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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**KING LUTHER CAPITAL  
MANAGEMENT CORP**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LAWSON PRODUCTS  
INC/NEW/DE/ [LAWS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
301 COMMERCE SUITE 1600,  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
07/02/2015

\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  
 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	07/02/2015		P			7,100	A	\$ 23.4452	1,047,293	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	07/02/2015		P			10,418	A	\$ 23.4123	1,057,711	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	07/06/2015		P			997	A	\$ 23.498	1,058,708	I	See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
Common Stock	07/06/2015		P			1,283	A	\$ 23.4682	1,059,991	I	See footnotes

Common Stock	07/06/2015	P	2,802	A	\$ 23.49	1,062,793	I	(1) (2) (3) See footnotes (1) (2) (3)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KING LUTHER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT CORP 301 COMMERCE SUITE 1600 FORT WORTH, TX 76102		X		
LKCM Private Discipline Master Fund, SPC C/O LKCM PRIVATE DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT 301 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 1600 FORT WORTH, TX 76102		X		
LKCM Investment Partnership, L.P. 301 COMMERCE STREET SUITE 1600 FORT WORTH, TX 76102		X		
LKCM Micro-Cap Partnership, L.P. 301 COMMERCE STREET SUITE 1600		X		

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

LKCM Core Discipline, L.P.

301 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 1600

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

X

King Luther Jr

301 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 1600

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

X

King John Bryan

301 COMMERCE STREET

SUITE 1600

FORT WORTH, TX 76102

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## Signatures

J. Bryan King, for Luther King Capital Management Corporation

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Bryan King, for LKCM Private Discipline Master Fund, SPC

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Luther King, Jr., for LKCM Investment Partnership, L.P.

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Bryan King, for LKCM Micro-Cap Partnership, L.P.

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Bryan King, for LKCM Core Discipline, L.P.

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Luther King, Jr.

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

J. Bryan King

07/06/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Luther King Capital Management Corporation (LKCM), LKCM Private Discipline Master Fund, SPC (PDP), LKCM Investment Partnership, L.P. (LIP), LKCM Micro-Cap Partnership, L.P. (Micro), LKCM Core Discipline, L.P. (Core), J. Luther King, Jr. and J. Bryan King (collectively, Filing Persons). LKCM Private Discipline Management, L.P. holds the management shares of PDP, and LKCM Alternative Management, LLC (PD Alternative) is its general partner. LKCM Investment Partnership GP, LLC (LIP GP) is the general partner of LIP. LKCM Micro-Cap Management, L.P. (Micro GP) is the general partner of Micro. LKCM Core Discipline Management, L.P. (Core GP) is the general partner of Core. LKCM is the investment manager for PDP, LIP, Micro and Core. J. Luther King, Jr. is a controlling shareholder and/or member of LKCM and LIP GP. J. Luther King, Jr. and J. Bryan King are controlling members of PD Alternative, Micro GP and Core GP.

(2) Includes (i) 835,725 shares held by PDP, (ii) 200,938 shares held by LIP, (iii) 17,824 shares held by Micro, (iv) 5,806 shares held by Core, and (v) 2,500 shares held by a separately managed portfolio for which LKCM serves as investment adviser.

(3) Each of the Filing Persons hereby expressly disclaims membership in a group under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to the securities reported herein, and this Form 4 shall not be deemed to be an admission that any such Filing Person is a member of such a group. Each of the Filing Persons hereby expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of

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Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number. oker-dealer in such auction, for the number of days in the rate period to which such auction relates, calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days. For purposes of the preceding sentence, APS will be deemed to have been placed by a broker-dealer if such shares were: (i) the subject of hold orders deemed to have been made by existing holders of preferred shares that initially were acquired by such existing holders through such broker-dealer; or (ii) the subject of the following orders submitted by such broker-dealer: (a) a submitted bid of an existing holder pursuant to which such existing holder continues to hold such shares as a result of the auction; (b) a submitted bid of a potential holder pursuant to which such potential holder purchases such shares as a result of the auction; or (c) a submitted hold order.

The broker-dealer agreements provide that a broker-dealer may submit orders in auctions for its own account unless ^ the Fund notifies all broker-dealers that they may no longer do so; provided, however, that in any event such broker-dealers may continue to submit hold orders and sell orders. If a broker-dealer submits an order for its own account in any auction, it may have knowledge of orders placed through it in that auction and therefore have an advantage over other bidders; such broker-dealer, however, would not have knowledge of orders submitted by other broker-dealers in that auction. In the broker-dealer agreements, broker-dealers agree to handle customer orders in accordance with their respective duties under applicable securities laws and rules.

***Dividends and Dividend Periods.*** Dividends on the APS will accumulate from the date on which ^ the Fund originally issues the APS (the Date of Original Issue ) and will be payable on the APS on the dates described below. Dividends on the APS will be payable, at the option of ^ the Fund, either: (i) with respect to any 7-Day Dividend Period and any short term dividend period of up to 28 days, on the following day; or (ii) with respect to any short term dividend period greater than 28 days and with respect to any Long Term Dividend Period, monthly on the first business day of each calendar month during either such period and on the day next succeeding the last day thereof, except that if such dividend payment date is not a business day, the dividend payment date is the next business day. Although any particular dividend payment date may not occur on the originally scheduled date, the next succeeding dividend payment date will occur on the next following originally scheduled date. If for any reason a dividend payment date cannot be fixed, then the Board shall fix the date. The Board may change a dividend payment date if such change does not adversely affect the contract rights of the holders of APS set forth in the Fund s By-Laws.

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Prior to each dividend payment date, ^ the Fund is required to deposit with the Auction Agent sufficient funds for the payment of declared dividends. The ^ Fund does not intend to establish any reserves for the payment of dividends.

Each dividend will be paid to the record holder of the APS. Dividends in arrears for any past dividend period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular dividend payment date. Any dividend payment made on the APS first shall be credited against the earliest declared but unpaid dividends accumulated with respect to such shares.

Holders of the APS will not be entitled to any dividends, whether payable in cash, property or stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends except as described under Additional Dividends below. No interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on the APS which may be in arrears.

The amount of cash dividends per share of APS payable on each dividend payment date of each short term dividend period is computed by multiplying the applicable rate by the number of days in such Dividend Period or part thereof that such share was outstanding and for which dividends are payable on such dividend payment date, dividing by 365, multiplying by \$25,000, and rounding to the nearest cent. During any Long Term Dividend Period, the amount of cash dividends per share of APS payable on any dividend payment date is computed by multiplying the applicable rate by the number of days in such part of such dividend period that such share was outstanding and for which dividends are payable on such dividend payment date, dividing by 360, multiplying by \$25,000, and rounding to the nearest cent.

*Notification of Dividend Period.* With respect to each Special Dividend Period, ^ the Fund, at its sole option and to the extent permitted by law, by telephonic and written notice to the auction agent and to each broker-dealer, may request that the next succeeding dividend period will be a number of days (other than seven), evenly divisible by seven, and between seven and 364 in the case of a short term dividend period or one to five years in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, provided that ^ the Fund may not give such a request of greater than 28 days unless sufficient clearing bids were made in the last occurring auction and unless full cumulative dividends, any amounts due with respect to redemptions, and any additional dividends payable prior to such date have been paid in full. Such request, in the case of a short term dividend period, shall be given on or prior to the second business day but not more than seven business days prior to an auction date and, in the case of a Long Term Dividend Period, shall be given on or prior to the second business day but not more than 28 days prior to an auction date. Upon receiving such request, the broker-dealers jointly shall determine whether it is advisable that ^ the Fund issue a notice of special dividend period as contemplated by such request and the optional redemption price of the APS during such period and the specific redemption provisions and shall give ^ the Fund and the auction agent written notice (a Response ) of such determination by no later than the second business day prior to such auction date. In making such determination, the broker-dealers will consider: (i) existing short-term and long-term market rates and indices of such short-term and long-term rates; (ii) existing market supply and demand for short-term and long-term securities, (iii) existing yield curves for short-term and long-term securities comparable to the APS; (iv) industry and financial conditions which may affect the APS; (v) the investment objective of ^ the Fund; and (vi) the dividend periods and dividend rates at which current and potential beneficial holders of the APS would remain or become beneficial holders.

If the broker-dealers do not give ^ the Fund and the auction agent a Response by such second business day or if the Response states that it is not advisable that the Fund give a notice of special dividend period for the APS, the Fund may not give such notice. In the event the Response indicates that it is advisable that ^ the Fund give such notice, the Fund, by no later than the second business day prior to the auction date, may give such notice to the auction agent, the securities depository and each broker-dealer, which notice will specify: (i) the duration of the special dividend period; (ii) the optional redemption price as specified in the related Response; and (iii) the specific redemption provisions, if any, as specified in the related Response. ^ The Fund also shall provide a copy of such notice to S&P^ .

^ The Fund will not give a notice of special dividend period, and, if the notice has been given already, shall give telephonic and written notice of revocation to the auction agent, each broker-dealer, and the securities depository on or prior to the business day prior to the relevant auction date if: (x) either the 1940 Act APS asset coverage is not satisfied or the Fund fails to maintain ^ S&P eligible assets with an aggregate discounted value at least equal to the

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APS basic maintenance amount, on each of the two valuation dates immediately preceding the business day prior to the relevant auction date on an actual basis and on a pro forma basis giving effect to the proposed special dividend period (using as a pro forma dividend rate with respect to such period the dividend rate which the broker-dealers shall advise ^ the Fund is an approximately equal rate for securities similar to the APS with an equal dividend period); (y) sufficient funds for the payment of dividends payable on the immediately succeeding dividend payment date have not been irrevocably deposited with the auction agent by the close of business on the third business day preceding the related auction date; or (z) the broker-dealers jointly advise ^ the Fund that, after consideration of the factors listed above, they have concluded that it is advisable to give a notice of revocation. ^ The Fund also shall provide a copy of such notice to ^ S&P. If ^ the Fund is prohibited from giving a notice as a result of the factors enumerated in clause (x), (y) or (z) above, or if the Fund gives a notice of revocation with respect to a notice of special dividend period, the next succeeding dividend period for that series will be a 7-day dividend period. In addition, in the event sufficient clearing bids are not made in any auction or an auction is not held for any reason, the next succeeding dividend period will be a 7-day dividend period, and the Fund may not again give a notice of special dividend period (and any such attempted notice shall be null and void) until sufficient clearing bids have been made in an auction with respect to a 7-day dividend period.

