Portfolio over the roll period. Dollar rolls may be considered to be borrowings by a Portfolio. When a Portfolio engages in a dollar roll, it is exposed to loss both on the investment of the cash proceeds of the sale and on the securities it has agreed to purchase.

## Mortgage Related Securities

Each of the Fixed-Income Taxable Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may invest in mortgage-related securities. Mortgage-related securities include mortgage pass-through securities, collateralized mortgage obligations (“CMOs”), commercial mortgage-backed securities, mortgage dollar rolls, CMO residuals, stripped mortgage-backed securities (“SMBs”) and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in or are secured by and payable from mortgage loans on real property. These securities may be issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its sponsored entities or may be issued by private organizations.

The value of mortgage-related securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates. Early payments of principal on some mortgage-related securities may occur during periods of falling mortgage interest rates and expose the Portfolio to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. Early payments associated with mortgage-related securities cause these securities to experience significantly greater price and yield volatility than is experienced by traditional fixed-income securities. During periods of rising interest rates, a reduction in prepayments may increase the effective life of mortgage-related securities, subjecting them to greater risk of decline in market value in response to rising interest rates. If the life of a mortgage-related security is inaccurately predicted, the Portfolio may not be able to realize the rate of return it expected.

One type of SMBS has one class receiving all of the interest from the mortgage assets (the interest-only, or “IO” class) while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only, or “PO” class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio’s yield to maturity from these securities.

## No Government Guarantee

Investments in the Portfolios are not insured by the U.S. Government.

While securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and some U.S. agency securities are backed by the U.S. Government, other U.S. agency securities are backed only by the credit of the issuing agency or instrumentality. For example, securities issued by Government National Mortgage Association (“GNMA” or “Ginnie Mae”) are backed by the United States while securities issued by Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae are backed only by the credit of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, respectively. However, some issuers of agency securities may have the right to borrow from the U.S. Treasury to meet their obligations, such as the U.S. Postal Service.

On September 7, 2008, due to the value of Freddie Mac’s and Fannie Mae’s securities falling sharply and concerns that the firms did not have sufficient capital to offset losses resulting from the mortgage crisis, the Federal Housing Finance Agency placed Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae into conservatorship. The U.S. Government also took steps to provide additional financial sup-

port to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. Although the U.S. Government or its agencies currently provide financial support to such entities, no assurance can be given that they will always do so. The U.S. Government and its agencies and instrumentalities do not guarantee the market value of their securities; consequently, the value of such securities will fluctuate.

## Investments in Lower-Rated Securities

Lower-rated securities, *i.e.*, those rated Ba and lower by Moody’s or BB and lower by S&P and Fitch (commonly known as “junk bonds”), are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest than higher-rated securities. They also are generally considered to be subject to greater market risk than higher-rated securities. The capacity of issuers of lower-rated securities to pay interest and repay principal is more likely to weaken than is that of issuers of higher-rated securities in times of deteriorating economic conditions or rising interest rates. In addition, lower-rated securities may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic conditions than investment-grade securities.

The market for lower-rated securities may be less liquid than that for higher-rated securities, which can adversely affect the prices at which these securities can be sold. To the extent that there is no established secondary market for lower-rated securities, a Portfolio may experience difficulty in valuing such securities and, in turn, the Portfolio’s assets.

The Manager will try to reduce the risk inherent in investment in lower-rated securities through credit analysis, diversification, attention to current developments and trends in interest rates, and economic and political conditions. There can, however, be no assurance that losses will not occur. Since the risk of default is higher for lower-rated securities, the Manager’s research and credit analysis are a correspondingly more important aspect of its program for managing a Portfolio’s securities than would be the case if a Portfolio did not invest in lower-rated securities. In considering investments for a Portfolio, the Manager will attempt to identify issuers of lower-rated securities whose financial conditions are adequate to meet future obligations, have improved, or are expected to improve in the future.

## Unrated Securities

The Manager also will consider investments in unrated securities for a Portfolio when the Manager believes that the financial condition of the issuers of the securities, or the protection afforded by the terms of the securities themselves, limits the risk to the Portfolio to a degree comparable to rated securities that are consistent with the Portfolio’s objective and policies.

## Borrowing and Leverage

The Portfolios may use borrowings for investment purposes subject to the limit imposed by the 1940 Act, which is up to 33 1/3% of a Portfolio’s assets. Borrowings by a Portfolio result in leveraging of the Portfolio’s shares. The Portfolios may also use leverage for investment transactions by entering into transactions such as reverse repurchase agreements, forward contracts and dollar rolls. This means that a Portfolio uses cash made available during the term of these transactions to make investments in other fixed-income securities.



Utilization of leverage, which is usually considered speculative, involves certain risks to a Portfolio's shareholders. These include a higher volatility of the net asset value of a Portfolio's shares and the relatively greater effect on the net asset value of the shares. So long as a Portfolio is able to realize a net return on its investment portfolio that is higher than the interest expense paid on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions, the effect of leverage will be to cause the Portfolio's shareholders to realize a higher current net investment income than if the Portfolio were not leveraged. If the interest expense on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions approaches the net return on a Portfolio's investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the Portfolio's shareholders will be reduced. If the interest expense on borrowings or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions were to exceed the net return to shareholders, a Portfolio's use of leverage would result in a lower rate of return. Similarly, the effect of leverage in a declining market could be a greater decrease in net asset value per share. If a Portfolio's current investment income were not sufficient to meet the interest expense on borrowing or the carrying costs of leveraged transactions or it did not have enough cash available to pay principal or interest, it could be necessary for the Portfolio to liquidate certain of its investments thereby reducing the net asset value of a Portfolio's shares. A Portfolio may reduce the degree to which it is leveraged by repaying amounts borrowed.

### **Non-Diversified Status**

Each of the Short-Duration New York Municipal Portfolio, Short-Duration California Municipal Portfolio, New York Municipal Portfolio and California Municipal Portfolio (the "State Portfolios") is a "non-diversified" investment company, which means the Portfolio may invest more of its assets in a relatively smaller number of issuers. Because each State Portfolio will normally invest solely or substantially in municipal securities of a particular state, it is more susceptible to local risk factors than a geographically diversified municipal securities portfolio. These risks arise from the financial condition of a particular state and its municipalities. If state or local governmental entities are unable to meet their financial obligations, the income derived by the State Portfolios, their ability to preserve or realize appreciation of their portfolio assets and their liquidity could be impaired. Each Portfolio's SAI provides specific information about the state in which a Portfolio invests.

### **Future Developments**

A Portfolio may, following written notice to its shareholders, take advantage of other investment practices that are not currently contemplated for use by the Portfolio, or are not available but may yet be developed, to the extent such investment practices are consistent with the Portfolio's investment objective and legally permissible for the Portfolio. Such investment practices, if they arise, may involve risks that exceed those involved in the activities described above.

### **Portfolio Holdings**

Each Portfolio's SAI includes a description of the policies and procedures that apply to disclosure of the Portfolios' portfolio holdings.

### **Temporary Defensive Positions**

Under exceptional conditions abroad or when the Manager believes that economic or market conditions warrant, any of the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios may temporarily, for defensive purposes, invest part or all of its portfolio in U.S. Government obligations or investment-grade debt or equity securities of U.S. issuers, or may hold cash.

In attempting to respond to adverse market, economic, political, or other conditions, each Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolio may invest without limit in municipal securities other than those described above that are in all other respects consistent with the Portfolio's investment policies. For temporary defensive purposes, each Portfolio also may invest without limit in high-quality municipal notes or variable rate demand obligations, or in taxable cash equivalents. When a Portfolio is investing for temporary defensive purposes, it is not pursuing its investment goal.

### **Changing the Investment Objectives and Policies of the Portfolios; When Shareholder Approval is Required**

A fundamental investment objective or policy cannot be changed without shareholder approval. As a fundamental investment policy, under normal circumstances, each Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolio will invest no less than 80% of its net assets in municipal securities. Except as noted, all other investment objectives and policies of the Portfolios are not fundamental and thus may be changed without shareholder approval. Under normal circumstances, shareholders will receive at least 60 days' prior written notice before any change to the investment objectives of any Portfolio is implemented.

### **Investment Policies and Limitations Apply at Time of Purchase Only**

Unless otherwise specified, the policies and limitations discussed in this Prospectus apply at the time an instrument is purchased. Thus, a change of circumstances will not require the sale of an investment if it was otherwise properly purchased.

### **Portfolio Turnover**

The portfolio turnover rate for each Portfolio is included in the **Summary Information** section as well as the **Financial Highlights** section. The Overlay Portfolios' investment strategies will result in high portfolio turnover. The Portfolios generally buy portfolio securities with the intention of holding them for investment. However, when market conditions or other circumstances warrant, securities may be purchased and sold without regard to the length of time held. From time to time, the Portfolios may engage in active short-term trading to benefit from yield disparities among different issues of municipal securities (in the case of the Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios), to seek short-term profits during periods of fluctuating interest rates, or for other reasons. This trading will increase a Portfolio's rate of turnover and the incidence of short-term capital gain taxable as ordinary income. A higher rate of portfolio turnover increases transaction costs, which must be borne by a Portfolio and its shareholders.

## INVESTING IN THE PORTFOLIOS

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This section discusses how to buy, sell or redeem, or exchange different classes of shares of a Portfolio that are offered in this Prospectus. The share class(es) offered by the Portfolios through this Prospectus are available to certain private clients and institutional clients of the Manager. For certain Portfolios, different share classes are available to retail investors and offered through separate prospectuses.

### HOW TO BUY SHARES

#### **Minimum Investments—For All Portfolios Other than Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio**

Except as otherwise provided, the minimum initial investment in any of the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Fixed-Income Portfolios of the Sanford C. Bernstein Fund, Inc. (“SCB”) is \$25,000. Except as otherwise provided, the minimum initial investment in Class 1 shares of the Overlay Portfolios is \$25,000, and the minimum initial investment in Class 2 shares of the Overlay Portfolios is \$1,500,000. Minimum initial investments are measured across all Overlay Portfolios in the aggregate. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments in the same Portfolio although SCB reserves the right to impose a minimum investment amount. For shareholders who have met the initial minimum investment requirement in a Fixed-Income Portfolio, the minimum subsequent investment in any other Fixed-Income Portfolio is \$5,000. With respect to the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Fixed-Income Portfolios and Class 1 of the Overlay Portfolios, for Uniform Gifts to Minors Act/Uniform Transfers to Minors Act accounts, the minimum initial investment is \$20,000. The minimum initial investment in any Portfolio for employees of the Manager and its subsidiaries and their immediate families, as well as Directors of the Portfolios, is \$5,000; an account maintenance fee will not be charged to these accounts. There is no minimum amount for reinvestment of dividends and distributions declared by a Portfolio in the shares of that Portfolio.

Unless you inform us otherwise, in January and June of each year, the cash balances in any account carried by Bernstein LLC which is invested solely in a single Portfolio (including the discretionary investment management accounts of the Manager) will be invested in the same Portfolio without regard to the minimum investment requirement.

For clients of Bernstein’s investment-management services, Bernstein may, at a client’s request, maintain a specified percentage of assets in one or more of the Portfolios of SCB or vary the percentage based on Bernstein’s opinion of the relative allocation to the Portfolios. In keeping with these client mandates or for tax considerations, Bernstein may, without additional instructions from the client, purchase shares of any Portfolio from time to time.