*Determination of Dividend Rate.* When auctions are functioning, the applicable rate on the APS for each dividend period is equal to the rate that results from the auction with respect to such dividend period.^

*Non-Payment Period; Late Charge.* A non-payment period will commence if ^ the Fund fails to: (i) declare, prior to the close of business on the second business day preceding any dividend payment date, for payment within three business days after such date to the persons who held such shares as of 12:00 noon, Eastern time, on the business day preceding such date, the full amount of any dividend payable on such date; or (ii) deposit with the Auction Agent by 12:00 noon, Eastern time: (A) on such date the full amount of any cash dividend on such shares (if declared) payable on such date; or (B) on any redemption date for the APS called for redemption, the mandatory redemption price per share or, in the case of an optional redemption, the optional redemption price per share. Such non-payment period will consist of the period commencing on and including the dividend payment date or redemption date, as the case may be, and ending on and including the business day on which, by 12:00 noon, Eastern time, all unpaid cash dividends and unpaid redemption prices shall have been so deposited or otherwise shall have been made available to the applicable holders in same-day funds, provided that a non-payment period for the APS will not end unless ^ the Fund shall have given at least five days but no more than 30 days written notice of such deposit or availability to the Auction Agent, the securities depository and all holders of the APS of such series.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the failure by ^ the Fund to deposit funds within three business days after any dividend payment date or redemption date does not constitute a non-payment period. The applicable rate for each dividend period, commencing during a non-payment period, will be equal to the non-payment period rate; and each dividend period during a non-payment period shall be a 3-day dividend period. Any dividend due on any dividend payment date or redemption price not paid when due may be paid on any of the first three business days after such dividend payment date or due date, provided that such amount is accompanied by a late charge equal to the non-payment period rate multiplied by the number of days in such period divided by 365.

If ^ the Fund willfully fails to pay a dividend or redeem any APS, the applicable rate will be the non-payment period rate. The non-payment period rate is 200% of the applicable reference Rate (or 275% if ^ the Fund has provided notification to the auction agent prior to the auction that net capital gains or other taxable income will be included in such dividend on the APS), provided that the Board may change the initial non-payment period rate if the Board determines and ^ S&P^ (or another Rating Agency) advises the Fund in writing that such change will not adversely affect its rating on the APS.

*Restrictions on Dividends and Other Payments.* Under the 1940 Act, ^ the Fund may not declare dividends or make other distributions on common shares or purchase any such shares if, at the time of the declaration, distribution or purchase (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage (as defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to the outstanding APS would be less than 200%. Under the Code, ^ the Fund must, among other things, distribute each year at least 90% of the sum of its net tax-exempt income and investment company taxable income in order to maintain its qualification for tax treatment as a regulated investment company. These limitations may impair ^ the Fund's ability to maintain such qualification.^

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Upon any failure to pay dividends on the APS for two years or more, the holders of the APS will acquire certain additional voting rights. See Voting Rights <sup>^</sup> below.

For so long as any APS are outstanding, <sup>^</sup> the Fund will not declare, pay or set apart for payment any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in shares of, or options, warrants or rights to subscribe for or purchase, common shares or other stock, if any, ranking junior to the APS as to dividends or upon liquidation) in respect of common shares or any other stock of the Fund ranking junior to or on a parity with the APS as to dividends or upon liquidation, or call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any common shares or shares of any other such junior stock (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Fund ranking junior to APS as to dividends and upon liquidation) or any such parity stock (except by conversion into or exchange for stock of the Fund ranking junior to or on a parity with APS as to dividends and upon liquidation), unless: (A) immediately after such transaction, the Fund would have <sup>^</sup> S&P eligible assets<sup>^</sup> with an aggregate discounted value equal to or greater than the APS basic maintenance amount, and the 1940 Act APS asset coverage would be satisfied; (B) full cumulative dividends on the APS due on or prior to the date of the transaction have been declared and paid or shall have been declared and sufficient funds for the payment thereof deposited with the auction agent; (C) any additional dividend required to be paid on or before the date of such declaration or payment has been paid; and (D) the Fund has redeemed the full number of APS required to be redeemed by any provision for mandatory redemption contained in the By-Laws.

*Additional Dividends.* If <sup>^</sup> the Fund retroactively allocates any net capital gains or other taxable income to the APS without having given advance notice to the auction agent solely by reason of the fact that such an allocation results from: (i) the redemption of all or a portion of the outstanding APS; (ii) the liquidation of the Fund; or (iii) a debt obligation believed to be a municipal obligation proving to be an obligation subject to federal income tax and/or a relevant state tax (the amount of any of such allocations referred to herein as a retroactive taxable allocation ), the Fund, within 90 days after the end of the Fund's fiscal year for which such retroactive taxable allocation is made, will provide notice thereof to the auction agent and to each holder of APS during such fiscal year at such holder's address as the same appears or last appeared on the stock books of the Fund. <sup>^</sup> The Fund, within 30 days after such notice is given to the auction agent, will pay to the auction agent (who then will distribute to such holders of the APS) an amount equal to the aggregate additional dividend with respect to all retroactive taxable allocations made to such holders during the fiscal year in question.<sup>^</sup>

An additional dividend means a payment to a present or former holder of the APS of an amount that would cause: (i) the amount of such holder's dividends received on the APS with respect to the fiscal year in question (including the additional dividend) less the federal income tax and applicable state tax attributable to the aggregate of: (x) the retroactive taxable allocations made to such holder with respect to the fiscal year in question; and (y) the additional dividend (to the extent taxable), to equal (ii) the dollar amount of such holder's dividends received on the APS with respect to the fiscal year in question (excluding the additional dividend) if there had been no retroactive taxable allocations. An additional dividend is calculated: (i) without consideration being given to the time value of money; (ii) assuming that none of the dividends received from <sup>^</sup> the Fund is a preference item; and (iii) assuming that each retroactive taxable allocation would be taxable in the hands of each holder of shares of APS at the greater of: (x) the maximum marginal combined regular federal and state income tax rate applicable to ordinary income or capital gains depending on the taxable character of the distribution (including any surtax); or (y) the maximum marginal regular federal corporate income tax rate applicable to ordinary income or capital gains depending on the taxable character of the distribution (disregarding in both (x) and (y) the effect of any state or local taxes and the phase out of, or provision limiting, personal exemptions, itemized deductions, or the benefit of lower tax brackets). Although <sup>^</sup> the Fund generally intends to designate any additional dividend as an exempt-interest dividend to the extent permitted by applicable law, it is possible that all or a portion of any additional dividend will be taxable to the recipient thereof. <sup>^</sup> The Fund will not pay a further additional dividend with respect to any taxable portion of an additional dividend.

If <sup>^</sup> the Fund does not give advance notice of the amount of taxable income to be included in a dividend on the APS in the related auction, the Fund may include such taxable income in a dividend on the APS if it increases the dividend by an additional amount calculated as if such income were a retroactive taxable allocation and the additional amount were an additional dividend and notifies the auction agent of such inclusion at least five days prior to the applicable dividend payment date.

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**Risks of APS.** If long-term rates rise, the value of each Fund's investment portfolio will decline, also reducing the amount of assets serving as asset coverage for the APS in the case of the Florida Plus Fund. The Florida Plus Fund pays APS dividends based on short-term interest rates, and uses the proceeds to buy municipal obligations, which pay interest based on longer-term yields. Longer-term municipal obligation yields are typically, although not always, higher than short-term interest rates. Both long-term and short-term interest rates may fluctuate. If short-term interest rates rise, APS rates may rise such that the amount of dividends paid to APS holders exceeds the income from the portfolio securities purchased with the proceeds from the sale of APS. Because income from the Florida Plus Fund's entire investment portfolio (not just the portion purchased with the proceeds of the APS offering) is available to pay APS dividends, however, APS dividend rates would need to greatly exceed the Fund's net portfolio income before that Fund's ability to pay APS dividends would be jeopardized.

The use of leverage through issuance of APS by the Florida Plus Fund creates an opportunity for increased net income, but, at the same time, creates special risks. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is employed. Leverage creates risks for holders of common shares, including the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of the APS and the risk that fluctuations in dividend rates on APS shares may affect the return to common shareholders. APS dividends are based on the yields of short-term municipal obligations, while the proceeds of the Fund's offering are invested in longer-term municipal obligations, which typically have higher yields. While the Fund has APS outstanding, an increase in short-term rates would result in an increased cost of leverage, which would adversely affect the Fund's income available for distribution.

In addition, under current federal income tax law, the Fund is required to allocate a portion of any net realized capital gains or other taxable income to APS holders. The terms of the Fund's APS require the Fund to pay to any APS holders additional dividends intended to compensate the APS holders for taxes payable on any capital gains or other taxable income allocated to APS. Any such additional dividends will reduce the amount available for distribution to common shareholders. The fee paid to Eaton Vance is calculated on the basis of the Fund's gross assets, including proceeds from the issuance of APS and certain other indebtedness, so the fees will be higher when leverage is utilized. As noted above, investing in tender option bonds also creates leverage in the Funds.

Since mid-February 2008 existing markets for APS have become generally illiquid and investors have not been able to sell their securities through the regular auction process. There currently is no established secondary market for APS and, in the event a secondary market develops, an APS holder may receive less than the price paid for APS. A Rating Agency could downgrade the rating assigned to APS, which could affect liquidity if the auction market is otherwise functioning. The Fund may be forced to redeem APS to meet regulatory or Rating Agency requirements or may voluntarily redeem APS in certain circumstances. In certain circumstances, the Fund may not earn sufficient income from its investments to pay dividends on APS. If long-term interest rates rise, the value of the Fund's investment portfolio generally will decline, reducing the asset coverage for APS. As a result of the current disruption in the APS auction market, brokerage firms may mark down the value of APS held in their clients' accounts to reflect a liquidity discount from the liquidation preference.

**Auction Risk.** Since February 13, 2008, and consistent with the patterns in the broader market for auction rate securities, APS auctions of the Fund have been unsuccessful due to an imbalance of sell orders over bids to buy the APS. As a result, the dividend rates on the APS have been and continue to be reset to the maximum applicable rates as required by the Fund's By-Laws. The maximum applicable rate for each Fund's APS equals 110% of the greater of the (1) applicable AA financial composite commercial paper rate or (2) applicable taxable equivalent of the short term municipal obligation rate. If a dividend includes net capital gain or other taxable income, the maximum applicable rate is 150% of the (1) applicable AA financial composite commercial paper rate or (2) applicable taxable equivalent of short term municipal obligation rate. When auctions for APS are functioning, the dividend rate for APS normally is

set through an auction process. In the auction, holders of APS may indicate the dividend rate at which they would be willing to hold or sell their APS or purchase additional APS. The auction is also intended to provide liquidity for the sale of APS. Also, if an APS holder places hold orders (orders to retain shares) at an auction only at a specified dividend rate and that rate exceeds the rate set at the auction, the holder will not retain your APS. Additionally, if an investor buys APS or elects to retain APS without specifying a dividend rate below which the investor would not wish to buy or continue to hold those APS, the investor could receive a lower rate of return on the APS than the market rate. Finally, the dividend period for APS may be changed by the Fund, subject to certain conditions with notice to the holders of APS, which could also affect the liquidity of your investment.