These purchases and sales by Bernstein will be subject to the following minimum investment requirements:

- initial purchases of shares of the Portfolios (other than the Emerging Markets Portfolio) will be subject to the initial

minimum investment requirements specified above, but the subsequent minimum investment requirements may be waived;

- initial purchases of shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio will be subject to a minimum investment requirement of \$10,000; and
- Bernstein may, in its discretion, waive the initial minimum investment requirement in certain circumstances.

Any purchases and sales of shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio will incur a portfolio transaction fee on purchases and redemptions. The Emerging Markets Portfolio assesses a portfolio transaction fee on purchases of Portfolio shares equal to 1% of the dollar amount invested in the Portfolio. The portfolio transaction fee on purchases applies to an initial investment in the Emerging Markets Portfolio and to all subsequent purchases, but not to reinvested dividends or capital gains distributions. The portfolio transaction fee on purchases is deducted automatically from the amount invested; it cannot be paid separately. The Emerging Markets Portfolio also assesses a portfolio transaction fee on redemptions of Portfolio shares equal to 1% of the dollar amount redeemed from the Portfolio (including redemptions made by exchanging shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio for shares of other Portfolios). The portfolio transaction fee on redemptions is deducted from redemption or exchange proceeds. The portfolio transaction fees on purchases and redemptions are received by the Emerging Markets Portfolio, not by the Manager, and are neither sales loads nor contingent deferred sales loads.

The purpose of the portfolio transaction fees discussed above is to allocate transaction costs associated with purchases and redemptions to the investors making those purchases and redemptions, not to other shareholders. The Emerging Markets Portfolio, unlike the other Portfolios of SCB, imposes transaction fees because transaction costs incurred when purchasing or selling stocks of companies in emerging-market countries are considerably higher than those incurred in either the United States or other developed countries. The portfolio transaction fees reflect the Manager’s estimate of the brokerage and other transaction costs that the Emerging Markets Portfolio incurs as a result of purchases or redemptions. Without the fees, the Emerging Markets Portfolio would not be reimbursed for these transaction costs, resulting in reduced investment performance for all shareholders of the Portfolio. With the fees, the transaction costs occasioned by purchases or sales of shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio are borne not by existing shareholders, but by the investors making the purchases and redemptions.

#### **Minimum Investments—Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio**

The minimum initial investment in the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio of the Sanford C. Bernstein Fund II, Inc. (“SCB II,” together with SCB, the “Funds,” and each, a

“Fund”) is \$3,000,000. There is no minimum amount for subsequent investments although SCB II reserves the right to impose a minimum investment amount. There is no minimum amount for reinvestment of dividends and distributions declared by the Portfolio in the shares of the Portfolio.

Unless you inform us otherwise, in January and June of each year, the cash balances in any account carried by Bernstein LLC which is invested solely in the Portfolio (including the discretionary investment management accounts of the Manager) will be invested in the Portfolio without regard to any minimum investment requirement.

For clients of the Manager’s investment-management services, the Manager may, at a client’s request, maintain a specified percentage of assets in the Portfolio or vary the percentage based on the Manager’s opinion of the market conditions. In keeping with these client mandates or for tax considerations, the Manager may, without additional instructions from the client, purchase shares of the Portfolio from time to time.

These purchases and sales by the Manager will be subject to the following minimum investment requirements:

- initial purchases of shares of the Portfolio will be subject to the initial minimum investment requirements specified above, but the subsequent minimum investment requirements may be waived.

### **Procedures—For All Portfolios**

Generally, to purchase shares, you must open a discretionary account with a Bernstein advisor (unless you currently have an account with us) and pay for the requested shares. Certain non-discretionary accounts may also invest in the Portfolios, including but not limited to, non-discretionary accounts held by employees and existing investors in the Portfolios. With respect to discretionary accounts, Bernstein has the authority and responsibility to formulate an investment strategy on your behalf, including which securities to buy and sell, when to buy and sell, and in what amounts, in accordance with agreed-upon objectives. Procedures relating to discretionary accounts are outlined in the Bernstein Investment-Management Services and Policies brochure available on Bernstein’s website at [www.bernstein.com](http://www.bernstein.com). Payment may be made by wire transfer or check. Unless waived, bank or certified checks are required if you are not an investment-management client of Bernstein. All checks should be made payable to the particular Portfolio in which you are purchasing shares. Payment must be made in U.S. Dollars. All purchase orders will be confirmed in writing.

The share price you pay will depend on when your order is received in proper form. Orders received by the Portfolio Closing Time, which is the close of regular trading on any day the New York Stock Exchange (the “Exchange”) is open (ordinarily 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, but sometimes earlier, as in the case of scheduled half-day trading or unscheduled suspensions of trading), on any business day will receive the offering price determined as of the closing time that day. Orders received after the close of regular trading will receive the next business day’s price. With respect to non-discretionary accounts, if no indication is made to the contrary, dividends and

distributions payable by each Portfolio are automatically reinvested in additional shares of that Portfolio at the net asset value on the reinvestment date.

Each Fixed-Income Portfolio or Overlay Portfolio may, at its sole option, accept securities as payment for shares if the Manager believes that the securities are appropriate investments for the Portfolio. The securities are valued by the method described under “Pricing Portfolio Shares” above as of the date the Portfolio receives the securities and corresponding documentation necessary to transfer the securities to the Portfolio. This is a taxable transaction to the shareholder.

If you purchase shares through broker-dealers, banks or other financial institutions, they may impose fees and conditions on you that are not described in this Prospectus. Each Portfolio has arrangements with certain broker-dealers, banks and other financial institutions such that orders through these entities are considered received when the entity receives the order in good form together with the purchase price of the shares ordered. The order will be priced at the Portfolio’s NAV computed after acceptance by these entities. The entity is responsible for transmitting the order to the Portfolio.

A Portfolio is required by law to obtain, verify and record certain personal information from you or persons on your behalf in order to establish an account. Required information includes name, date of birth, permanent residential address or business address and taxpayer identification number (for most investors, your social security number). A Portfolio may also ask to see other identifying documents. If you do not provide the information, the Portfolio will not be able to open your account. If a Portfolio is unable to verify your identity, or that of another person(s) authorized to act on your behalf, or if the Portfolio believes it has identified potentially criminal activity, the Portfolio reserves the right to take action as it deems appropriate or as required by law, which may include closing your account. If you are not a U.S. citizen or Resident Alien, your account must be affiliated with a FINRA member firm.

A Portfolio is required to withhold 28% of taxable dividends, capital gains distributions, and redemptions paid to any shareholder who has not provided the Portfolio with his or her certified taxpayer identification number. To avoid this, you must provide your correct tax identification number (social security number for most investors) on your Mutual Fund Application.

A Portfolio may refuse any order to purchase shares. The Portfolios reserve the right to suspend the sale of their shares to the public in response to conditions in the securities markets or for other reasons.

**Transaction fees:** As discussed above, if you purchase shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio, you will pay to this Portfolio a transaction fee of 1.00% of the amount invested.

### **HOW TO EXCHANGE SHARES**

You may exchange your shares in a Portfolio, including Class 1 shares of the Overlay Portfolios, of SCB for shares in any other Portfolio, including Class 1 shares of the Overlay Portfolios, of



SCB. You may exchange your shares in the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio of SCB II for shares in any Portfolio of SCB. You may exchange your Class 2 shares in any Overlay Portfolio for shares of the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio of SCB II. After proper receipt of the exchange request in good order, exchanges of shares are made at the next determined respective NAVs of the shares of each Portfolio. Exchanges are subject to the minimum investment requirements of the Portfolio into which the exchange is being made. Each Portfolio reserves the right to reject any exchange of shares. Shares purchased through broker-dealers, banks or other financial institutions may be exchanged through such entities.

On any exchanges of other Portfolio shares for shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio, shareholders will be charged the portfolio transaction fee of 1% of the dollar amount exchanged; on any exchanges of shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio for other Portfolio shares, shareholders will be charged the 1% redemption fee. See the “Emerging Markets Portfolio” section above for additional information.

The exchange privilege is available only in states where the exchange may legally be made. While each Portfolio plans to maintain this exchange policy, changes to this policy may be made upon 90 days’ prior written notice to shareholders.

For shareholders subject to federal income taxes, an exchange constitutes a taxable transaction upon which a gain or loss may be realized. See “Dividends, Distributions and Taxes” below.

## HOW TO SELL OR REDEEM SHARES

You may sell your shares of the Portfolios by sending a request to Bernstein LLC, along with duly endorsed share certificates, if issued. Orders for redemption given to a bank, broker-dealer or financial institution authorized by a Portfolio are considered received when such third party receives a written request, accompanied by duly endorsed share certificates, if issued. The bank, broker-dealer or other financial institution is responsible for transmitting the order to each Portfolio.

Your signature must appear on your written redemption order and must be guaranteed by a financial institution that meets each Portfolio’s requirements (such as a commercial bank that is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a trust company, a member firm of a domestic securities exchange or other institution). An authorized person at the guarantor institution must sign the guarantee and “Signature Guaranteed” must appear with the signature. Signature guarantees by notaries or institutions that do not provide reimbursement in the case of fraud are not acceptable. Signature guarantees may be waived by each Portfolio in certain instances. Each Portfolio may waive the requirement that a redemption request must be in writing. Each Portfolio may request further documentation from corporations, executors, administrators, trustees or guardians.

The Manager will normally make payment to you of your sales proceeds by check within seven days of receipt of your sell order in proper form and any issued share certificates. The

check will be sent to you at your address on record with a Portfolio unless prior other instructions are on file. If you are a client of Bernstein’s investment advisory services, the sales proceeds will be held in your account with Bernstein unless you have previously provided alternative written instructions. If you redeem shares through an authorized bank, broker-dealer or other financial institution, unless otherwise instructed the proceeds will be sent to your brokerage account within seven days. Your broker may charge a separate or additional fee for sales of Portfolio shares. The cost of wire transfers will be borne by the shareholder. No interest will accumulate on amounts represented by uncashed distribution or sales proceeds checks.

The price you will receive when you sell your shares will depend on when a Portfolio or the authorized third-party bank, broker-dealer or other financial institution receives your sell order in proper form. Orders received at or prior to the Portfolio Closing Time will receive the offering price determined as of the closing time that day. Orders received after the close of regular trading will receive the next business day’s price.

When you sell your shares, you may receive more or less than what you paid for them. Any capital gain or loss realized on any sale of Portfolio shares is subject to federal income taxes.

For additional information, see “Dividends, Distributions and Taxes” below.

If you are selling shares recently purchased with a check, the Manager may delay sending you the proceeds for up to 15 days until your check clears. This delay may be avoided if the shares were originally purchased by certified or bank check or by wire transfer.

**Transaction fees upon redemption:** You will be charged a 1% redemption fee upon the sale of shares of the Emerging Markets Portfolio that will be deducted from the proceeds of the sale and paid to the Portfolio. This transaction fee is payable only by investors in this Portfolio and is charged because of the additional costs involved in the purchase and sale of these shares. For more information, see the “Emerging Markets Portfolio” section above.

**Restrictions on sales:** There may be times during which you may not be able to sell your shares or the Manager may delay payment of the proceeds for longer than seven days such as when the Exchange is closed (other than for customary weekend or holiday closings), when trading on the Exchange is restricted, an emergency situation exists when it is not reasonably practicable for a Portfolio to determine its NAV or to sell its investments, or for such other periods as the SEC may, by order, permit.

**Sale in-kind:** Each Portfolio normally pays proceeds of a sale of Portfolio shares in cash. However, each of the Portfolios has reserved the right to pay the sale price in part by a distribution in-kind of securities in lieu of cash. If payment is made in-kind, you may incur brokerage commissions if you elect to sell the securities for cash. For more information, see the SAI.