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Secondary Market Risk. There is currently no established secondary market for APS and, if one should develop, it may only be possible to sell them for a price of less than \$25,000 per share plus any accumulated dividends. If the Fund has designated a Special Dividend Period (a dividend period of more than 7 days), changes in interest rates could affect the price of APS sold in the secondary market. Broker-dealers may maintain a secondary trading market in the APS; however, they have no obligation to do so and there can be no assurance that a secondary market for the APS will develop or, if it does develop, that it will provide holders with a liquid trading market (i.e., trading will depend on the presence of willing buyers and sellers and the trading price is subject to variables to be determined at the time of the trade by the broker-dealers). APS are not registered on any stock exchange or on any automated quotation system. An increase in the level of interest rates, particularly during dividend periods between one and five years (a Long Term Dividend Period), likely will have an adverse effect on the secondary market price of the APS, and a selling shareholder may sell APS between auctions at a price per share of less than \$25,000. Accrued APS dividends, however, should at least partially compensate for the increased market interest rate.

Ratings and Asset Coverage Risk. The Florida Plus Fund's APS have been rated AAA by S&P. The National Fund APS were rated AAA by S&P and Aaa by Moody's. Such ratings do not eliminate or necessarily mitigate the risks of investing in APS. S&P could downgrade its rating of the APS or withdraw its rating at any time, which may negatively affect APS. If the Fund fails to satisfy its asset coverage ratios, it will be required to redeem a sufficient number of APS in order to return to compliance with the asset coverage ratios. The Fund is required to redeem APS under certain circumstances to the extent necessary to meet asset coverage tests.

Restrictions on Dividends and Other Distributions. Restrictions imposed on the declaration and payment of dividends or other distributions to the holders of Florida Plus Fund APS, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by the Rating Agency, might impair the Fund's ability to comply with minimum distribution requirements that it must satisfy to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes.

As long as any APS are outstanding, the Florida Plus Fund will not declare, pay or set apart for payment any dividend or other distribution in respect of the common stock or any other stock of the Fund ranking junior to the preferred shares as to dividends or upon liquidation, or call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any common shares or any other shares of the Fund ranking junior to the preferred shares as to dividends or upon liquidation, unless: (i) immediately thereafter, the 1940 Act asset coverage requirements and any asset coverage requirements that may be imposed by a Rating Agency in connection with any rating of the preferred shares are met; (ii) full cumulative dividends (including additional dividends, if any) on all preferred shares for all past dividend periods have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment of such dividends set apart for payment; and (iii) the Fund has redeemed the full number of preferred shares required to be redeemed by any provision for mandatory redemption contained in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.

In addition, as long as any APS are outstanding, the Florida Plus Fund is not permitted to declare any dividend or distribution on its common shares unless, at the time of such declaration and after taking account of such dividend or distribution, the Fund is in compliance with the 1940 Act asset coverage requirements and with any applicable Rating Agency guidelines. The Fund intends, to the extent necessary, to redeem or purchase APS from time to time to maintain compliance with the 1940 Act asset coverage requirements and the Rating Agency guidelines. To the extent this is not possible, any restriction on the payment of dividends or distributions might impair the ability of the Fund to maintain its qualification, for federal income tax purposes, as a regulated investment company that is exempt from taxation on income or gains distributed to its shareholders.

Description of APS. APS are preferred shares of beneficial interest that entitle their holders to receive when, as and if declared by the Board of a Fund, out of funds legally available therefore, cumulative cash dividends at a rate per annum that may vary for the successive dividend periods for each series of preferred shares, and cumulative cash

additional dividends, payable on specified dates. APS are not traded on a stock exchange or over-the-counter. Each preferred share carries one vote on matters on which preferred shares can be voted. APS are not convertible into common shares and have no preemptive, or cumulative voting rights. APS of each series will rank on parity with shares of any other series of APS and with shares of other series of APS of a Fund, as to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. Each of the outstanding series of APS has a liquidation preference of \$25,000 plus an amount equal to accumulated and unpaid dividends per share (whether or not earned by the Fund or

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declared, including additional dividends, if any) and are fully paid and nonassessable (except as described under Governing Law in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus).

Under the 1940 Act, a Fund is permitted to have outstanding more than one series of preferred shares as long as no single series has priority over another series as to the distribution of assets of the Fund or the payment of dividends. The Florida Plus Fund currently has one series of APS outstanding. As of March 31, 2008, the National Fund had five series of APS, Series A, Series B, Series C, Series D and Series E, however, the Combined Fund will have no series of APS. Set forth below is information about each Fund's APS as of March 31, 2008.\*

**Florida Plus Fund**

<b><u>Title of Class</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Shares*</u></b>
<u>APS</u>	<u>900</u>

**National Fund**

<b><u>Title of Class</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Shares*</u></b>
<u>APS, Series A</u>	<u>4,740</u>
<u>APS, Series B</u>	<u>4,740</u>
<u>APS, Series C</u>	<u>4,740</u>
<u>APS, Series D</u>	<u>4,740</u>
<u>APS, Series E</u>	<u>4,740</u>

\* Since March 31, 2008, APS of each Fund have been redeemed, increasing the amount of APS held by the Fund and decreasing the amount of APS outstanding. As of August 28, 2008, there were 364 outstanding APS of the Florida Plus Fund, and there were no outstanding APS of the National Fund.

**Voting Rights.** While the following provisions are part of both Funds' Declarations of Trust, the National Fund currently has no outstanding APS, and has no intention to issue new APS. When holders of the APS are entitled to vote, each holder is entitled to cast one vote per APS. For purposes of any right of holders of APS to vote on any matter, whether such right is created by the Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust, the By-Laws, by statute or otherwise, no holder of APS will be entitled to vote and no APS will be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of voting or determining the number of shares entitled to vote or of shares deemed outstanding for quorum purposes, as the case may be, unless sufficient funds for the redemption of such shares have been deposited with the APS paying agent and irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the redemption price to such holder of APS for that purpose and the requisite notice of redemption has been given.

The common shares and the APS of each Fund vote as separate classes on amendments to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust or By-Laws that would adversely affect their respective interests.

In connection with the election of each Fund's Trustees, holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, are entitled at all times to elect two of the Fund's Trustees, and the remaining Trustees will be elected by holders of common shares and APS, voting together as a single class. In addition, if at any time dividends on outstanding APS shall be unpaid in an amount equal to at least two full years' dividends thereon or if at any time holders of APS are entitled to elect a majority of the Trustees of the Fund under the 1940 Act, then the number of Trustees constituting the Board automatically shall be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two Trustees elected exclusively by the holders of APS, would constitute a majority of the Board as so increased by such smallest number, and at a special meeting of shareholders which will be called and held as soon as practicable, and at all subsequent meetings at which Trustees are to be elected, the holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, will be entitled to elect the smallest number of additional Trustees that, together with the two Trustees which such holders in any event will be entitled to elect, constitutes a majority of the total number of Trustees of the Fund as so increased. The terms of office of the persons who are Trustees at the time of that election will continue. If a Fund thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment in full, all dividends payable on all outstanding APS for all past dividend periods, the additional voting rights of the holders of APS shall cease, and the terms of office of all of the additional Trustees elected by the holders of APS (but not of the Trustees with respect to whose election the

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holders of common shares were entitled to vote or the two Trustees the holders of APS have the right to elect in any event) will terminate automatically.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding APS, voting as a separate class, will be required to: (i) authorize, create or issue any class or series of stock ranking prior to the APS with respect to the payment of dividends or the distribution of assets on liquidation; provided, however, that no vote is required to authorize the issuance of another class of APS that is substantially identical in all respects to the current APS; or (ii) amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Declaration of Trust or the By-Laws, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to adversely affect any of the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust or the By-Laws of holders of APS. To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, in the event shares of more than one series of APS are outstanding, a Fund shall not approve any of the actions set forth in clause (i) or (ii) that adversely affects the contract rights expressly set forth in the Declaration of Trust of a holder of shares of a series of APS differently than those of a holder of shares of any other series of APS without the affirmative vote of at least a majority of votes entitled to be cast by holders of APS of each series adversely affected and outstanding at such time (each such adversely affected series voting separately as a class). The Board, however, without shareholder approval, may amend, alter or repeal any or all of the various rating agency guidelines described herein in the event the Fund receives confirmation from the Rating Agency that any such amendment, alteration or repeal would not impair the ratings then assigned to the APS. Unless a higher percentage is provided for under Certain Provisions of the Declarations of Trust, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding APS, voting as a separate class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization (including bankruptcy proceedings) adversely affecting such shares or any action requiring a vote of security holders under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act including, among other things, changes in a Fund's investment objective or changes in the investment restrictions described as fundamental policies under Investment Objectives and Policies. The class vote of holders of APS in each case will be in addition to a separate vote of the requisite percentage of common shares and APS, voting together as a single class, necessary to authorize the action in question.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply to the APS if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote otherwise would be required shall be effected, such shares shall have been: (i) redeemed; or (ii) called for redemption and sufficient funds shall have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

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## APPENDIX C

### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLANS

Each Fund offers a dividend reinvestment plan (the DR Plan) pursuant to which common shareholders may elect to have dividends and capital gains distributions automatically reinvested in additional common shares of the Fund. If a common shareholder does not participate, the shareholder will receive all distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder by American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (AST) as dividend paying agent. On the distribution payment date, if the Fund's NAV is equal to or less than the market price per share plus estimated brokerage commissions, then new shares will be issued to DR Plan participants. The number of shares is determined by the greater of the NAV or 95% of the market price. Otherwise, shares generally will be purchased on the open market by AST, the Plan Agent. Distributions subject to income tax (if any) are taxable whether or not shares are reinvested.

If a shareholder holds common shares in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee, the shareholder can ask the firm or nominee to participate in the DR Plan on the shareholder's behalf. If the nominee does not offer the DR Plan, the shareholder will need to request that his or her shares be re-registered in his or her name with each Fund's transfer agent, AST, or the shareholder will not be able to participate.

The Plan Agent's service fee for handling distributions will be paid by each Fund. Each participant will be charged his or her pro rata share of brokerage commissions on all open-market purchases.

Shareholders of a Fund may join its respective DR Plan by filling out and mailing an authorization card or by notifying the DR Plan Agent by telephone. If received in proper form by the Plan Agent before the record date of a dividend, the election will be effective with respect to all dividends paid after such record date.

DR Plan participants may withdraw from the DR Plan at any time by writing to the Plan Agent. If a participant withdraws, he or she will receive shares in his or her name for all shares credited to the participant's account under the DR Plan. If a participant elects by written notice to the Plan Agent to have the Plan Agent sell part or all of his or her <sup>^</sup> shares and remit the proceeds, the Plan Agent is authorized to deduct a \$5.00 fee plus brokerage commissions from the proceeds.

After the Reorganization, a holder of shares of a Fund who currently elects to receive dividends in cash will continue to receive dividends in cash; all holders who currently elect to participate in the DR Plan of a Fund will have their dividends automatically reinvested in shares of the Combined Fund.

The reinvestment of dividends and distributions will not relieve participants of any federal income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such dividends or distributions. Participants in a DR Plan will receive tax information annually. The amount of dividend to be reported on the 1099-DIV should be: (1) in the case of shares issued by a Fund, the fair market value of such shares on the dividend payment date; or (2) in the case of shares purchased by the Plan Agent in the open market, the amount of cash used by the Plan Agent to purchase shares in the open market, including the amount of cash allocated to brokerage commissions paid on such purchases. Experience under a DR Plan may indicate that changes are desirable. Accordingly, each Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate its DR Plan upon 30 days' written notice to all common shareholders of a Fund. All correspondence or additional information concerning the DR Plans should be directed to the Plan Agent, AST, P.O. Box 922 Wall Street Station, New York, N<sup>^</sup> Y<sup>^</sup> 10269-0560, (866) 439-6787.