**Automatic sale of your shares—For all Portfolios, including Class 1 shares of the Overlay Portfolios, except the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio:** Under certain circumstances, a Portfolio may redeem your shares without your consent. Maintaining small shareholder accounts is costly. Accordingly, if you make a sale that reduces the value of your account to less than \$1,000, the Manager may, on at least 60 days' prior written notice, sell your remaining shares in that Portfolio and close your account. The Manager will not close your account if you increase your account balance to \$1,000 during the 60-day notice period.

**Automatic sale of your shares—Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio and Class 2 shares of the Overlay Portfolios:** Under certain circumstances, a Portfolio may redeem your shares without your consent. Maintaining small shareholder accounts is costly. Accordingly, if you make a sale that reduces the value of your account to less than \$500,000 (\$1,500,000 for the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio), the Manager may, on at least 60 days' prior written notice, sell your remaining shares in the Portfolio and close your account. The Manager will not close your account if you increase your account balance to \$500,000 (\$1,500,000 for the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio) during the 60-day notice period.

**Systematic withdrawal plan:** A systematic withdrawal plan enables shareholders to sell shares automatically at regular monthly intervals. In general, a systematic withdrawal plan is available only to shareholders who own book-entry shares worth \$25,000 or more. The proceeds of these sales will be sent directly to you or your designee. The use of this service is at each Portfolio's discretion. For further information, call your Bernstein advisor at (212) 486-5800.

## **FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF PORTFOLIO SHARES**

The Board has adopted policies and procedures designed to detect and deter frequent purchases and redemptions of Portfolio shares or excessive or short-term trading that may disadvantage long-term Portfolio shareholders. These policies are described below. The Portfolios reserve the right to restrict, reject or cancel, without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange order for any reason, including any purchase or exchange order accepted by any shareholder's financial intermediary.

**Risks Associated With Excessive Or Short-term Trading Generally.** While the Portfolios will try to prevent market timing by utilizing the procedures described below, these procedures may not be successful in identifying or stopping excessive or short-term trading in all circumstances. By realizing profits through short-term trading, shareholders that engage in rapid purchases and sales or exchanges of a Portfolio's shares dilute the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. Volatility resulting from excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of Portfolio shares, especially involving large dollar amounts, may disrupt efficient portfolio management and cause each Portfolio to sell shares at inopportune times to raise cash to

accommodate redemptions relating to short-term trading activity. In particular, a Portfolio may have difficulty implementing its long-term investment strategies if it is forced to maintain a higher level of its assets in cash to accommodate significant short-term trading activity. In addition, a Portfolio may incur increased administrative and other expenses due to excessive or short-term trading, including increased brokerage costs and realization of taxable capital gains.

A Portfolio that invests significantly in securities of foreign issuers may be particularly susceptible to short-term trading strategies. This is because securities of foreign issuers are typically traded on markets that close well before the Portfolio Closing Time, which gives rise to the possibility that developments may have occurred in the interim that would affect the value of these securities. The time zone differences among international stock markets can allow a shareholder engaging in a short-term trading strategy to exploit differences in Portfolio share prices that are based on closing prices of securities of foreign issuers established some time before a Portfolio calculates its own share price (referred to as "time zone arbitrage"). The Portfolios have procedures, referred to as fair value pricing, designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign securities to reflect what is believed to be the fair value of those securities at the time a Portfolio calculates its NAV. While there is no assurance, the Portfolios expect that the use of fair value pricing, in addition to the short-term trading policies discussed below, will significantly reduce a shareholder's ability to engage in time zone arbitrage to the detriment of other Portfolio shareholders.

A shareholder engaging in a short-term trading strategy may also target a Portfolio irrespective of its investments in securities of foreign issuers. Any Portfolio that invests in securities that are, among other things, thinly traded, traded infrequently, or relatively illiquid has the risk that the current market price for the securities may not accurately reflect current market values. A shareholder may seek to engage in short-term trading to take advantage of these pricing differences (referred to as "price arbitrage"). All Portfolios may be adversely affected by price arbitrage.

**Policy Regarding Short-term Trading.** Purchases and exchanges of shares of the Portfolios should be made for investment purposes only. The Portfolios seek to prevent patterns of excessive purchases and sales or exchanges of Portfolio shares to the extent they are detected by the procedures described below, subject to the Portfolios' ability to monitor purchase, sale and exchange activity. The Portfolios reserve the right to modify this policy, including any surveillance or account blocking procedures established from time to time to effectuate this policy, at any time without notice.

- **Transaction Surveillance Procedures.** The Portfolios, through their agent, Bernstein LLC, maintain surveillance procedures to detect excessive or short-term trading in Portfolio shares. This surveillance process involves several factors, which include scrutinizing transactions in Portfolio shares that exceed certain monetary thresholds or numerical limits within a specified period of time. Generally, more than two

exchanges of Portfolio shares during any 60-day period or purchases of shares followed by a sale within 60 days will be identified by these surveillance procedures. For purposes of these transaction surveillance procedures, the Portfolios may consider trading activity in multiple accounts under common ownership, control or influence. Trading activity identified by either, or a combination, of these factors, or as a result of any other information available at the time, will be evaluated to determine whether such activity might constitute excessive or short-term trading. With respect to managed or discretionary accounts for which the account owner gives his/her broker, investment adviser or other third party authority to buy and sell Portfolio shares, the Portfolios may consider trades initiated by the account owner, such as trades initiated in connection with bona fide cash management purposes, separately in their analysis. These surveillance procedures may be modified from time to time, as necessary or appropriate to improve the detection of excessive or short-term trading or to address specific circumstances.

- **Account Blocking Procedures.** If the Portfolios determine, in their sole discretion, that a particular transaction or pattern of transactions identified by the transaction surveillance procedures described above is excessive or short-term trading in nature, the relevant Portfolio will take remedial action that may include issuing a warning, revoking certain account-related privileges (such as the ability to place purchase, sale and exchange orders over the internet or by phone) or prohibiting or “blocking” future purchase or exchange activity. However, sales of Portfolio shares back to a Portfolio or redemptions will continue to be permitted in accordance with the terms of the Portfolio’s current Prospectus. As a result, unless the shareholder redeems his or her shares, which may have consequences if the shares have declined in value or adverse tax consequences may result, the shareholder may be “locked” into an unsuitable investment. A blocked account will generally remain blocked for 90 days. Subsequent detections of excessive or short-term trading may result in an indefinite account block or an account block until the account holder or the associated broker, dealer or other financial intermediary provides evidence or assurance acceptable to the Portfolio that the account holder did not or will not in the future engage in excessive or short-term trading.
- **Applications of Surveillance Procedures and Restrictions to Omnibus Accounts.** Omnibus account arrangements are common forms of holding shares of the Portfolios, particularly among certain brokers, dealers and other financial intermediaries, including sponsors of retirement plans and variable insurance products. The Portfolios apply their surveillance procedures to these omnibus account arrangements. As required by SEC rules, the Portfolios have entered into agreements with all of their financial intermediaries that require the financial intermediaries to provide the Portfolios, upon the request of the Portfolios or their agents, with individual account level information about their transactions. If the Portfolios detect excessive trading through their monitoring of omnibus accounts, including

trading at the individual account level, the financial intermediaries will also execute instructions from the Portfolios to take actions to curtail the activity, which may include applying blocks to accounts to prohibit future purchases and exchanges of Portfolio shares. For certain retirement plan accounts, the Portfolios may request that the retirement plan or other intermediary revoke the relevant participant’s privilege to effect transactions in Portfolio shares via the internet or telephone, in which case the relevant participant must submit future transaction orders via the U.S. Postal Service (*i.e.*, regular mail).

#### **Risks to Shareholders Resulting From Imposition of Account Blocks in Response to Excessive Short-term Trading Activity.**

A shareholder identified as having engaged in excessive or short-term trading activity whose account is “blocked” and who may not otherwise wish to redeem his or her shares effectively may be “locked” into an investment in a Portfolio that the shareholder did not intend to hold on a long-term basis or that may not be appropriate for the shareholder’s risk profile. To rectify this situation, a shareholder with a “blocked” account may be forced to redeem Portfolio shares, which could be costly if, for example, these shares have declined in value or the sale results in adverse tax consequences to the shareholder. To avoid this risk, a shareholder should carefully monitor the purchases, sales, and exchanges of Portfolio shares and avoid frequent trading in Portfolio shares.

#### **Limitations on Ability to Detect and Curtail Excessive Trading Practices.**

Shareholders seeking to engage in excessive short-term trading activities may deploy a variety of strategies to avoid detection and, despite the efforts of the Portfolios and their agents to detect excessive or short duration trading in Portfolio shares, there is no guarantee that the Portfolios will be able to identify these shareholders or curtail their trading practices. In particular, the Portfolios may not be able to detect excessive or short-term trading in Portfolio shares attributable to a particular investor who effects purchase and/or exchange activity in Portfolio shares through omnibus accounts. Also, multiple tiers of these entities may exist, each utilizing an omnibus account arrangement, which may further compound the difficulty of detecting excessive or short duration trading activity in Portfolio shares.

#### **HOW THE PORTFOLIOS VALUE THEIR SHARES**

Each Portfolio’s NAV is calculated at the close of regular trading on any day the Exchange is open (ordinarily, 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, but sometimes earlier, as in the case of scheduled half-day trading or unscheduled suspensions of trading). To calculate NAV, each Portfolio’s assets are valued and totaled, liabilities are subtracted, and the balance, called net assets, is divided by the number of shares outstanding. If a Portfolio invests in securities that are primarily traded on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the Portfolio does not price its shares, the NAV of the Portfolio’s shares may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem their shares in the Portfolio.

Each Portfolio values its securities at their current market value determined on the basis of market quotations or, if market quotations are not readily available or are unreliable, at “fair value” as determined in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board. When a Portfolio uses fair value pricing, it may take into account any factors it deems appropriate. A Portfolio may determine fair value based upon developments related to a specific security, current valuations of foreign stock indices (as reflected in U.S. futures markets) and/or U.S. sector or broader stock market indices. The prices of securities used by a Portfolio to calculate its NAV may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security is materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security.

The Portfolios expect to use fair value pricing for securities primarily traded on U.S. exchanges only under very limited circumstances, such as the early closing of the exchange on which a security is traded or suspension of trading in the security. The Portfolios may

use fair value pricing more frequently for securities primarily traded on non-U.S. markets because, among other things, most foreign markets close well before the Portfolios value their securities at the close of regular trading on the Exchange. The earlier close of these foreign markets gives rise to the possibility that significant events, including broad market moves, may have occurred in the interim. For example, each Portfolio believes that foreign security values may be affected by events that occur after the close of foreign securities markets. To account for this, the Portfolios may frequently value many of their foreign equity securities using fair value prices based on third-party vendor modeling tools to the extent available.

Subject to the Board’s oversight, the Board has delegated responsibility for valuing each Portfolio’s assets to AllianceBernstein. AllianceBernstein has established a Valuation Committee, which operates under the policies and procedures approved by the Board, to value each Portfolio’s assets on behalf of the Portfolio. The Valuation Committee values Portfolio assets as described above. More information about the Portfolios’ valuation procedures is available in the Portfolios’ SAI.

# MANAGEMENT OF THE PORTFOLIOS

## INVESTMENT MANAGER

Each Portfolio's Manager is AllianceBernstein L.P., 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105. The Manager is a leading international investment adviser managing client accounts with assets as of September 30, 2012 totaling approximately \$419 billion (of which more than \$85 billion represented assets of registered investment companies of the Manager). As of September 30, 2012, the Manager managed retirement assets for many of the largest public and private employee benefit plans (including 16 of the nation's FORTUNE 100 companies), for public employee retirement funds in 31 states and the District of Columbia, for investment companies, and for foundations, endowments, banks and insurance companies worldwide. Currently, the 33 registered investment companies managed by the Manager, comprising approximately 120 separate investment portfolios, had approximately 2.7 million shareholder accounts.