**APPENDIX D****CERTAIN U.S. TAX CONSEQUENCES**

Each Fund intends to elect to be treated and to qualify each year as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code so that it generally will not pay U.S. federal income tax on income and capital gains distributed to shareholders. In order to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, which qualification this discussion assumes, a Fund must, among other things: (i) derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from (a) dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including gains from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and (b) net income derived from interests in certain publicly traded partnerships that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that derive less than 90% of their gross income for the items described in (a) above (each a Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership) (the 90% income test); and (ii) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of each taxable year: (a) at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets is represented by (I) cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and (II) other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect to any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer and (b) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities and the securities of other regulated investment companies) of (I) any one issuer, (II) any two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are determined to be engaged in the same or similar trades or businesses or related trades or businesses or (III) any one or more Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships. For purposes of the 90% income test, the character of income earned by certain entities in which a Fund invests that are not treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes (*e.g.*, partnerships or trusts) will generally pass through to the Fund. Consequently, a Fund may be required to limit its equity investments in such entities that earn fee income, rental income or other nonqualifying income.

If a Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and, for each taxable year, it distributes to its shareholders an amount equal to or exceeding the sum of: (i) 90% of its investment company taxable income as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, as reduced by certain deductible expenses) without regard to the deduction for dividends paid; and (ii) 90% of the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest, if any, over certain disallowed deductions, the Fund generally will be relieved of U.S. federal income tax on any income of a Fund, including net capital gains (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), distributed to shareholders. However, if a Fund retains any investment company taxable income or net capital gain, it generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates on the amount retained. Each Fund intends to distribute at least annually all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income, net tax exempt interest, if any, and net capital gain. If for any taxable year a Fund did not qualify as a regulated investment company, it would be treated as a corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax thereby subjecting any income earned by the Fund to tax at the corporate level at a 35% federal tax rate and, when such income is distributed, to a further tax at the shareholder level. In addition, a Fund could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay taxes and make distributions (which could be subject to interest charges) before re-qualifying as a regulated investment company.

In order to avoid incurring a nondeductible 4% federal excise tax obligation, the Code requires that a Fund distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) by December 31 of each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income for such year, (ii) 98% of its capital gain net income (which is the excess of its realized net long-term capital gain over its realized net short-term capital loss), generally computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards and (iii) 100% of

any ordinary income and capital gain net income from the prior year (as previously computed) that were not paid out during such year and on which the Fund paid no federal income tax. Under current law, provided that a Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes, the Fund should not be liable for any income, corporate excise or franchise tax in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Although dividends generally will be treated as distributed when paid, any dividend declared by a Fund as of a record date in October, November or December and paid during the following January will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as received by shareholders on December 31 of the calendar year in which it is

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declared. In addition, certain other distributions made after the close of a taxable year of a Fund may be spilled back and treated as paid by the Fund (except for purposes of the 4% excise tax) during such taxable year. In such case, shareholders will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distributions were actually made.

Each holder of common shares of the Funds will receive all distributions of dividends and capital gains in cash, unless an election is made to participate in the <sup>^</sup> DR Plan. Each dividend distribution ordinarily will constitute income exempt from federal income tax. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, assuming the Fund has sufficient current or accumulated earnings and profits, any taxable distributions generally will be taxable whether a shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested pursuant to the DR Plan in additional shares of the Fund. In general, taxable dividends from investment company taxable income are taxable either as ordinary income or, if so designated by the Fund, as qualified dividend income taxable to individual shareholders at a maximum 15% tax rate (if any) and dividends from net capital gain (if any) that are designated as capital gain dividends are taxable as long-term capital gains for U.S. federal income tax purposes without regard to the length of time the shareholder has held shares of the Fund. A portion of the dividend distributions to individual shareholders may qualify as qualified dividend income as that term is defined in Section 1(h)(11) of the Code, qualifying for the maximum 15% tax rate on dividends under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 to the extent that such dividends are attributable to qualified dividend income from the Fund's investments in common and preferred stock of U.S. companies and stock of certain foreign corporations, provided that certain holding period and other requirements are met. Capital gain dividends distributed by a Fund (if any) to individual shareholders generally will qualify for the maximum 15% tax rate under such Act. Absent further legislation, the maximum 15% tax rate on qualified dividend income and long-term capital gains will cease to apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010. Shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares issued by a Fund will be treated for federal income tax purposes as receiving a distribution in an amount equal to the amount of cash they would have received had they elected to receive cash, except when a Fund distributes newly issued shares, in which case the amount of the distribution will be equal to the fair market value of the shares received, determined as of the distribution date. The basis of such shares will equal the amount of the distribution. The source and U.S. federal income tax status of all distributions will be reported to shareholders annually and shareholders receiving distributions in the form of additional shares of a Fund will receive a report as to the NAV of those shares.

If a Fund retains any net capital gains for a taxable year, the Fund may designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice to shareholders who, if subject to U.S. federal income tax on long-term capital gains: (i) will be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate shares of such undistributed amount; and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on the undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities.

When a Fund utilizes leverage through borrowing or issuing APS, a failure by the Fund to meet the asset coverage requirements imposed by the 1940 Act or by any Rating Agency that has rated such leverage or additional restrictions that may be imposed by certain lenders on the payment of dividends or distributions potentially could limit or suspend the Fund's ability to make distributions on its common shares. Such a suspension or limitation could prevent the Fund from distributing at least 90% of its investment company taxable income as is required under the Code and therefore might jeopardize the Fund's qualification for taxation as a regulated investment company and/or might subject the Fund to the 4% excise tax discussed above. Upon any failure to meet such asset coverage requirements, a Fund may, in its sole discretion, purchase or redeem shares of APS in order to maintain or restore the requisite asset coverage and avoid the adverse consequences to the Fund and its shareholders of failing to satisfy the distribution requirement. There can be no assurance, however, that any such action would achieve these objectives. Each Fund will endeavor to avoid restrictions on its ability to distribute dividends.

If for any taxable year a Fund fails to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company under the Code, the Fund will incur a regular ^ federal corporate income tax on its taxable income (including capital gain), irrespective of whether such income has been distributed to shareholders. Taxable distributions to its shareholders for such year would be taxable as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, if any. Before requalifying as a regulated investment company for a subsequent taxable year, the Fund would be required to distribute to shareholders any earnings and profits accumulated in the taxable year(s) for which it did not qualify as a regulated investment company.

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If a Fund invests in certain pay-in-kind securities, zero coupon securities, deferred interest securities or, in general, any other securities with original issue discount (or with market discount if the Fund elects to include market discount in income currently), the Fund generally must accrue income on such investments for each taxable year, which generally will be prior to the receipt of the corresponding cash payments. However, a Fund must distribute, at least annually, all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income, including such accrued income, to shareholders to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code and avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Therefore, a Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash, or may have to borrow the cash, to satisfy distribution requirements.

At the time of an investor's purchase of a Fund's shares, a portion of the purchase price may reflect realized or unrealized appreciation in the Fund's portfolio or undistributed taxable income of the Fund. Consequently, subsequent distributions by the Fund with respect to these shares from such appreciation or income may be taxable as ordinary income or capital gain to such investor even if the NAV of the investor's shares is, as a result of the distributions, reduced below the investor's cost for such shares or the NAV at the time of the investor's purchase of such shares, and the distributions economically represent a return of a portion of the investment.

Sales and other dispositions of a Fund's shares (including APS) generally are taxable events for shareholders that are subject to tax. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers with reference to their individual circumstances to determine whether any particular transaction in a Fund's shares (including a redemption of APS) is properly treated as a sale for tax purposes, as the following discussion assumes, and the tax treatment of any gains or losses recognized in such transactions. In general, if shares of a Fund (including APS) are sold, the shareholder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the shareholder's adjusted basis in the shares sold. Such gain or loss generally will be treated as long-term gain or loss if the shares were held for more than one year and otherwise generally will be treated as short-term gain or loss. Even if a redemption of APS were treated as a sale or exchange, any declared but unpaid dividends distributed to shareholders in connection with the redeemed APS will be taxable to shareholders as dividends as described above.

Any loss recognized by a shareholder upon the sale or other disposition of shares with a tax holding period of six months or less generally will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any amounts treated as distributions of long-term capital gains with respect to such shares. Losses on sales or other dispositions of shares may be disallowed under wash sale rules in the event of other investments in a Fund (including those made pursuant to reinvestment of dividends and/or capital gains distributions) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after a sale or other disposition of shares. In that event, the basis of the replacement shares of the Fund will be increased to reflect the disallowed loss.

Under Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder, or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, in any single taxable year (or a greater amount over a combination of years), the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement but, under current guidance, shareholders of regulated investment companies are not excepted. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether or not the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult with their tax advisers to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

Options written or purchased and futures contracts entered into by a Fund on certain securities and indices may cause the Fund to recognize gains or losses from marking-to-market even though such options may not have lapsed, been closed out, or exercised, or such futures or forward contracts may not have been performed or closed out. The tax rules applicable to these contracts may affect the characterization of some capital gains and losses recognized by a

Fund as long-term or short-term. Additionally, a Fund may be required to recognize gain if an option, futures contract, forward contract, short sale or other transaction that is not subject to the mark-to-market rules is treated as a constructive sale of an appreciated financial position held by the Fund under Section 1259 of the Code. Any net mark-to-market gains and/or gains from constructive sales may also have to be distributed to satisfy the distribution requirements referred to above even though a Fund may receive no corresponding cash amounts, possibly requiring the Fund to dispose of portfolio securities or borrow to obtain the necessary cash. Losses on certain options, futures or forward contracts and/or offsetting positions (portfolio securities or other positions with respect to which a Fund's risk of loss is substantially diminished by one or more options, futures or forward

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contracts) may also be deferred under the tax straddle rules of the Code, which may also affect the characterization of capital gains or losses from straddle positions and certain successor positions as long-term or short-term. Certain tax elections may be available that would enable a Fund to ameliorate some adverse effects of the tax rules described in this paragraph. The tax rules applicable to options, futures, forward contracts and straddles may affect the amount, timing and character of a Fund's income and gains or losses and hence of its distributions to shareholders.

<sup>^</sup> The Florida Plus Fund believes that under present law its APS will constitute stock of the Fund and distributions with respect to APS (other than distributions in redemption of the preferred shares that are treated as exchanges under Section 302(b) of the Code) will constitute dividends to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits as calculated for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Such dividends generally will be taxable as ordinary income to shareholders (other than qualified dividend income and capital gain dividends). This view relies in part on a published ruling of the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) stating that certain preferred stock similar in many material respects to APS represents equity. It is possible, however, that the IRS might take a contrary position asserting, for example that the APS constitute debt of a Fund. If this position were upheld, the discussion of the treatment of distributions above would not apply. Instead distributions by such Fund to shareholders of APS would constitute interest, whether or not such distributions exceeded the earnings and profits of the Fund, would be included in full in the income of the recipient and would be taxed as ordinary income.