The Manager provides investment advisory services and order placement facilities for the Portfolios. For these advisory services, each of the Portfolios paid the Manager, during its most recent fiscal year, a percentage of net assets as follows:

| Portfolio                            | Fee as a Percentage of Average Net Assets | Fiscal Year Ended |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| International                        | 0.86%*                                    | 9/30/12           |
| Tax-Managed International            | 0.83%*                                    | 9/30/12           |
| Emerging Markets                     | 1.10%*                                    | 9/30/12           |
| Short Duration New York Municipal    | 0.45%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Short Duration California Municipal  | 0.45%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Short Duration Diversified Municipal | 0.45%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| New York Municipal                   | 0.48%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| California Municipal                 | 0.49%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Diversified Municipal                | 0.43%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| U.S. Government Short Duration       | 0.45%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Short Duration Plus                  | 0.45%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Intermediate Duration                | 0.44%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Intermediate Duration Institutional  | 0.40%**                                   | 9/30/12           |
| Overlay A                            | 0.90%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Tax-Aware Overlay A                  | 0.90%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Overlay B                            | 0.65%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Tax-Aware Overlay B                  | 0.65%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Tax-Aware Overlay C                  | 0.65%                                     | 9/30/12           |
| Tax-Aware Overlay N                  | 0.65%                                     | 9/30/12           |

\* Fee stated net of any waivers and/or reimbursements. The Manager has agreed to voluntarily waive the annual investment management fees of the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios by an amount equal to 0.05% per annum of the respective net assets of the Portfolios. This waiver is effective through October 31, 2013.

\*\* Fee stated net of any waivers and/or reimbursements. The Manager has contractually agreed to waive its fee and/or bear certain expenses as described in the Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio table under the Summary Information section.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of each Portfolio's investment advisory agreement is available in the Portfolio's semi-annual report to shareholders for the fiscal period ended March 31, 2012.

The Manager may act as an investment adviser to other persons, firms or corporations, including investment companies, hedge funds, pension funds and other institutional investors. The Manager may receive management fees, including

performance fees, that may be higher or lower than the advisory fees it receives from the Portfolios. Certain other clients of the Manager may have investment objectives and policies similar to those of a Portfolio. The Manager may, from time to time, make recommendations that result in the purchase or sale of a particular security by its other clients simultaneously with a Portfolio. If transactions on behalf of more than one client during the same period increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, there may be an adverse effect on price or quantity. It is the policy of the Manager to allocate advisory recommendations and the placing of orders in a manner that is deemed equitable by the Manager to the accounts involved, including the Portfolios. When two or more of the clients of the Manager (including a Portfolio) are purchasing or selling the same security on a given day from the same broker-dealer, such transactions may be averaged as to price.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS:

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the **International Portfolio** and **Tax-Managed International Portfolio** are made by the International Team, comprised of senior International portfolio managers. The International Team relies heavily on the Manager's growth, value and fixed-income investment teams and, in turn, the fundamental research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the International Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                  | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years  |
|---|--|
| Kent W. Hargis; since 2013; Senior Vice President of the Manager    | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008, and Director of Quantitative Research Equities.   |
| Patrick J. Rudden; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008, and Head of Blend Strategies.   |
| Laurent Saltiel; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | Team Leader and Senior Portfolio Manager—International Large Cap Growth and Emerging Markets Growth. Mr. Saltiel has been associated with the Manager in a similar capacity since June 2010. Prior thereto, he was associated with Janus Capital as a portfolio manager since prior to 2008. |
| Karen Sesin; since 2011; Senior Vice President of the Manager       | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which she has been associated in a similar capacity to her current position since prior to 2008.  |



| Employee; Length of Service; Title                               | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years   |
|--|---|
| Kevin F. Simms; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008. Mr. Simms was appointed Chief Investment Officer of International Value Equities in 2012, after having served as co-CIO since prior to 2008. |

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the **Emerging Markets Portfolio** are made by the Emerging Markets Team, comprised of senior portfolio managers. The Team relies heavily on the Manager's growth, value and fixed-income investment teams and, in turn, the fundamental research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                  | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years  |
|---|--|
| Henry D'Auria; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager     | Chief Investment Officer—Emerging Markets Value Equities and Co-Chief Investment Officer—International Value Equities. Mr. D'Auria has been associated with the Manager in similar capacities since prior to 2008. |
| Patrick J. Rudden; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager | (See above)  |
| Laruent Saltiel; since 2012; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | (See above)  |
| Karen Sesin; since 2011; Senior Vice President of the Manager       | (See above)  |

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios are made by the Municipal Bond Investment Team. The Municipal Bond Investment Team relies heavily on the fundamental analysis and research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the Municipal Bond Investment Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                               | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years  |
|--|--|
| Michael Brooks; since 1999; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008.   |
| Fred S. Cohen; since 1994; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008, and Director of Municipal Bond Trading. |

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                       | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years  |
|--|--|
| R.B. Davidson III; since inception; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008, and Director of Municipal Bond Management.  |
| Wayne Godlin; since 2010; Senior Vice President of the Manager           | Senior Vice President of the Manager since December 2009. Prior thereto, an investment manager and a Managing Director of Van Kampen Asset Management with which he had been associated since prior to 2008. |
| Terrance T. Hults; since 2002; Senior Vice President of the Manager      | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008.   |

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the **U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio** and **Short Duration Plus Portfolio** are made by the Manager's U.S. Investment Grade: Liquid Markets Structured Products Investment Team. The U.S. Investment Grade: Liquid Markets Structured Products Investment Team relies heavily on the fundamental analysis and research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the U.S. Investment Grade: Liquid Markets Structured Products Investment Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                   | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years   |
|--|---|
| Jon P. Denfeld; since 2008; Vice President of the Manager            | Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since May 2008. Prior thereto, he was a Senior U.S. Portfolio Manager at UBS Global Asset Management from 2006-2007. |
| Shawn E. Keegan; since 2005; Vice President of the Manager           | Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008.   |
| Alison M. Martier; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which she has been associated since prior to 2008, and Director of the Fixed Income Senior Portfolio Manager Team.                         |
| Douglas J. Peebles; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008, and Chief Investment Officer and Head of AllianceBernstein Fixed Income.                 |
| Greg J. Wilensky; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated since prior to 2008, and Director of Stable Value Investments.  |

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for, the **Intermediate Duration Portfolio** and **Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio** are made by the U.S. Investment Grade: Core Fixed Income Team. The U.S. Investment Grade: Core Fixed Income Team relies heavily on the

fundamental analysis and research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the U.S. Investment Grade: Core Fixed Income Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                   | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years  |
|--|--|
| Paul J. DeNoon; since 2009; Senior Vice President of the Manager     | Senior Vice President of the Manager, with which he has been associated in a substantially similar capacity to his current position since prior to 2008, and Director of Emerging Market Debt. |
| Shawn E. Keegan; since 2005; Vice President of the Manager           | (see above)  |
| Alison M. Martier; since 2005; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | (see above)  |
| Douglas J. Peebles; since 2007; Senior Vice President of the Manager | (see above)  |
| Greg J. Wilensky; since 2005; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | (see above)  |

The day-to-day management of, and investment decisions for each of the **Overlay Portfolios** are made by the Asset Allocation Team. The Asset Allocation Team relies heavily on the Manager's growth, value and fixed-income investment teams and, in turn, the fundamental research of the Manager's large internal research staff. No one person is principally responsible for coordinating the Portfolios' investments.

The following table lists the persons within the Asset Allocation Team with the most significant responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Portfolios, the length of time that each person has been jointly and primarily responsible for the Portfolios, and each person's principal occupation during the past five years:

| Employee; Length of Service; Title                                     | Principal Occupation During the Past Five (5) Years   |
|--|---|
| Seth J. Masters; since inception; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Chief Investment Officer—Asset Allocation and Bernstein Global Wealth Management since June 2008. Mr. Masters has been associated with the Manager in similar capacities since prior to 2008. |
| Daniel J. Loewy; since inception; Senior Vice President of the Manager | Research Director and Co-Chief Investment Officer—Dynamic Asset Allocation. Mr. Loewy has been associated with the Manager in similar capacities since prior to 2008.                         |
| Dianne F. Lob; since inception; Senior Vice President of the Manager   | Chairman—Private Client Investment Policy Group. Ms. Lob has been associated with the Manager in similar capacities since prior to 2008.  |
| Andrew Y. Chin; since inception; Senior Vice President of the Manager  | Global Head of Quantitative Research. Mr. Chin has been associated with the Manager in similar capacities since prior to 2008.  |

Each Portfolio's SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers, and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in the Portfolios.

## SHAREHOLDER SERVICING FEES

AllianceBernstein provides SCB with shareholder servicing services. For these services, AllianceBernstein charges each Fixed-Income Portfolio an annual fee of 0.10% of each such Portfolio's average daily assets, each Non-U.S. Stock Portfolio an annual fee of 0.25% of each such Portfolio's average daily net assets and Class 1 shares of each Overlay Portfolio an annual fee of 0.15% of each such Portfolio's average daily assets in Class 1 shares (0.20% for Class 1 shares of Overlay A Portfolio and Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolio). These shareholder services include: providing information to shareholders concerning their Portfolio investments, systematic withdrawal plans, Portfolio dividend payments and reinvestments, shareholder account or transactions status, net asset value of shares, Portfolio performance, Portfolio services, plans and options, Portfolio investment policies, portfolio holdings and tax consequences of Portfolio investments; dealing with shareholder complaints and other correspondence relating to Portfolio matters; and communications with shareholders when proxies are being solicited from them with respect to voting their Portfolio shares.

## DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

Bernstein LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and registered broker-dealer and investment adviser, provides each of the Portfolios with distribution services pursuant to a Distribution Agreement between each Fund and Bernstein LLC. Bernstein LLC does not charge a fee for these services. Bernstein LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AllianceBernstein.

## RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

Employer-sponsored defined contribution retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans, may hold Portfolio shares in the name of the plan, rather than the individual participants. In these cases, the plan recordkeeper performs transfer-agency functions for these shareholder accounts. Plan recordkeepers may be paid, or plans may be reimbursed, by the Portfolio for each plan participant portfolio account in an amount equal to the lesser of 0.12% of the assets of the Portfolio attributable to such plan or \$12 per account, per annum. To the extent any of these payments for retirement plan accounts are made by the Portfolio, they are included in the amount appearing opposite the caption "Other Expenses" found in the Portfolio expense tables under "Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses." The Manager, at its expense, may provide additional payments to plan recordkeepers for the services they provide to plan participants that have invested in a Portfolio.

## ADDITIONAL FEES FOR CERTAIN INVESTORS

Certain investors in the Portfolios are private advisory clients of affiliates of the Manager and in such capacity pay separate fees to such affiliates. These fees are in addition to Portfolio related fees. For more information on such fees, please contact your Bernstein advisor.



## DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS AND TAXES

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Each Portfolio will distribute substantially all of its net investment income (interest and dividends less expenses) and realized net capital gains, if any, from the sale of securities to its shareholders.

The Fixed-Income Portfolios intend to declare dividends daily and pay them monthly. The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios intend to declare and pay dividends at least annually, generally in December. All Portfolios distribute capital gains distributions at least annually, generally in December. You will be taxed on dividends and capital gains distributions generally in the year you receive them, except that dividends declared in October, November or December and paid in January of the following year will be taxable to you in the year they are declared.

Dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, of all the Portfolios will be either reinvested in shares of the same Portfolio on which they were paid or paid in cash. The number of shares you receive if you reinvest your distributions is based upon the net asset value of the Portfolio on the record date. Such reinvestments automatically occur on the payment date of such dividends and capital gains distributions. In the alternative, you may elect in writing, received by us not less than five business days prior to the record date, to receive dividends and/or capital gains distributions in cash. Please contact your Bernstein Advisor. You will not receive interest on uncashed dividend, distribution or redemption checks.

If you purchase shares shortly before the record date of a distribution, the share price will include the value of the distribution and you may be subject to tax on this distribution when it is received, even though the distribution represents, in effect, a return of a portion of your purchase price.

Based on its investment objectives and strategies, the Manager expects that, in general, the Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios will distribute primarily exempt-interest dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of interest earned on municipal securities), the Fixed-Income Taxable Portfolios will distribute primarily ordinary income dividends (*i.e.*, distributions out of net short-term capital gains, dividends and non-exempt interest). The Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios and the Overlay Portfolios may distribute ordinary income dividends and/or capital gains distributions. Any dividends paid by a Fixed-Income Portfolio that are properly reported as exempt-interest dividends will not be subject to regular federal income tax. Based on our investment objectives and strategies, we expect that, in general, the Tax-Aware Overlay Portfolios will distribute less ordinary income dividends than the Overlay A Portfolio and the Overlay B Portfolio.

If you are subject to taxes, you may be taxed on dividends (unless, as described below, they are derived from the interest earned on municipal securities and certain conditions are met) and capital gains distributions from the Portfolios whether they are received in cash or additional shares. Regardless of how long you have owned your shares in a Portfolio, distributions

of long-term capital gains are taxed as such and distributions of net investment income, short-term capital gains and certain foreign currency gains are generally taxed as ordinary income. For individual taxpayers, ordinary income is taxed at a maximum rate of 39.6%, and long-term capital gains are taxed at a maximum rate of 15% for individuals with incomes below \$400,000 (\$450,000 if married filing jointly) and 20% for individuals with any income above those amounts that is long-term capital gain. Income dividends that are exempt from federal income tax may be subject to state and local taxes.

Generally, it is intended that dividends paid on shares in the Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios will be exempt from federal income taxes. However, any of these Portfolios may invest a portion of its assets in securities that generate income that is not exempt from federal or state income tax. In addition, you may be taxed on any capital gains distributions from these Portfolios.

Interest on certain “private activity bonds” issued after August 7, 1986 are items of tax preference for purposes of the corporate and individual alternative minimum tax. If you hold shares in a Portfolio that invests in private activity bonds, you may be subject to the alternative minimum tax on that portion of the Portfolio’s distributions derived from interest income on those bonds. Additionally, tax-exempt income constitutes adjusted current earnings for purposes of calculating the ACE adjustment for the corporate alternative minimum tax.

Beginning in 2013, a 3.8 percent Medicare contribution tax will be imposed on net investment income, including interest, dividends, and capital gain, of U.S. individuals with income exceeding \$200,000 (or \$250,000 if married filing jointly), and of estates and trusts.

If, for any taxable year, a Portfolio distributes income from dividends from domestic corporations and complies with certain requirements, corporate shareholders may be entitled to take a dividends-received deduction for some or all of the dividends they receive. In general, dividends on the shares of a Portfolio will not qualify for the dividends-received deduction for corporations since they will not be derived from dividends paid by U.S. corporations.

Dividends and interest received by the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios, the Overlay Portfolios and the Fixed-Income Portfolios that invest in foreign securities may be subject to foreign tax and withholding. Some emerging markets countries may impose taxes on capital gains earned by a Portfolio in such countries. However, tax treaties between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes.

Certain dividends on the shares of a Portfolio received by non-corporate shareholders (including individuals) may be eligible for long-term capital gain tax rates, provided that the non-corporate shareholder receiving the dividend satisfies certain holding period and other requirements. Such rate would not apply to dividends received from the Fixed-Income Portfolios. However, dividends received from Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios may qualify for such rate in certain cases.

If you redeem shares of a Portfolio or exchange them for shares of another Portfolio, generally you will recognize a capital gain or loss on the transaction. Any such gain or loss will be a long-term capital gain or loss if you held your shares for more than one year. Losses recognized on a sale and repurchase are disallowed to the extent that the shares disposed of are replaced within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the transaction date. However, if you experience a loss and have held your shares for only six months or less, such loss generally will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent that you treat any dividends as long-term capital gains. Additionally, any such loss will be disallowed to the extent of any dividends derived from the interest earned on municipal securities.

Dividends or other income (including, in some cases, capital gains) received by the Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios from investments in foreign securities may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by foreign countries. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes in some cases. Under certain circumstances, the Portfolios may elect for U.S. federal income tax purposes to treat foreign income taxes paid by such Portfolios as paid by their shareholders. The Portfolio may qualify for and make this election in some, but not necessarily all, of its taxable years. If this election is made, you will be required to include your pro rata share of such foreign taxes in computing your taxable income—treating an amount equal to your share of such taxes as a U.S. federal income tax deduction or foreign tax credit against your U.S. federal income taxes. Each of these Portfolios may determine, as it deems appropriate in applying the relevant U.S. federal income tax rules, not to pass through to shareholders certain foreign taxes paid by such Portfolio. You will not be entitled to claim a deduction for foreign taxes if you do not itemize your deductions on your returns. Generally, a foreign tax credit is more advantageous than a deduction. Other limitations may apply regarding the extent to which the credit or deduction may be claimed. To the extent that such Portfolios may hold securities of corporations which are considered to be passive foreign investment companies, capital gains on these securities may be treated as ordinary income and the Portfolios may be subject to corporate income taxes and interest charges on certain dividends and capital gains from these securities.

A 30% withholding tax will be imposed on dividends paid after December 31, 2013 and redemption proceeds paid after December 31, 2016, to (i) foreign financial institutions including non-U.S. investment funds unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. account holders and (ii) certain other foreign entities unless they certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners. To avoid withholding, a foreign financial institution will need to (i) enter into agreements with the IRS that state that they will provide the IRS information including the names, addresses and taxpayer identification numbers of direct and indirect U.S. account holders, comply with due diligence procedures with respect to the identification of U.S. accounts, report to the IRS certain information with respect to

U.S. accounts maintained, agree to withhold tax on certain payments made to non-compliant foreign financial institutions or to account holders who fail to provide the required information, and determine certain other information as to their account holders, or (ii) in the event that an intergovernmental agreement and implementing legislation are adopted, provide local revenue authorities with similar account holder information. Other foreign entities will need to provide the name, address, and tax payer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner or certifications of no substantial U.S. ownership unless certain exceptions apply.

The Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio and New York Municipal Portfolio provide income that is generally tax-free for New York state and local personal income tax purposes to the extent that the income is derived from New York Municipal Securities or securities issued by possessions of the United States. Similarly, the Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio and California Municipal Portfolio provide income that is generally tax-free for California state personal income tax purposes to the extent that the income is derived from California Municipal Securities or securities issued by possessions of the United States. A portion of income of the other Portfolios may also be exempt from state and local income taxes in certain states to the extent that the Portfolio derives income from securities the interest on which is exempt from taxes in that state.

To a limited extent, the Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio provides income which is tax-free (except for alternative minimum tax) for federal and New York state and local individual income tax purposes to the extent of income derived from New York Municipal Securities or securities issued by possessions of the United States. To a limited extent, the Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio provides income which is tax-free (except for alternative minimum tax) for federal and California state personal income tax purposes to the extent of income derived from California Municipal Securities or securities issued by possessions of the United States. Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio provide income which is tax-free for federal income tax purposes (except for alternative minimum tax) and which may be partially tax-free for state tax purposes, to the extent of income derived from Municipal Securities. For this purpose, gains from transactions in options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, market discount and swap income, as well as gains on the sale of Municipal Securities are not tax-exempt. Accordingly, the Portfolios will expect to comply with the requirement of Code Section 852(b)(5) that at least 50% of the value of each such Portfolio's total assets consists of Municipal Securities. This requirement may limit these Portfolios' ability to engage in transactions in options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts or in certain other transactions. A portion of the income of these Portfolios may be exempt from state income taxes in certain states to the extent the Portfolio's income is derived from securities the interest on which is exempt from income taxes in that state. Shareholders may wish to consult a tax advisor about the status of distributions from the Portfolios in their individual states or localities.

We will send you information after the end of each year setting forth the amount of dividends and long-term capital gains distributed to you during the prior year. Likewise, the amount of tax exempt income, including any tax exempt income subject to alternative minimum tax, that each Portfolio distributes will be reported to you and such income must be reported on your federal income tax return.

As a result of entering into swap contracts, a Portfolio may make or receive periodic net payments. A Portfolio may also make or receive a payment when a swap is terminated prior to maturity through an assignment of the swap or other closing transaction. Periodic net payments will generally constitute ordinary income or deductions, while termination of a swap will generally result

in capital gain or loss (which will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the Portfolio has been a party to the swap for more than one year). With respect to certain types of swaps, a Portfolio may be required to currently recognize income or loss with respect to future payments on such swaps or may elect under certain circumstances to mark such swaps to market annually for tax purposes as ordinary income or loss.

This Prospectus summarizes only some of the tax implications you should consider when investing in a Portfolio. You are urged to consult your own tax adviser regarding specific questions you may have as to federal, state, local and foreign taxes. Statements as to the tax status of dividends and distributions of each Portfolio are mailed annually.

## GLOSSARY OF INVESTMENT TERMS

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**Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index**—Represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis.

**Barclays 5-Year General Obligation Municipal Bond Index**—The Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark. The GO Bond Index component of the Municipal Bond index. General Obligation classification bonds, excluding insured and prerefunded, are eligible for inclusion in the Barclays 5-year GO Municipal Bond Index. The bonds must have a maturity of greater than 4-years and less than 6-years.

**Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index**—Represents the performance of the global investment-grade developed fixed income markets.

**Barclays 1-Year Municipal Index**—The Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. To be included in the index, bonds must be rated investment-grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, Fitch. If only two of the three agencies rate the security, the lower rating is used to determine index eligibility. If only one of the three agencies rates a security, the rating must be investment-grade. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of

a transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from their maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark. This index is the 1 Year (1-2) component of the Municipal Bond index.

**BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year Treasury Index**—An unmanaged index that tracks the performance of the direct sovereign debt of the U.S. Government having a maturity of at least one year and less than three years.

**The Financial Times Stock Exchange® (FTSE) European Public Real Estate Association (EPRA)/National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) Developed Index**—The FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index is a free-float adjusted index designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and real estate investment trusts (REITs) worldwide.

**MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East)**—A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. & Canada. As of the date of this prospectus, the MSCI EAFE Index consisted of the following 22 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

**MSCI Emerging Markets Index**—A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. As of the date of this prospectus, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consisted of the following 21 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

**Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Stock Index**—The S&P 500 Stock Index includes 500 U.S. stocks and is a common representation of the performance of the overall U.S. stock market.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

### Non-U.S. Stock Portfolios

- **Tax-Managed International Portfolio**
- **International Portfolio**
- **Emerging Markets Portfolio**

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Portfolio for the periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Portfolio share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The information for each fiscal-year-end period has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose reports, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, are included in the Portfolio's 2012 annual report, which is available upon request.

### International Portfolio International Class

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 12.36                 | \$ 15.08    | \$ 15.00    | \$ 16.51    | \$ 29.38    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.23‡                    | 0.23        | 0.22        | 0.25        | 0.50        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.90                     | (2.68)      | 0.14        | (1.31)      | (9.89)      |
| Total from investment operations  | 1.13                     | (2.45)      | 0.36        | (1.06)      | (9.39)      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.26)                   | (0.27)      | (0.28)      | (0.45)      | (0.44)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                         | —0—                      | —0—         | —0—         | —0—         | (3.04)      |
| Total dividends and distributions   | (0.26)                   | (0.27)      | (0.28)      | (0.45)      | (3.48)      |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 13.23                 | \$ 12.36    | \$ 15.08    | \$ 15.00    | \$ 16.51    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 9.32%                    | (16.61)%    | 2.43%       | (5.59)%     | (36.07)%    |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$1,485,757              | \$1,495,894 | \$2,073,462 | \$2,364,571 | \$2,788,102 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$1,546,251              | \$2,015,954 | \$2,199,418 | \$2,032,024 | \$3,828,486 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements   | 1.16%                    | 1.18%       | 1.17%(d)    | 1.19%       | 1.18%       |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursements   | 1.21%                    | 1.18%       | 1.17%(d)    | 1.19%       | 1.18%       |
| Net investment income   | 1.79%‡                   | 1.50%       | 1.49%(d)    | 2.03%       | 2.16%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 69%                      | 62%         | 84%         | 91%         | 53%         |

Please refer to footnotes on page 147.

## Tax-Managed International Portfolio Tax-Managed International Class

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 12.46                 | \$ 15.19    | \$ 15.16    | \$ 16.52    | \$ 29.64    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.25‡                    | 0.24        | 0.22        | 0.25        | 0.52        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.91                     | (2.70)      | 0.09        | (1.16)      | (10.22)     |
| Contributions from Manager  | —0—                      | —0—         | —0— (c)     | —0—(c)      | —0—         |
| Total from investment operations  | 1.16                     | (2.46)      | 0.31        | (0.91)      | (9.70)      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.29)                   | (0.27)      | (0.28)      | (0.45)      | (0.42)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                         | —0—                      | —0—         | —0—         | —0—         | (3.00)      |
| Total dividends and distributions   | (0.29)                   | (0.27)      | (0.28)      | (0.45)      | (3.42)      |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 13.33                 | \$ 12.46    | \$ 15.19    | \$ 15.16    | \$ 16.52    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 9.56%                    | (16.56)%    | 2.07%       | (4.64)%     | (36.75)%    |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$3,446,598              | \$3,587,820 | \$4,845,829 | \$5,286,906 | \$6,024,221 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$3,598,435              | \$4,714,049 | \$5,004,731 | \$4,376,859 | \$8,333,321 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements   | 1.11%                    | 1.14%       | 1.13%(d)    | 1.15%       | 1.12%       |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursements   | 1.16%                    | 1.14%       | 1.13%(d)    | 1.15%       | 1.12%       |
| Net investment income   | 1.88%‡                   | 1.54%       | 1.53%(d)    | 2.07%       | 2.21%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 62%                      | 61%         | 85%         | 84%         | 70%         |

## Emerging Markets Portfolio

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 24.46                 | \$ 31.40    | \$ 26.67    | \$ 25.97    | \$ 50.62    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.31‡                    | 0.33        | 0.27        | 0.24        | 0.53        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 3.03                     | (7.10)      | 4.54        | 2.25        | (14.32)     |
| Contributions from Manager  | —0—                      | —0—         | —0—         | —0—         | —0—(c)      |
| Total from investment operations  | 3.34                     | (6.77)      | 4.81        | 2.49        | (13.79)     |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.24)                   | (0.31)      | (0.20)      | (0.39)      | (0.44)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                         | (0.94)                   | —0—         | —0—         | (1.50)      | (10.55)     |
| Total dividends and distributions   | (1.18)                   | (0.31)      | (0.20)      | (1.89)      | (10.99)     |
| Portfolio transaction fee   | 0.10                     | 0.14        | 0.12        | 0.10        | 0.13        |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 26.72                 | \$ 24.46    | \$ 31.40    | \$ 26.67    | \$ 25.97    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 14.63%(b)                | (22.95)%(b) | 16.19%(b)   | 13.54%(b)   | (36.23)%(b) |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$1,239,480              | \$1,249,690 | \$1,912,856 | \$1,949,728 | \$1,950,976 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$1,303,241              | \$1,823,362 | \$1,928,521 | \$1,458,886 | \$2,877,534 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements   | 1.44%                    | 1.45%       | 1.44%(d)    | 1.48%       | 1.51%       |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursements   | 1.49%                    | 1.45%       | 1.44%(d)    | 1.48%       | 1.51%       |
| Net investment income   | 1.19%‡                   | 1.03%       | 0.94%(d)    | 1.25%       | 1.35%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 55%                      | 57%         | 67%         | 70%         | 55%         |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

### Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios

- **New York Municipal Portfolio**
- **Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio**

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### New York Municipal Portfolio Municipal Class

|  | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 14.42                 | \$ 14.53    | \$ 14.36    | \$ 13.61    | \$ 13.83    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>                          |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.43                     | 0.44        | 0.44        | 0.46        | 0.47        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 0.24                     | (0.06)      | 0.20        | 0.79        | (0.22)      |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.67                     | 0.38        | 0.64        | 1.25        | 0.25        |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                           |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                    | (0.43)                   | (0.44)      | (0.44)      | (0.46)      | (0.47)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions    | —0—                      | (0.05)      | (0.03)      | (0.04)      | —0—         |
| Total dividends and distributions                                  | (0.43)                   | (0.49)      | (0.47)      | (0.50)      | (0.47)      |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 14.66                 | \$ 14.42    | \$ 14.53    | \$ 14.36    | \$ 13.61    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 4.69%                    | 2.74%       | 4.55%       | 9.42%       | 1.80%       |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                            | \$1,498,388              | \$1,579,981 | \$1,745,720 | \$1,692,410 | \$1,817,154 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                   | \$1,541,811              | \$1,652,024 | \$1,752,608 | \$1,643,093 | \$1,828,067 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses   | 0.61%                    | 0.61%       | 0.61%(d)    | 0.61%       | 0.61%       |
| Net investment income  | 2.93%                    | 3.09%       | 3.05%(d)    | 3.33%       | 3.38%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 14%                      | 14%         | 18%         | 19%         | 24%         |

### Short Duration New York Municipal Portfolio

|  | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |           |           |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2012                     | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      | 2008      |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 12.49                 | \$ 12.53  | \$ 12.59  | \$ 12.40  | \$ 12.40  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>                           |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.10                     | 0.20      | 0.22      | 0.30      | 0.37      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 0.07                     | (0.04)    | (0.06)    | 0.20      | —0—       |
| Contributions from Manager   | —0—                      | —0—       | —0—       | —0—       | —0—(c)    |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.17                     | 0.16      | 0.16      | 0.50      | 0.37      |
| <b>Less Dividends:</b>   |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                    | (0.10)                   | (0.20)    | (0.22)    | (0.31)    | (0.37)    |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 12.56                 | \$ 12.49  | \$ 12.53  | \$ 12.59  | \$ 12.40  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 1.34%                    | 1.28%     | 1.29%     | 4.14%     | 3.08%     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                            | \$132,909                | \$158,478 | \$273,147 | \$235,326 | \$161,836 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                   | \$148,340                | \$200,953 | \$262,227 | \$186,124 | \$132,487 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Expenses   | 0.64%                    | 0.61%     | 0.61%(d)  | 0.63%     | 0.67%     |
| Net investment income  | 0.77%                    | 1.61%     | 1.75%(d)  | 2.42%     | 2.98%     |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 54%                      | 32%       | 30%       | 45%       | 103%      |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

### Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios

- **California Municipal Portfolio**
- **Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio**

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### California Municipal Portfolio Municipal Class

|  | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 14.62                 | \$ 14.85    | \$ 14.55    | \$ 13.96    | \$ 14.18    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>                          |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.45                     | 0.46        | 0.47        | 0.48        | 0.48        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 0.29                     | (0.08)      | 0.34        | 0.63        | (0.22)      |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.74                     | 0.38        | 0.81        | 1.11        | 0.26        |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                           |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                    | (0.45)                   | (0.46)      | (0.47)      | (0.48)      | (0.48)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions    | —0—                      | (0.15)      | (0.04)      | (0.04)      | —0—         |
| Total dividends and distributions                                  | (0.45)                   | (0.61)      | (0.51)      | (0.52)      | (0.48)      |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 14.91                 | \$ 14.62    | \$ 14.85    | \$ 14.55    | \$ 13.96    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.11%                    | 2.70%       | 5.71%       | 8.09%       | 1.83%       |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                            | \$ 991,764               | \$1,031,911 | \$1,103,565 | \$1,154,961 | \$1,363,736 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                   | \$1,026,677              | \$1,059,794 | \$1,163,905 | \$1,186,613 | \$1,414,368 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses   | 0.63%                    | 0.63%       | 0.63%(d)    | 0.63%       | 0.62%       |
| Net investment income  | 3.03%                    | 3.19%       | 3.23%(d)    | 3.39%       | 3.38%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 15%                      | 14%         | 33%         | 14%         | 26%         |

### Short Duration California Municipal Portfolio

|  | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |           |           |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2012                     | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      | 2008      |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 12.55                 | \$ 12.62  | \$ 12.68  | \$ 12.53  | \$ 12.49  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>                           |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.06                     | 0.13      | 0.21      | 0.34      | 0.35      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 0.04                     | (0.04)    | 0.01      | 0.15      | 0.05      |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.10                     | 0.09      | 0.22      | 0.49      | 0.40      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                           |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                    | (0.07)                   | (0.13)    | (0.21)    | (0.34)    | (0.36)    |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions    | —0—                      | (0.03)    | (0.07)    | —0—       | —0—       |
| Total dividends and distributions                                  | (0.07)                   | (0.16)    | (0.28)    | (0.34)    | (0.36)    |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 12.58                 | \$ 12.55  | \$ 12.62  | \$ 12.68  | \$ 12.53  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 0.76%                    | 0.74%     | 1.77%     | 3.95%     | 3.24%     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                            | \$100,149                | \$121,747 | \$144,606 | \$109,040 | \$141,225 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                   | \$103,813                | \$127,326 | \$127,870 | \$119,438 | \$106,703 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Expenses   | 0.67%                    | 0.63%     | 0.65%(d)  | 0.65%     | 0.69%     |
| Net investment income  | 0.51%                    | 1.08%     | 1.66%(d)  | 2.68%     | 2.81%     |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 45%                      | 81%       | 64%       | 52%       | 134%      |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

### Fixed-Income Municipal Portfolios

- **Diversified Municipal Portfolio**
- **Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio**