If a Fund retains any net capital gain for a taxable year, the Fund may designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice to shareholders who, if subject to U.S. federal income tax on long-term capital gains: (i) will be required to include in income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their proportionate shares of such undistributed amount; and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on the undistributed amount against their U.S. federal income tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities.

Each Fund is required in certain circumstances to backup withhold on reportable payments, including dividends, capital gains distributions, and proceeds of sales or other dispositions of a Fund's shares paid to certain holders of the Fund's shares who do not furnish the Fund with their correct social security number or other taxpayer identification number and certain other certifications, or who are otherwise subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld from payments made to a shareholder may be refunded or credited against such shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

The foregoing is a general and abbreviated summary of the provisions of the Code and the Treasury regulations currently in effect as they generally affect the taxation of a Fund and its <sup>^</sup> holders of APS. As noted above, these provisions are subject to change by legislative, judicial or administrative action, and any such change may be retroactive. A further discussion of the U.S. federal income tax rules applicable to each Fund can be found in the Statement of Additional Information, which is incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement/Prospectus. Shareholders are urged to consult their tax advisers regarding specific questions as to U.S. federal, foreign, state and local income or other taxes.

## APPENDIX E

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Florida Plus Fund.** The following schedule presents financial highlights for one common share of the Fund outstanding throughout the periods indicated. Information for the six months ended March 31, 2008 has not been audited.

Selected data for a common share outstanding during the periods stated.

	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>
Net asset value Beginning of period (Common shares)	\$14.790	\$15.190	\$14.870	\$14.520	\$14.550	\$14.325 <sup>(3)</sup>
Income (loss) from operations						
Net investment income	\$0.475	\$0.978	\$0.981	\$1.018	\$1.062	\$0.788
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(1.698)	(0.411)	0.348	0.399	0.002 <sup>(4)</sup>	0.319
Distributions to preferred shareholders						
From net investment income	(0.159)	(0.309)	(0.266)	(0.159)	(0.077)	(0.060)
From net realized gain					(0.007)	
Total income from operations	\$(1.382)	\$0.258	\$1.063	\$1.258	\$0.980	\$1.047
Less distributions to common shareholders						
From net investment income	\$(0.318)	\$(0.658)	\$(0.743)	\$(0.908)	\$(0.930)	\$(0.675)
From net realized gain					(0.080)	
Total distributions to common shareholders	\$(0.318)	\$(0.658)	\$(0.743)	\$(0.908)	\$(1.010)	\$(0.675)
Preferred and Common shares offering costs charged to paid-in capital	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$(0.058)

Preferred shares underwriting discounts	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$(0.089)
Net asset value End of period (Common shares)	\$13.090	\$14.790	\$15.190	\$14.870	\$14.520	\$14.550
Market value End of period (Common shares)	\$11.890	\$13.550	\$14.410	\$14.980	\$14.750	\$14.100
Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value <sup>(5)</sup>	(9.25)% <sup>(13)</sup>	2.00%	7.64%	8.85%	7.12%	6.37% <sup>(6)</sup>
Total Investment Return on Market Value <sup>(5)</sup>	(10.03)% <sup>(13)</sup>	(1.48)%	1.37%	7.94%	12.29%	3.08% <sup>(6)</sup>

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	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (000 s omitted)	\$33,719	\$38,086	\$39,129	\$38,269	\$37,211	\$37,186
<b>Ratios (As a percentage of average net assets applicable to common shares):<sup>(7)</sup></b>						
Expenses excluding interest and fees	1.43% <sup>(10)</sup>	1.17% <sup>(9)</sup>	1.20%	1.17%	1.14%	1.04% <sup>(10)</sup>
Interest and fee expense <sup>(8)</sup>	0.47% <sup>(10)</sup>	0.48%	0.47%	0.29%	0.18%	0.09% <sup>(10)</sup>
Total expenses before custodian fee reduction	1.90% <sup>(10)</sup>	1.65% <sup>(9)</sup>	1.67%	1.46%	1.32%	1.13% <sup>(10)</sup>
Expenses after custodian fee reduction excluding interest and fees	1.41% <sup>(10)</sup>	1.16% <sup>(9)</sup>	1.19%	1.16%	1.14%	0.98% <sup>(10)</sup>
Net investment income	6.65% <sup>(10)</sup>	6.48%	6.63%	6.84%	7.30%	6.45% <sup>(10)</sup>
Portfolio Turnover	52%	32%	16%	13%	17%	10%

The ratios reported above are based on net assets applicable solely to common shares. The ratios based on net assets, including amounts related to preferred shares, are as follows:

	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>
<b>Ratios (As a percentage of average total net assets applicable to common shares and preferred shares):<sup>(7)</sup></b>						
Expenses excluding interest and fees	0.89% <sup>(10)</sup>	0.74% <sup>(9)</sup>	0.76%	0.74%	0.71%	0.69% <sup>(10)</sup>
Interest and fee expense <sup>(8)</sup>	0.29% <sup>(10)</sup>	0.30%	0.29%	0.18%	0.11%	0.06% <sup>(10)</sup>
Total expenses before custodian fee reduction	1.18% <sup>(10)</sup>	1.04% <sup>(9)</sup>	1.05%	0.92%	0.82%	0.75% <sup>(10)</sup>
Expenses after custodian fee reduction						

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excluding interest and fees	0.88% <sup>(10)</sup>	0.73% <sup>(9)</sup>	0.75%	0.73%	0.71%	0.65% <sup>(10)</sup>
Net investment income	4.13% <sup>(10)</sup>	4.10%	4.17%	4.30%	4.55%	4.25% <sup>(10)</sup>
Senior Securities:						
Total preferred shares outstanding	900	900	900	900	900	900
Asset coverage per preferred share <sup>(11)</sup>	\$62,466	\$67,333	\$68,489	\$67,528	\$66,348	\$66,319
Involuntary liquidation preference per preferred share <sup>(12)</sup>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Approximate market value per preferred share <sup>(12)</sup>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

- (1) Per share net investment income was computed using average common shares outstanding.
- (2) For the period from the start of business, November 29, 2002, to September 30, 2003.
- (3) Net asset value at beginning of period reflects the deduction of the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder from the \$15.000 offering price.
- (4) The per share amount does not reflect the actual net realized and unrealized gain/loss for the period because of the timing of reinvested shares of the Fund and the amount of per share realized gains and losses at such time.

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- (5) Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested.
- (6) Total investment return on net asset value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$15.000 less the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the net asset value on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on market value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$15.000 less the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on net asset value and total investment return on market value are not computed on an annualized basis.
- (7) Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- (8) Interest and fee expense relates to the liability for <sup>^</sup> Floating Rate Notes issued in conjunction with inverse floater securities transactions (see Note 1H to the <sup>^</sup> financial statements).
- (9) The investment adviser was allocated a portion of the Fund's operating expenses (equal to less than 0.01% of average daily net assets for the year ended September 30, 2007). Absent this allocation, total return would be lower.
- (10) Annualized.
- (11) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including the preferred shares) from the Fund's total assets, and dividing this number by the number of preferred shares outstanding.
- (12) Plus accumulated and unpaid dividends.
- (13) Not annualized.

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**National Fund.** The following schedule presents financial highlights for one common share of the Fund outstanding throughout the periods indicated. Information for the six months ended March 31, 2008 has not been audited.

Selected data for a common share outstanding during the years stated.

	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Period ended 9-30-02<sup>(1)(8)</sup></b>
Net asset value Beginning of period (Common shares)	\$15.100	\$15.910	\$15.320	\$14.750	\$14.670	\$14.810	\$14.325 <sup>(9)</sup>
Income (loss) from operations							
Net investment income	\$0.509	\$1.050	\$1.060	\$1.059	\$1.084	\$1.041	\$0.040
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(1.904)	(0.419)	0.696	0.611	0.043	0.009	0.454
Distributions to preferred shareholders							
From net investment income	(0.121)	(0.225)	(0.270)	(0.174)	(0.109)	(0.091)	
From net realized gain	(0.051)	(0.113)	(0.014)				
Total income from operations	\$(1.567)	\$0.293	\$1.472	\$1.496	\$1.018	\$0.959	\$0.494
Less distributions to common shareholders							
From net investment income	\$(0.386)	\$(0.771)	\$(0.813)	\$(0.926)	\$(0.938)	\$(0.908)	
From net realized gain	(0.187)	(0.332)	(0.069)				
Total distributions to common shareholders	\$(0.573)	\$(1.103)	\$(0.882)	\$(0.926)	\$(0.938)	\$(0.908)	
Preferred and Common shares offering costs charged to paid-in capital	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$(0.007)	\$(0.009)
Preferred shares underwriting discounts	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$(0.184)	\$
Net asset value End of period							

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(Common shares)	\$12.960	\$15.100	\$15.910	\$15.320	\$14.750	\$14.670	\$14.810
Market value End of period (Common shares)	\$13.130	\$15.310	\$15.220	\$15.050	\$13.950	\$13.580	\$15.000
Total Investment Return on Net Asset Value <sup>(2)</sup>	(10.60)% <sup>(7)</sup>	1.87%	10.21%	10.70%	7.58%	5.67%	3.39% <sup>(10)</sup>
Total Investment Return on Market Value <sup>(2)</sup>	(10.64)% <sup>(7)</sup>	7.97%	7.32%	14.98%	9.91%	(3.42)%	4.71% <sup>(10)</sup>

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	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Period ended 9-30-02<sup>(1)(8)</sup></b>
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## Ratios/Supplemental Data

Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (000 shares omitted)	\$840,273	\$977,406	\$1,028,359	\$989,850	\$953,231	\$947,812	\$934,619
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Ratios (As a percentage of average net assets applicable to common shares):<sup>(3)</sup>

Expenses before custodian fee reduction	0.93% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.79%	0.79%	0.78%	0.77%	0.75%	0.48% <sup>(4)</sup>
Expenses after custodian fee reduction	0.91% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.78%	0.78%	0.77%	0.77%	0.73%	0.46% <sup>(4)</sup>
Net investment income	7.11% <sup>(4)</sup>	6.76%	6.91%	6.97%	7.41%	7.20%	3.20% <sup>(4)</sup>
Portfolio Turnover	28%	39%	56%	51%	37%	63%	

The ratios reported above are based on net assets applicable solely to common shares. The ratios based on net assets, including amounts related to preferred shares, are as follows:

	<b>6 months ended 3-31-08<sup>(1)</sup> (unaudited)</b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-07<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-06<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-05<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-04<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Year ended 9-30-03<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Period ended 9-30-02<sup>(1)(8)</sup></b>
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Ratios (As a percentage of average total net assets applicable to common shares and preferred shares):<sup>(3)</sup>

Expenses before custodian fee reduction	0.57% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.50%	0.49%	0.48%	0.47%	0.47%	
Expenses after custodian fee reduction	0.56% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.49%	0.49%	0.48%	0.47%	0.46%	
Net investment income	4.34% <sup>(4)</sup>	4.25%	4.33%	4.35%	4.56%	4.54%	

Senior Securities:

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Total preferred shares outstanding	23,700	23,700	23,700	23,700	23,700	23,700
Asset coverage per preferred share <sup>(5)</sup>	\$60,463	\$66,250	\$68,397	\$66,769	\$65,233	\$65,008
Involuntary liquidation preference per preferred share <sup>(6)</sup>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Approximate market value per preferred share <sup>(6)</sup>	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

- (1) Per share net investment income was computed using average common shares outstanding.
- (2) Returns are historical and are calculated by determining the percentage change in net asset value or market value with all distributions reinvested.
- (3) Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- (4) Annualized.
- (5) Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities (not including the preferred shares) from the Fund's total assets, and dividing this by the number of preferred shares outstanding.