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### Diversified Municipal Portfolio Municipal Class

|  | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                               | \$ 14.65                 | \$ 14.75    | \$ 14.53    | \$ 13.81    | \$ 14.00    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>                          |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.41                     | 0.45        | 0.45        | 0.48        | 0.48        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment transactions | 0.29                     | (0.03)      | 0.25        | 0.73        | (0.19)      |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.70                     | 0.42        | 0.70        | 1.21        | 0.29        |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                           |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                    | (0.42)                   | (0.45)      | (0.46)      | (0.48)      | (0.48)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions    | (0.01)                   | (0.07)      | (0.02)      | (0.01)      | —0—         |
| Total dividends and distributions                                  | (0.43)                   | (0.52)      | (0.48)      | (0.49)      | (0.48)      |
| Net asset value, end of period                                     | \$ 14.92                 | \$ 14.65    | \$ 14.75    | \$ 14.53    | \$ 13.81    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 4.81%                    | 2.96%       | 4.90%       | 8.96%       | 2.04%       |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                            | \$4,684,176              | \$4,907,931 | \$5,129,063 | \$4,942,157 | \$5,065,599 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                   | \$4,839,804              | \$4,991,204 | \$5,176,769 | \$4,716,436 | \$5,052,989 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                    |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses   | 0.56%                    | 0.56%       | 0.56%(d)    | 0.57%       | 0.57%       |
| Net investment income  | 2.79%                    | 3.08%       | 3.10%(d)    | 3.39%       | 3.38%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 16%                      | 18%         | 21%         | 12%         | 28%         |

### Short Duration Diversified Municipal Portfolio

|   | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |           |           |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      | 2008      |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                            | \$ 12.70                 | \$ 12.69  | \$ 12.68  | \$ 12.53  | \$ 12.50  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>                        |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.10                     | 0.17      | 0.21      | 0.32      | 0.38      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment transactions     | 0.05                     | 0.01      | 0.01      | 0.16      | 0.04      |
| Total from investment operations                                | 0.15                     | 0.18      | 0.22      | 0.48      | 0.42      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                        |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income                 | (0.10)                   | (0.16)    | (0.21)    | (0.33)    | (0.39)    |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions | (0.01)                   | (0.01)    | —0—       | —0—       | —0—       |
| Total dividends and distributions                               | (0.11)                   | (0.17)    | (0.21)    | (0.33)    | (0.39)    |
| Net asset value, end of period                                  | \$ 12.74                 | \$ 12.70  | \$ 12.69  | \$ 12.68  | \$ 12.53  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 1.18%                    | 1.42%     | 1.75%     | 3.85%     | 3.35%     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                 |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                         | \$394,515                | \$418,586 | \$591,202 | \$457,515 | \$328,867 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                | \$437,015                | \$515,306 | \$556,818 | \$368,993 | \$277,346 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                 |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Expenses  | 0.59%                    | 0.62%     | 0.62%(d)  | 0.62%     | 0.64%     |
| Net investment income   | 0.80%                    | 1.31%     | 1.65%(d)  | 2.55%     | 3.05%     |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 51%                      | 39%       | 23%       | 54%       | 94%       |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

### Fixed-Income Taxable Portfolios

- **U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio**
- **Short Duration Plus Portfolio**

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### U.S. Government Short Duration Portfolio

|   | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |           |           |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      | 2008      |
| Net asset value, beginning of period                            | \$ 12.82                 | \$ 12.89  | \$ 12.70  | \$ 12.47  | \$ 12.47  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>                        |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.02                     | 0.09      | 0.10      | 0.24      | 0.43      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment transactions     | 0.05                     | 0.02      | 0.22      | 0.25      | 0.01      |
| Total from investment operations                                | 0.07                     | 0.11      | 0.32      | 0.49      | 0.44      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>                        |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                    | (0.07)                   | (0.13)    | (0.13)    | (0.26)    | (0.44)    |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions | (0.09)                   | (0.05)    | —0—       | —0—       | —0—       |
| Total dividends and distributions                               | (0.16)                   | (0.18)    | (0.13)    | (0.26)    | (0.44)    |
| Net asset value, end of period                                  | \$ 12.73                 | \$ 12.82  | \$ 12.89  | \$ 12.70  | \$ 12.47  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 0.55%                    | 0.87%     | 2.55%     | 3.96%     | 3.56%     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>                                 |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)                         | \$111,263                | \$130,219 | \$163,015 | \$172,741 | \$116,067 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)                                | \$126,795                | \$149,555 | \$175,298 | \$163,493 | \$ 94,678 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:                                 |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Expenses  | 0.68%                    | 0.64%     | 0.64%(d)  | 0.63%     | 0.73%     |
| Net investment income   | 0.14%                    | 0.67%     | 0.81%(d)  | 1.90%     | 3.43%     |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 95%                      | 170%      | 181%      | 312%      | 143%      |

### Short Duration Plus Portfolio Short Duration Plus Class

|   | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |           |           |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011      | 2010      | 2009      | 2008      |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 11.89                 | \$ 11.92  | \$ 11.65  | \$ 11.45  | \$ 12.24  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>   |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.06                     | 0.12      | 0.20      | 0.35      | 0.46      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.06                     | (0.01)    | 0.29      | 0.22      | (0.77)    |
| Total from investment operations  | 0.12                     | 0.11      | 0.49      | 0.57      | (0.31)    |
| <b>Less Dividends:</b>  |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.10)                   | (0.14)    | (0.22)    | (0.37)    | (0.48)    |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 11.91                 | \$ 11.89  | \$ 11.92  | \$ 11.65  | \$ 11.45  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 1.04%                    | 0.96%     | 4.29%*    | 5.08%     | (2.61)%*  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$549,979                | \$629,603 | \$534,551 | \$424,137 | \$369,337 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$544,248                | \$624,052 | \$481,956 | \$367,415 | \$342,890 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |           |           |           |           |
| Expenses  | 0.62%                    | 0.60%     | 0.62%(d)  | 0.63%     | 0.64%     |
| Net investment income   | 0.47%                    | 0.99%     | 1.69%(d)  | 3.08%     | 3.88%     |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 134%                     | 99%       | 107%      | 176%      | 116%      |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Financial Highlights

#### Fixed-Income Taxable Portfolios

- **Intermediate Duration Portfolio**
- **Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio**

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### Intermediate Duration Portfolio

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 14.16                 | \$ 14.13    | \$ 13.18    | \$ 12.25    | \$ 13.11    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.36                     | 0.50        | 0.54        | 0.60        | 0.62        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.41                     | 0.18        | 0.97        | 1.07        | (0.80)      |
| Total from investment operations  | 0.77                     | 0.68        | 1.51        | 1.67        | (0.18)      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.38)                   | (0.50)      | (0.56)      | (0.62)      | (0.68)      |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                         | (0.31)                   | (0.15)      | —           | (0.12)      | —           |
| Total dividends and distributions   | (0.69)                   | (0.65)      | (0.56)      | (0.74)      | (0.68)      |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 14.24                 | \$ 14.16    | \$ 14.13    | \$ 13.18    | \$ 12.25    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 5.65%**                  | 5.09%       | 11.68%      | 14.41%*     | (1.53)%^*   |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$4,821,926              | \$5,159,683 | \$5,375,563 | \$5,007,391 | \$4,886,527 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$4,944,151              | \$5,261,269 | \$5,305,650 | \$4,463,855 | \$5,220,966 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses  | 0.57%                    | 0.56%       | 0.56%(d)    | 0.57%       | 0.57%       |
| Net investment income   | 2.56%                    | 3.55%       | 3.99%(d)    | 4.96%       | 4.75%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 154%                     | 110%        | 90%         | 82%         | 95%         |

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## Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2012                     | 2011        | 2010        | 2009        | 2008        |
| Net asset value, beginning of period  | \$ 16.17                 | \$ 16.08    | \$ 15.10    | \$ 13.93    | \$ 14.98    |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Investment income, net†   | 0.41                     | 0.57        | 0.65        | 0.70        | 0.73        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.48                     | 0.25        | 1.08        | 1.26        | (1.00)      |
| Contributions from Manager  | —0—                      | —0—         | —0—         | —0—         | —0—(c)      |
| Total from investment operations  | 0.89                     | 0.82        | 1.73        | 1.96        | (0.27)      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>  |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income  | (0.43)                   | (0.58)      | (0.66)      | (0.71)      | (0.78)      |
| Dividends from net realized gain on investment transactions                             | (0.24)                   | (0.15)      | (0.09)      | (0.08)      | 0           |
| Total dividends and distributions   | (0.67)                   | (0.73)      | (0.75)      | (0.79)      | (0.78)      |
| Net asset value, end of period  | \$ 16.39                 | \$ 16.17    | \$ 16.08    | \$ 15.10    | \$ 13.93    |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>  | 5.70%#                   | 5.30%       | 11.76%      | 14.80%      | (1.96)%*^   |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)   | \$1,105,227              | \$1,207,593 | \$1,123,905 | \$1,026,838 | \$1,027,646 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)  | \$1,146,019              | \$1,143,740 | \$1,105,250 | \$ 967,750  | \$1,085,900 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:   |                          |             |             |             |             |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements   | 0.45%                    | 0.45%       | 0.45%(d)    | 0.45%       | 0.45%       |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursements   | 0.54%                    | 0.54%       | 0.54%(d)    | 0.54%       | 0.54%       |
| Net investment income   | 2.54%                    | 3.61%       | 4.19%(d)    | 5.05%       | 4.93%       |
| Portfolio turnover rate   | 136%                     | 121%        | 105%        | 75%         | 99%         |

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## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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### Financial Highlights

#### Overlay Portfolios

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The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Portfolio for the periods indicated. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Portfolio share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The information for each fiscal-period has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose reports, along with the Portfolio's financial statements, are included in the Portfolio's 2012 annual report, which is available upon request.



## Overlay A Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.94                         | \$ 10.87                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.05                             | 0.03                             | 0.02(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.36                             | 0.25                             | 0.85   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.41                             | 0.28                             | 0.87   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.11)                           | (0.05)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.87)                           | (0.16)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.98)                           | (0.21)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.37                         | \$ 10.94                         | \$ 10.87   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 4.08%                            | 2.51%                            | 8.70%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$1,218,127                      | \$1,178,056                      | \$763,900  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$1,215,244                      | \$1,029,460                      | \$384,476  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 1.16%                            | 1.17%                            | 1.20%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 1.16%                            | 1.17%                            | 1.27%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.47%                            | 0.29%                            | 0.26%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 99%                              | 70%                              | 29%  |

## Overlay A Portfolio

|  | CLASS 2                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.96                         | \$ 10.88                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.07                             | 0.06                             | 0.03(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.36                             | 0.24                             | 0.85   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.43                             | 0.30                             | 0.88   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.13)                           | (0.06)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.87)                           | (0.16)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (1.00)                           | (0.22)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.39                         | \$ 10.96                         | \$ 10.88   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 4.26%                            | 2.72%                            | 8.80%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$238,054                        | \$215,163                        | \$103,467  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$238,644                        | \$168,369                        | \$ 51,153  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.96%                            | 0.97%                            | 1.00%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.96%                            | 0.97%                            | 1.10%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.66%                            | 0.51%                            | 0.42%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 99%                              | 70%                              | 29%  |

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## Tax-Aware Overlay A Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.75                         | \$ 10.74                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income (loss), net†   | 0.04                             | 0.03                             | (0.00)(f)(c)                                       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.21                             | 0.12                             | 0.74   |
| Contributions from Manager   | —0—                              | 0.00(c)                          | —0—  |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.25                             | 0.15                             | 0.74   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.02)                           | —0—                              | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.41)                           | (0.14)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.43)                           | (0.14)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.57                         | \$ 10.75                         | \$ 10.74   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 2.38%                            | 1.33%                            | 7.40%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$2,183,824                      | \$2,039,576                      | \$1,358,482  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$2,171,291                      | \$1,888,892                      | \$ 671,456   |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 1.14%                            | 1.14%                            | 1.20%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 1.14%                            | 1.14%                            | 1.23%††(d)   |
| Net investment income (loss)   | 0.42%                            | 0.24%                            | (0.01)%††(f)(d)                                    |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 86%                              | 71%                              | 37%  |

|  | CLASS 2                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(a) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.78                         | \$ 10.76                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.07                             | 0.05                             | 0.01(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.20                             | 0.12                             | 0.75   |
| Contributions from Manager   | —0—                              | 0.00(c)                          | —0—  |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.27                             | 0.17                             | 0.76   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.04)                           | (0.01)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.41)                           | (0.14)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.45)                           | (0.15)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.60                         | \$ 10.78                         | \$ 10.76   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 2.57%                            | 1.51%                            | 7.60%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$648,996                        | \$607,676                        | \$347,555  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$653,109                        | \$531,588                        | \$160,224  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.94%                            | 0.95%                            | 1.00%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.94%                            | 0.95%                            | 1.04%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.62%                            | 0.45%                            | 0.19%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 86%                              | 71%                              | 37%  |