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- (6) Plus accumulated and unpaid dividends.
- (7) Not annualized.
- (8) For the period from the start of business, August 30, 2002, to September 30, 2002.
- (9) Net asset value at beginning of period reflects the deduction of the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder from the \$15.000 offering price.
- (10) Total investment return on net asset value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$15.000 less the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and a sale at the net asset value on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on market value is calculated assuming a purchase at the offering price of \$15.000 less the sales load of \$0.675 per share paid by the shareholder on the first day and sale at the current market price on the last day of the period reported. Total investment return on net asset value and total investment return on market value are not computed on an annualized basis.

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**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF**

**EATON VANCE INSURED FLORIDA PLUS MUNICIPAL BOND FUND  
(the Florida Plus Fund )**

**BY AND IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARES OF**

**EATON VANCE INSURED MUNICIPAL BOND FUND  
(the National Fund, together with the Florida Plus Fund, the Funds, and each a Fund )<sup>^</sup>**

<sup>^</sup> **September 12, 2008**

This Statement of Additional Information is available to the shareholders of Eaton Vance Insured Florida Plus Municipal Bond Fund in connection with the proposed reorganization (the Reorganization ) whereby the National Fund will acquire substantially all of the assets and assume substantially all of the liabilities of the Florida Plus Fund in exchange for an equal aggregate value of newly-issued National Fund common shares of beneficial interest with \$0.01 par value ( National Fund Common Shares ) and <sup>^</sup> cash consideration equal to the aggregate liquidation preference (\$25,000 per share) of <sup>^</sup> the Florida Plus Fund auction preferred shares ( APS ). The Florida Plus Fund will: (i) distribute National Fund Common Shares to its common shareholders and <sup>^</sup> the cash consideration to its <sup>^</sup> APS holders; (ii) terminate its registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ); and (iii) dissolve under applicable state law. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meanings given to them in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus dated <sup>^</sup> September 12, 2008 relating to the proposed Reorganization of the Florida Plus Fund into the National Fund (the Proxy Statement/Prospectus ).

**This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Proxy Statement/Prospectus.** A copy of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus may be obtained, without charge, by writing to Eaton Vance at 225 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. You may also obtain a copy of the Proxy Statement/Prospectus on the SEC's web site at (<http://www.sec.gov>).

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Capitalized terms used in this SAI and not otherwise defined have the meanings given them in the Proxy/Statement Prospectus.

### ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS

**Municipal Obligations.** Municipal obligations are issued to obtain funds for various public and private purposes. Municipal obligations include long-term obligations, which are often called municipal bonds, as well as tax-exempt commercial paper, project notes and municipal notes such as tax, revenue and bond anticipation notes of short maturity, generally less than three years. Market rates of interest available with respect to municipal obligations may be lower than those available with respect to taxable securities, although such differences may be partially or wholly offset by the effects of federal income tax on income derived from such taxable securities. While most municipal bonds pay a fixed rate of interest semi<sup>^</sup> annually in cash, ^ there are exceptions. Some bonds pay no periodic cash interest but ^ rather make a single payment at maturity representing both principal and interest. Municipal obligations may be issued or subsequently offered with interest coupons materially greater or less than those then prevailing, with price adjustments reflecting such deviation.

In general, there are three categories of municipal obligations the interest on which is exempt from federal income tax and is not a tax preference item for purposes of the alternative minimum tax ( AMT ): (i) certain public purpose obligations (whenever issued), which include obligations issued directly by state and local governments or their agencies to fulfill essential governmental functions; (ii) certain obligations issued before August 8, 1986 for the benefit of non-governmental persons or entities; and (iii) certain private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986 which include qualified Section 501(c)(3) bonds or refundings of certain obligations included in the second category. In assessing the federal income tax treatment of interest on any municipal obligation, each Fund will rely on an opinion of the issuer s counsel (when available) and will not undertake any independent verification of the basis for the opinion.

Interest on certain private activity bonds issued after August 7, 1986 is exempt from regular federal income tax, but such interest (including a distribution by the Fund derived from such interest) is treated as a tax preference item ^ which could subject the recipient to or increase the recipient s liability for the AMT. For corporate shareholders, a Fund s distributions derived from interest on all municipal obligations (whenever issued) is included in adjusted current earnings for purposes of the AMT as applied to corporations (to the extent not already included in alternative minimum taxable income as income attributable to private activity bonds).

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

Revenue bonds are generally secured by the net revenues derived from a particular facility or group of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source. Revenue bonds have been issued to fund a wide variety of capital projects, including: electric, gas, water, sewer and solid waste disposal systems; highways, bridges and tunnels; port, airport and parking facilities; transportation systems; housing facilities, colleges and universities and hospitals. Although the principal security behind these bonds varies widely, many provide additional security in the form of a debt service reserve fund whose monies may be used to make principal and interest payments on the issuer s obligations. Housing finance authorities have a wide range of security including partially or fully insured, rent subsidized and/or collateralized mortgages, and/or the net revenues from housing or other public

projects. In addition to a debt service reserve fund, some authorities provide further security in the form of a state's ability (without legal obligation) to make up deficiencies in the debt service reserve fund. Lease rental revenue bonds issued by a state or local authority for capital projects are normally secured by annual lease rental payments from the state or locality to the authority sufficient to cover debt service on the authority's obligations. Such payments are usually subject to annual appropriations by the state or locality. Industrial development and pollution control bonds, although nominally issued by municipal authorities, are in most cases revenue bonds and are generally not secured by the taxing power of the municipality, but are usually secured by the revenues derived by the authority from payments of the industrial user or users. The Funds may on occasion acquire revenue bonds which carry warrants or similar rights covering equity securities. Such warrants or rights may be held indefinitely, but if exercised, each Fund anticipates that it would, under normal circumstances, dispose of any equity securities so acquired within a reasonable period of time.

The obligations of any person or entity to pay the principal of and interest on a municipal obligation are subject to the provisions of bankruptcy, insolvency and other laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors, such as the Federal Bankruptcy Act, and laws, if any, which may be enacted by Congress or state legislatures extending the time for payment of principal or interest, or both, or

imposing other constraints upon enforcement of such obligations. Certain bond structures may be subject to the risk that a taxing authority may issue an adverse ruling regarding tax-exempt status. There is also the possibility that as a result of adverse economic conditions (including unforeseen financial events, natural disasters and other conditions that may affect an issuer's ability to pay its obligations), litigation or other conditions, the power or ability of any person or entity to pay when due principal of and interest on a municipal obligation may be materially affected or interest and principal previously paid may be required to be refunded. There have been recent instances of defaults and bankruptcies involving municipal obligations which were not foreseen by the financial and investment communities. Each Fund will take whatever action it considers appropriate in the event of anticipated financial difficulties, default or bankruptcy of either the issuer of any municipal obligation or of the underlying source of funds for debt service. Such action may include retaining the services of various persons or firms (including affiliates of the investment adviser) to evaluate or protect any real estate, facilities or other assets securing any such obligation or acquired by a Fund as a result of any such event, and a Fund may also manage (or engage other persons to manage) or otherwise deal with any real estate, facilities or other assets so acquired. Each Fund anticipates that real estate consulting and management services may be required with respect to properties securing various municipal obligations in its portfolio or subsequently acquired by each Fund. Each Fund will incur additional expenditures in taking protective action with respect to portfolio obligations in (or anticipated to be in) default and assets securing such obligations.

The yields on municipal obligations are dependent on a variety of factors, including purposes of issue and source of funds for repayment, general money market conditions, general conditions of the municipal bond market, size of a particular offering, maturity of the obligation and rating of the issue. The ratings of Moody's, S&P and Fitch represent their opinions as to the quality of the municipal obligations which they undertake to rate, and in the case of insurers, the claims-pay ability of such insurer. It should be emphasized, however, that ratings are based on judgment and are not absolute standards of quality. Consequently, municipal obligations with the same maturity, coupon and rating may have different yields while obligations of the same maturity and coupon with different ratings may have the same yield. In addition, the market price of municipal obligations will normally fluctuate with changes in interest rates, and therefore the net asset value of a Fund will be affected by such changes.

**Concentration.** Each Fund may invest a total of up to 25% of its <sup>^</sup> total assets in the obligations of the same state or Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam. Accordingly, a Fund may be adversely affected by local political and economic conditions and developments within a state or Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam affecting the issuers of such obligations. <sup>^</sup> Information about some of these conditions and developments is included in Appendix B.

**Sector Concentration.** A Fund may invest 25% or more of its total assets in municipal obligations in certain economic sectors. There could be economic, business or political developments which might affect all municipal obligations in a particular economic sector. In particular, investments in the industrial revenue bonds listed above might involve (without limitation) the following risks.

Hospital bond ratings are often based on feasibility studies which contain projections of expenses, revenues and occupancy levels. Among the influences affecting a hospital's gross receipts and net income available to service its debt are demand for hospital services, the ability of the hospital to provide the services required, management capabilities, economic developments in the service area, efforts by insurers and government agencies to limit rates and expenses, confidence in the hospital, service area economic developments, competition, availability and expense of malpractice insurance, Medicaid and Medicare funding and possible federal legislation limiting the rates of increase of hospital charges.



Electric utilities face problems in financing large construction programs in an inflationary period, cost increases and delay occasioned by safety and environmental considerations (particularly with respect to nuclear facilities), difficulty in obtaining fuel at reasonable prices and in achieving timely and adequate rate relief from regulatory commissions, effects of energy conservation and limitations on the capacity of the capital market to absorb utility debt.

Industrial development bonds ( IDBs ) are normally secured only by the revenues from the project and not by state or local government tax payments, they are subject to a wide variety of risks, many of which relate to the nature of the specific project. Generally, IDBs are sensitive to the risk of a slowdown in the economy.

Florida Plus Fund may invest in tobacco bonds. Standard tobacco bonds are secured by a single source of revenue, installment payments made by tobacco companies stemming from the settlement of lawsuits brought against them by various states (the Master Settlement Agreement ). Appropriation backed tobacco bonds are supported by the same Master Settlement Agreement payments as standard tobacco bonds, but are also subject to a state s pledge that the governor will request an appropriation of funds in its annual budget for debt service if Master Settlement Agreement revenues are insufficient. These payments are not generally fixed but rather are tied to the volume of the company s U.S. sales of cigarettes. Tobacco bonds are subject to several risks, including the risk that

cigarette consumption declines or that a tobacco company defaults on its obligation to make payments to the state. Escrowed tobacco bonds no longer rely on Master Settlement Agreement revenue as security, and are backed by a variety of government securities.

In addition, the airline industry continues to evolve. A number of major carriers have either emerged from bankruptcy or are currently in bankruptcy. Recent problems include, but are not limited to, increased competition, labor and union conflicts, greater security costs and fluctuating jet fuel prices. Court rulings have given some guidance to the viability of collateral structures. However, there is still uncertainty as to the strength of collateral pledged under various security systems.

Certain tax-exempt bonds issued by Native American tribes may be subject to the risk that a taxing authority would determine that the income from such bonds is not eligible for tax-exempt status. In the event of any final adverse ruling to this effect, holders of such bonds may be subject to penalties.

**Insured Obligations.** Insured municipal obligations held by each Fund are insured as to their scheduled payment of principal and interest under (i) an insurance policy obtained by the issuer or underwriter of the municipal obligation at the time of its original issuance ( Issue Insurance ), (ii) an insurance policy obtained by the Fund or a third party subsequent to the municipal obligation's original issuance ( Secondary Market Insurance ), or (iii) another municipal insurance policy purchased by the Fund ( Portfolio Insurance ). Each type of insurance insures the timely payment of interest and principal of the obligation but does not protect the market value of such obligations or the net asset value of a Fund.

Each Fund may emphasize investments in municipal bonds insured under bond-specific insurance policies (i.e., Issue or Secondary Market Insurance). Each Fund may obtain Portfolio Insurance from the insurers described in Appendix D to the Statement of Additional Information. Each Fund, as a non-fundamental policy that can be changed by the Fund's Board, will only obtain policies of Portfolio Insurance issued by insurers whose claims-paying ability is rated Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P or Fitch ), provided that at least 50% of such net assets is invested in obligations insured by insurers having a claims paying ability rated at least A by Moody's, S&P or Fitch. There is no limit on the percentage of each Fund's assets that may be invested in municipal bonds insured by any one insurer.

Municipal bonds covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance are themselves typically assigned a rating by virtue of the rating of the claims-paying ability of the insurer and would generally be assigned a lower rating if the ratings were based primarily upon the credit characteristics of the issuer without regard to the insurance feature. By way of contrast, the ratings, if any, assigned to municipal bonds insured under Portfolio Insurance will be based primarily upon the credit characteristics of the issuer, without regard to the insurance feature. While in the portfolio of a Fund, however, a municipal bond backed by Portfolio Insurance will effectively be of the same credit quality as a municipal bond issued by an issuer of comparable credit characteristics that is backed by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance.

Each Fund's policy of investing in municipal bonds insured by insurers whose claims-paying ability is rated Baa or BBB applies only at the time of purchase of a security, and the Fund will not be required to dispose of the securities in the event Moody's, S&P or Fitch, as the case may be, downgrades its assessment of the claims-paying ability of a particular insurer or the credit characteristics of a particular issuer or withdraws its assessment. In this connection, it should be noted that in the event Moody's, S&P or Fitch (or all of them) should downgrade its assessment of the claims-paying ability of a particular insurer, it (or they) could also be expected to downgrade the ratings assigned to municipal bonds insured by such insurer, and municipal bonds insured under Portfolio Insurance issued by such insurer also would be of reduced quality in the portfolio of a Fund. Moody's, S&P and Fitch continually assess the claims-paying ability of insurers and the credit characteristics of issuers, and there can be no assurance that they will

not downgrade or withdraw their assessments subsequent to the time a Fund purchases securities.

The value of municipal bonds covered by Portfolio Insurance that are in default or in significant risk of default will be determined by separately establishing a value for the municipal bond and a value for the Portfolio Insurance.

**Issue Insurance.** Issue Insurance is purchased with respect to a particular issue of municipal bonds by the issuer thereof or a third party in conjunction with the original issuance of such municipal bonds. Under this insurance, the insurer unconditionally guarantees to the holder of the municipal bond the timely payment of principal and interest on such obligations when and as these payments become due but not paid by the issuer, except that in the event of the acceleration of the due date of the principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption (other than acceleration by reason of a mandatory sinking fund payment), default or otherwise, the payments guaranteed may be made in the amounts and at the times as payment of principal would have been due had there not been any acceleration. The insurer is responsible for these payments less any amounts received by the holder from any trustee for the municipal bond issuer or from any other source. Issue Insurance does not guarantee payment on an accelerated basis, the payment of

any redemption premium (except with respect to certain premium payments in the case of certain small issue industrial development and pollution control municipal bonds), the value of a Fund's shares, the market value of municipal bonds, or payments of any tender purchase price upon the tender of the municipal bonds. Issue Insurance also does not insure against nonpayment of principal or interest on municipal bonds resulting from the insolvency, negligence or any other act or omission of the trustee or other paying agent for these bonds.

Issue Insurance remains in effect as long as the municipal bonds it covers remain outstanding and the insurer remains in business, regardless of whether a Fund ultimately disposes of these municipal bonds. Consequently, Issue Insurance may be considered to represent an element of market value with respect to the municipal bonds so insured, but the exact effect, if any, of this insurance on the market value cannot be estimated.

**Secondary Market Insurance.** Subsequent to the time of original issuance of a municipal bond, each Fund or a third party may, upon the payment of a single premium, purchase insurance on that security. Secondary Market Insurance generally provides the same type of coverage as Issue Insurance and, as with Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance remains in effect as long as the municipal bonds it covers remain outstanding and the insurer remains in business, regardless of whether the Fund ultimately disposes of these municipal bonds.

One of the purposes of acquiring Secondary Market Insurance with respect to a particular municipal bond would be to enable a Fund to enhance the value of the security. A Fund, for example, might seek to purchase a particular municipal bond and obtain Secondary Market Insurance for it if, in the investment adviser's opinion, the market value of the security, as insured, less the cost of the Secondary Market Insurance, would exceed the current value of the security without insurance. Similarly, if a Fund owns but wishes to sell a municipal bond that is then covered by Portfolio Insurance, the Fund might seek to obtain Secondary Market Insurance for it if, in the investment adviser's opinion, the net proceeds of the Fund's sale of the security, as insured, less the cost of the Secondary Market Insurance, would exceed the current value of the security. In determining whether to insure municipal bonds a Fund owns, an insurer will apply its own standards, which correspond generally to the standards the insurer has established for determining the insurability of new issues of municipal bonds. See Issue Insurance above.

**Portfolio Insurance.** Portfolio Insurance guarantees the payment of principal and interest on specified eligible municipal bonds purchased by a Fund and presently held by the Fund. Except as described below, Portfolio Insurance generally provides the same type of coverage as is provided by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance. Municipal bonds insured under a Portfolio Insurance policy would generally not be insured under any other policy. A municipal bond is eligible for coverage under a policy if it meets certain requirements of the insurer. Portfolio Insurance is intended to reduce financial risk, but the cost thereof and compliance with investment restrictions imposed under the policy will reduce the yield to holders of Common Shares of a Fund.

If a municipal obligation is already covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance, then the security is not required to be additionally insured under any Portfolio Insurance that a Fund may purchase. All premiums respecting municipal bonds covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance are paid in advance by the issuer or other party obtaining the insurance.

Portfolio Insurance policies are effective only as to municipal bonds owned by and held by a Fund, and do not cover municipal bonds for which the contract for purchase fails. A when-issued municipal obligation will be covered under a Portfolio Insurance policy upon the settlement date of the issue of such when-issued municipal bond.

Because each Portfolio Insurance policy will terminate for municipal bonds sold by a Fund on the date of sale, in which event the insurer will be liable only for those payments of principal and interest that are then due and owing (unless Permanent Insurance is obtained by a Fund), the provision for this insurance will not enhance the

marketability of the Fund's obligations, whether or not the obligations are in default or in significant risk of default. On the other hand, because Issue Insurance and Secondary Market Insurance generally will remain in effect as long as the municipal bonds they cover are outstanding, these insurance policies may enhance the marketability of these bonds even when they are in default or in significant risk of default, but the exact effect, if any, on marketability, cannot be estimated. Accordingly, each Fund may determine to retain or, alternatively, to sell municipal bonds covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance that are in default or in significant risk of default.

Although the insurance feature reduces certain financial risks, the premiums for insurance and the higher market price paid for insured obligations may reduce a Fund's current yield. Insurance generally will be obtained from insurers with a claims-paying ability rated Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P or Fitch. The insurance does not guarantee the market value of the insured obligation or the net asset value of a Fund's Common Shares.

To extend a policy, a Fund will pay a single, predetermined premium payable from the proceeds of the sale of that obligation. It is expected that a Fund will extend a policy only if, in the opinion of the investment adviser, the net proceeds from the sale of the obligation, as insured, would exceed the proceeds from the sale of that obligation without insurance. The price of Fund obligations insured by Portfolio Insurance is expected to be more volatile than the price of Insured Fund obligations insured by Issue or Secondary Market Insurance. To the extent the Insured Fund's obligations are insured by Mutual Fund Insurance, the price of a Fund's shares, will be more volatile than if such obligations were otherwise insured.

With respect to the 80% of its net assets which will be insured, the obligations held by each Fund will be insured by insurers having a claims-paying ability rated at least Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P or Fitch, provided at least 50% of such net assets is invested in obligations insured by insurers having a claims-paying ability rated at least A by Moody's, S&P or Fitch. See Appendix D for a brief description of the claims-paying ability ratings. For purposes of these limitations, each Fund's investment adviser considers that insurance passes through to any residual interest in a trust that holds such insured municipal securities ( inverse floaters ).

Each Fund anticipates that under normal conditions all or substantially all of its insured obligations will be subject to Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance. If a Fund purchases Portfolio Insurance, premiums are paid by the Fund. These premiums are based on the credit quality and principal amount of the obligation to be insured. If the issuer, underwriter, or other third party purchases the insurance for the obligation, the value of such insurance is generally reflected in a higher market value or purchase price for the obligation. While insurance is intended to reduce financial risk, the cost of such insurance (from higher purchase prices of securities or the payment of insurance premiums) will result in lower yields on a Fund's obligations so insured.

The Funds may also invest in municipal obligations that are secured by an escrow or trust account which contains securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, and sufficient, in combination with available trustee-held funds, in amount to ensure the payment of interest on and principal of the secured obligation ( collateralized obligations ). Collateralized obligations generally are regarded as having the credit characteristics of the underlying U.S. Government, agency or instrumentality securities. These obligations will not be subject to Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance or Portfolio Insurance, are will not be considered to be insured obligations for purposes of each Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets in insured obligations.