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## Overlay B Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                       |                    |   |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
|  | Year Ended September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2011 | February 8, 2010(e) to September 30, 2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.75                      | \$ 10.83           | \$ 10.00                                  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                               |                    |   |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.07                          | 0.11               | 0.06(f)                                   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.50                          | 0.17               | 0.77                                      |
| Contributions from Manager   | —0—                           | —0—                | 0.00(c)                                   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.57                          | 0.28               | 0.83                                      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                               |                    |   |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.25)                        | (0.08)             | —0—                                       |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.09)                        | (0.28)             | —0—                                       |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.34)                        | (0.36)             | —0—                                       |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.98                      | \$ 10.75           | \$ 10.83                                  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.39%                         | 2.66%              | 8.30%                                     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                               |                    |   |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$861,886                     | \$780,228          | \$557,549                                 |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$841,055                     | \$711,857          | \$278,747                                 |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                               |                    |   |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.87%                         | 0.87%              | 0.90%††(d)                                |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.87%                         | 0.87%              | 0.98%††(d)                                |
| Net investment income  | 0.68%                         | 1.02%              | 0.92%††(f)(d)                             |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 111%                          | 98%                | 38%                                       |

|  | CLASS 2                       |                    |   |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|---|
|  | Year Ended September 30, 2012 | September 30, 2011 | February 8, 2010(e) to September 30, 2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.76                      | \$ 10.83           | \$ 10.00                                  |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                               |                    |   |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.09                          | 0.13               | 0.07(f)                                   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.49                          | 0.17               | 0.76                                      |
| Contributions from Manager   | —0—                           | —0—                | 0.00(c)                                   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.58                          | 0.30               | 0.83                                      |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                               |                    |   |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.26)                        | (0.09)             | —0—                                       |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.09)                        | (0.28)             | —0—                                       |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.35)                        | (0.37)             | —0—                                       |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.99                      | \$ 10.76           | \$ 10.83                                  |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.53%                         | 2.85%              | 8.30%                                     |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                               |                    |   |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$201,385                     | \$145,789          | \$84,559                                  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$178,148                     | \$127,585          | \$43,708                                  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                               |                    |   |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.72%                         | 0.73%              | 0.75 %††(d)                               |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.72%                         | 0.73%              | 0.86 %††(d)                               |
| Net investment income  | 0.82%                         | 1.18%              | 1.06 %††(f)(d)                            |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 111%                          | 98%                | 38%                                       |

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## Tax-Aware Overlay B Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.55                         | \$ 10.62                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.10                             | 0.08                             | 0.02(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.49                             | 0.20                             | 0.60   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.59                             | 0.28                             | 0.62   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.08)                           | (0.03)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.05)                           | (0.32)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.13)                           | (0.35)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 11.01                         | \$ 10.55                         | \$ 10.62   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.60%                            | 2.61%                            | 6.20%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$1,143,322                      | \$1,033,989                      | \$660,484  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$1,117,359                      | \$ 878,207                       | \$333,447  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.84%                            | 0.86%                            | 0.90%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.84%                            | 0.86%                            | 0.97%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.91%                            | 0.71%                            | 0.40%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 21%                              | 15%                              | 26%  |

|  | CLASS 2                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.57                         | \$ 10.63                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.12                             | 0.09                             | 0.03(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.48                             | 0.20                             | 0.60   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.60                             | 0.29                             | 0.63   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (.09)                            | (0.03)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (.05)                            | (0.32)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (.14)                            | (0.35)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 11.03                         | \$ 10.57                         | \$ 10.63   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.73%                            | 2.80%                            | 6.30%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$568,815                        | \$526,880                        | \$297,618  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$558,652                        | \$443,050                        | \$136,271  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.69%                            | 0.71%                            | 0.75%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.69%                            | 0.71%                            | 0.84%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 1.06%                            | 0.86%                            | 0.55%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 21%                              | 15%                              | 26%  |

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## Tax-Aware Overlay C Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.50                         | \$ 10.66                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.09                             | 0.07                             | 0.02(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.50                             | 0.15                             | 0.64   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.59                             | 0.22                             | 0.66   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.07)                           | (0.02)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.04)                           | (0.36)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.11)                           | (0.38)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.98                         | \$ 10.50                         | \$ 10.66   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.67%                            | 2.13%                            | 6.60%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$272,315                        | \$243,235                        | \$171,603  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$262,729                        | \$219,646                        | \$ 87,845  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.89%                            | 0.89%                            | 0.90%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.89%                            | 0.89%                            | 1.06%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.83%                            | 0.62%                            | 0.32%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 19%                              | 13%                              | 33%  |

|  | CLASS 2                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.51                         | \$ 10.67                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.11                             | 0.08                             | 0.03(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.50                             | 0.15                             | 0.64   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.61                             | 0.23                             | 0.67   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.09)                           | (0.03)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.04)                           | (0.36)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.13)                           | (0.39)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.99                         | \$ 10.51                         | \$ 10.67   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.81%                            | 2.21%                            | 6.70%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$160,947                        | \$151,838                        | \$68,459   |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$162,199                        | \$100,484                        | \$35,401   |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.74%                            | 0.74%                            | 0.75%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.74%                            | 0.74%                            | 0.96%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.98%                            | 0.79%                            | 0.47%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 19%                              | 13%                              | 33%  |

Please refer to footnotes on page 147.

## Tax-Aware Overlay N Portfolio

|  | CLASS 1                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.47                         | \$ 10.63                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.08                             | 0.06 (f)                         | 0.01(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.48                             | 0.17                             | 0.62   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.56                             | 0.23                             | 0.63   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.07)                           | (0.02)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.05)                           | (0.37)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.12)                           | (0.39)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.91                         | \$ 10.47                         | \$ 10.63   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.37%                            | 2.20%                            | 6.30%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$314,941                        | \$290,436                        | \$187,654  |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$309,928                        | \$250,755                        | \$ 93,386  |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.89%                            | 0.90%                            | 0.90%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.89%                            | 0.91%                            | 1.08%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.75%                            | 0.59%(f)                         | 0.18%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 29%                              | 14%                              | 39%  |

|  | CLASS 2                          |                                  |  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|  | Year Ended September 30,<br>2012 | Year Ended September 30,<br>2011 | February 8,<br>2010(e) to<br>September 30,<br>2010 |
| Net asset value, beginning of period   | \$ 10.49                         | \$ 10.64                         | \$ 10.00   |
| <b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Investment income, net†  | 0.10                             | 0.08(f)                          | 0.02(f)  |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investment and foreign currency transactions | 0.47                             | 0.17                             | 0.62   |
| Total from investment operations   | 0.57                             | 0.25                             | 0.64   |
| <b>Less Dividends and Distributions:</b>   |                                  |                                  |  |
| Dividends from taxable net investment income                                     | (0.08)                           | (0.03)                           | —0—  |
| Distributions from net realized gain on investment transactions                  | (0.05)                           | (0.37)                           | —0—  |
| Total dividends and distributions  | (0.13)                           | (0.40)                           | —0—  |
| Net asset value, end of period   | \$ 10.93                         | \$ 10.49                         | \$ 10.64   |
| <b>Total Return(a)</b>   | 5.50%                            | 2.38%                            | 6.40%  |
| <b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)  | \$61,587                         | \$47,730                         | \$32,066   |
| Average net assets (000 omitted)   | \$57,931                         | \$41,437                         | \$16,930   |
| Ratio to average net assets of:  |                                  |                                  |  |
| Expenses, net of waivers/reimbursements  | 0.74%                            | 0.75%                            | 0.75%††(d)   |
| Expenses, before waivers/reimbursement   | 0.74%                            | 0.76%                            | 1.05%††(d)   |
| Net investment income  | 0.90%                            | 0.73%(f)                         | 0.33%††(f)(d)                                      |
| Portfolio turnover rate  | 29%                              | 14%                              | 39%  |

Please refer to footnotes on page 147.



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Financial Highlights (notes)

- \* Includes the impact of proceeds received and credited to the Portfolio resulting from the class action settlements, which enhanced the performance of the Intermediate Duration Portfolio for the years ended September 30, 2009 and September 30, 2008 by 0.01% and 0.02%, respectively, of the Short Duration Plus Portfolio for the year ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2008 by 0.01% and 0.05%, respectively and of the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio for the year ended September 30, 2008 by 0.05%.
- \*\* Includes the Manager's reimbursement in respect of the Lehman Bankruptcy Claim which contributed to the Portfolio's performance by 0.10% for the year ended September 30, 2012.
- # Includes the Manager's reimbursement in respect of the Lehman Bankruptcy Claim which contributed to the Portfolio's performance by (0.15)% for the year ended September 30, 2012.
- ^ The total return includes the impact of losses resulting from swap counterparty exposure to Lehman Brothers, which detracted from the performance of the Intermediate Duration Portfolio and the Intermediate Duration Institutional Portfolio for the year ended September 30, 2008 by (0.16)% and (0.15)%, respectively.
- † Based on average shares outstanding.
- †† Annualized.
- ‡ Net of fees and expenses waived by the Manager.
- (a) Total investment return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value during the period, and redemption on the last day of the period. Initial sales charges or contingent deferred sales charges are not reflected in the calculation of total investment return. Total return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or the redemption of Portfolio shares. Total investment return calculated for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
- (b) This reflects the return to a shareholder who purchased shares of the Portfolio at the beginning of the period and redeemed them at the end of the period, paying, in each case, the applicable portfolio transaction fee. Effective May 2, 2005 the portfolio transaction fee payable when shares of the Portfolio are purchased or sold was reduced from 2.00% to 1.00%. Total return to a shareholder for the years ending September 30, 2011, September 30, 2010, September 30, 2009, September 30, 2008 and September 30, 2007, without taking into account these transaction fees would have been (21.38)%, 18.55%, 15.85%, (34.93)% and 53.46%, respectively.
- (c) Amount is less than \$.005.
- (d) The ratio includes expenses attributable to costs of proxy solicitation.
- (e) Commencement of operations.
- (f) Net of fees waived/reimbursed by the Manager.

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- **ANNUAL/SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS**

The Portfolios' annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders contain additional information on the Portfolios' investments. In the annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected a Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal year.

- **STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (SAI)**

The Portfolios have an SAI, which contains more detailed information about the Portfolios, including their operations and investment policies. The Portfolios' SAI and the independent registered public accounting firms' reports and financial statements in each Portfolio's most recent annual report to shareholders are incorporated by reference into (and are legally part of) this Prospectus.

You may request a free copy of the current annual/semi-annual report or the SAI, or make inquiries concerning the Portfolios, by contacting your Bernstein advisor, or by contacting the Manager:

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Or you may view or obtain these documents from the Commission:

- Call the Commission at 1-202-551-8090 for information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.
- Reports and other information about the Portfolios are available on the EDGAR Database on the Commission's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.
- Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), or by writing the Commission's Public Reference Section, Washington DC 20549-1520.

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