The credit quality of companies which provide such credit enhancements will affect the value of those securities. Although the insurance feature reduces certain financial risks, the premiums for insurance and the higher market price paid for insured obligations may reduce a Fund's current yield. Insurance generally will be obtained from insurers with a claims-paying ability rated at least Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P or Fitch, provided that at least 50% of such net assets is invested in obligations insured by insurers having a claims-paying ability rated at least A by Moody's, S&P or Fitch. The insurance does not guarantee the market value of the insured obligation or the net asset value of a Fund's shares.

**Other Types of Credit Support.** Each Fund may also invest in uninsured municipal obligations that are secured by an escrow or trust account that contains securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, and sufficient, in combination with available trustee-held funds, in amount to ensure the payment of interest on and principal of the secured obligation ( collateralized obligations ). These collateralized obligations generally will not be insured and will include, but are not limited to, municipal bonds that have been advance refunded where the proceeds of the refunding have been used to buy U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities that are placed in escrow and whose interest or maturing principal payments, or both, are sufficient to cover the remaining scheduled debt service on that municipal bond.

Collateralized obligations generally are regarded as having the credit characteristics of the underlying U.S. Government, U.S. Government agency or instrumentality securities. These obligations will not be subject to Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance or Portfolio Insurance. Accordingly, despite the existence of these credit support characteristics, these obligations will not be considered to be insured obligations for purposes of each Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets in insured obligations. The credit quality of companies that provide such credit enhancements will affect the value of those securities.

**Credit Quality.** While municipal obligations rated investment grade or below and comparable unrated municipal obligations may have some quality and protective characteristics, these characteristics can be expected to be offset or outweighed by uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions. Lower rated and comparable unrated municipal obligations are subject to the risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligations (credit risk) and may also be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (market risk). Lower rated or unrated municipal obligations are also more likely to react to real or perceived developments affecting market and credit risk than are more highly rated obligations, which react primarily to movements in the general level of interest rates.

Municipal obligations held by a Fund which are rated below investment grade but which, subsequent to the assignment of such rating, are backed by escrow accounts containing U.S. Government obligations may be determined by the investment adviser to be of investment grade quality for purposes of a Fund's investment policies. A Fund may retain in its portfolio an obligation whose rating drops after its acquisition, including defaulted obligations, if such retention is considered desirable by the investment adviser. In the event the rating of an obligation held by a Fund is downgraded, causing a Fund to exceed this limitation, the investment adviser will (in an orderly fashion within a reasonable period of time) dispose of such obligations as it deems necessary in order to comply with each Fund's credit quality limitations. In the case of a defaulted obligation, a Fund may incur additional expense seeking recovery of its investment. See *Portfolio of Investments* in the *Financial Statements* incorporated by reference into this SAI with respect to any defaulted obligations held by a Fund.

When a Fund invests in lower rated or unrated municipal obligations, the achievement of a Fund's goals is more dependent on the investment adviser's ability than would be the case if a Fund were investing in municipal obligations in the higher rating categories. In evaluating the credit quality of a particular issue, whether rated or unrated, the investment adviser may take into consideration, among other things, the financial resources of the issuer (or, as appropriate, of the underlying source of funds for debt service), its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, any operating history of and the community support for the facility financed by the issue, the ability of the issuer's management and regulatory matters. The investment adviser may also purchase structured derivative products with greater or lesser credit risk than the underlying bonds. Such bonds may be rated investment grade, as well as below investment grade. For a description of municipal bond ratings, see Appendix A.

**Municipal Leases.** Each Fund may invest in municipal leases and participations therein, which arrangements frequently involve special risks. Municipal leases are obligations in the form of a lease, installment purchase or conditional sales contract (which typically provide for the title to the leased asset to pass to the governmental issuer) which is issued by state or local governments to acquire equipment and facilities. Interest income from such obligations is generally exempt from local and state taxes in the state of issuance. Participations in such leases are undivided interests in a portion of the total obligation. Participations entitle their holders to receive a pro rata share of all payments under the lease. The obligation of the issuer to meet its obligations under such leases is often subject to the appropriation by the appropriate legislative body, on an annual or other basis, of funds for the payment of the obligations. Investments in municipal leases are thus subject to the risk that the legislative body will not make the necessary appropriation and the issuer will not otherwise be willing or able to meet its obligation.

Certain municipal lease obligations owned by <sup>^</sup> Florida Plus Fund may be deemed illiquid for the purpose of <sup>^</sup> the investment adviser, pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Trustees, to be liquid securities for the purpose of such limitation. In determining the liquidity of municipal lease obligations, the investment adviser will consider the factors it believes are relevant to the marketability of the obligation, to the extent that information regarding such factor is available to the investment adviser and pertinent to the liquidity determination, which may include: (1) the willingness of dealers to bid for the obligation; (2) the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the obligation and the number of other potential buyers; (3) the frequency of trades and quotes for the obligation; (4) the nature of the marketplace trades, including the time needed to dispose of the obligation, the method of soliciting offers, and the mechanics of transfer; (5) the willingness of the governmental issuer to continue to appropriate funds for the payment of the obligation; (6) how likely or remote an event of nonappropriation may be, which depends in varying degrees on a variety of factors, including those relating to the general creditworthiness of the governmental issuer, its dependence on its continuing access to the credit markets, and the importance to the issuer of the equipment, property or facility covered by the lease or contract; (7) the rating, if any, assigned to the obligation and/or the governmental issuer by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization; (8) whether the obligation is insured as to the timely payment of principal and interest; and (9) all factors and information unique to the obligation in determining its liquidity. If the municipal lease obligation is insured as to the timely payment of principal and interest, or if the obligation has an



investment grade rating (rated BBB or Baa or higher), the investment adviser will consider the obligation to be liquid. In the event a Fund acquires an unrated municipal lease obligation, the investment adviser will be responsible for determining the credit quality of such obligation on an ongoing basis, including an assessment of the likelihood that the lease may or may not be cancelled.

**Zero Coupon Bonds.** Zero coupon bonds are debt obligations which do not require the periodic payment of interest and are issued at a significant discount from face value. The discount approximates the total amount of interest the bonds will accrue and compound over the period until maturity at a rate of interest reflecting the market rate of the security at the time of issuance. ^ Each Fund is required to accrue income from zero coupon bonds on a current basis, even though it does not receive that income currently in cash and the Funds is required to distribute its income for each taxable year. Thus, the Funds may have to sell other investments to obtain cash needed to make income distributions.

**When-Issued Securities.** New issues of municipal obligations are sometimes offered on a when-issued basis, that is, delivery and payment for the securities normally take place within a specified number of days after the date of a Fund's commitment and are subject to certain conditions such as the issuance of satisfactory legal opinions. <sup>^</sup> Each Fund may also purchase securities on a when-issued basis pursuant to refunding contracts in connection with the refinancing of an issuer's outstanding indebtedness. Refunding contracts generally require the issuer to sell and <sup>^</sup> a Fund to buy such securities on a settlement date that could be several months or several years in the future. <sup>^</sup> Each Fund may also purchase instruments that give the Fund the option to purchase a municipal obligation when and if issued.

<sup>^</sup> Each Fund will make commitments to purchase when-issued securities only with the intention of actually acquiring the securities, but may sell such securities before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable as a matter of investment strategy. The payment obligation and the interest rate that will be received on the securities are fixed at the time <sup>^</sup> a Fund enters into the purchase commitment. When <sup>^</sup> a Fund commits to purchase a security on a when-issued basis it records the transaction and reflects the value of the security in determining its net asset value. Securities purchased on a when-issued basis and the securities held by <sup>^</sup> a Fund are subject to changes in value based upon the perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and changes in the level of interest rates (*i.e.* appreciation when interest rates decline and depreciation when interest rates rise). Therefore, to the extent that <sup>^</sup> a Fund remains substantially fully invested at the same time that it has purchased securities on a when-issued basis, there will be greater fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value than if it set aside cash to pay for when-issued securities.

**Credit Derivatives.** Each Fund may invest in credit default swaps, total return swaps or credit options. In a credit default swap, the buyer of credit protection (or seller of credit risk) agrees to pay the counterparty a fixed, periodic premium for a specified term. In return, the counterparty agrees to pay a contingent payment to the buyer in the event of an agreed upon credit occurrence with respect to a particular reference entity. In a total return swap, the buyer receives a periodic return equal to the total economic return of a specified security, securities or index, for a specified period of time. In return, the buyer pays the counterparty a variable stream of payments, typically based upon short term interest rates, possibly plus or minus an agreed upon spread. Credit options are options whereby the purchaser has the right, but not the obligation, to enter into a transaction involving either an asset with inherent credit risk or a credit derivative, at terms specified at the initiation of the option. Transactions in derivative instruments involve a risk of loss or depreciation due to: unanticipated adverse changes in securities prices, interest rates, indices, the other financial instruments' prices or currency exchange rates; the inability to close out a position; default by the counterparty; imperfect correlation between a position and the desired hedge; tax constraints on closing out positions; and portfolio management constraints on securities subject to such transactions. Derivative instruments may sometimes increase or leverage exposure to a particular market risk, thereby increasing price volatility.

**Redemption, Demand and Put Features and Put Options.** Issuers of municipal obligations reserve the right to call (redeem) the bond. If an issuer redeems securities held by a Fund during a time of declining interest rates, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds in securities providing the same investment return as the securities redeemed. Also, some bonds may have put or demand features that allow early redemption by the bondholder. Longer term fixed-rate bonds may give the holder a right to request redemption at certain times (often annually after the lapse of an intermediate term). These bonds are more defensive than conventional long term bonds (protecting to some degree against a rise in interest rates) while providing greater opportunity than comparable intermediate term bonds, because a Fund may retain the bond if interest rates decline.

**Liquidity and Protective Put Options.** Each Fund may enter into a separate agreement with the seller of the security or some other person granting the Fund the right to put the security to the seller thereof or the other person at an agreed upon price. Each Fund intends to limit this type of transaction to institutions (such as banks or securities dealers) which the investment adviser believes present minimal credit risks and would engage in this type of transaction to facilitate portfolio liquidity or (if the seller so agrees) to hedge against rising interest rates. There is no

assurance that this kind of put option will be available to a Fund or that selling institutions will be willing to permit a Fund to exercise a put to hedge against rising interest rates. A Fund does not expect to assign any value to any separate put option which may be acquired to facilitate portfolio liquidity, inasmuch as the value (if any) of the put will be reflected in the value assigned to the associated security; any put acquired for hedging purposes would be valued in good faith under methods or procedures established by the Trustees after consideration of all relevant factors, including its expiration date, the price volatility of the associated security, the difference between the market price of the associated security and the exercise price of the put, the creditworthiness of the issuer of the put and the market prices of comparable put options. Interest income generated by certain bonds having put or demand features may be taxable.

**OTC Options.** Each Fund may enter into an agreement with a potential buyer of a municipal obligation that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to purchase a municipal obligation held by the Fund at a particular price in the future and is commonly referred to as an over-the-counter option or OTC option. Such agreements will be entered solely to help facilitate the selling of municipal

obligations, for instance, if the buyer wishes to lock in a price for a particular municipal obligation subject to performing due diligence on the issue or issuer. The buyer may not pay a premium for such option. Each Fund may enter into such arrangements on up to 5% of the value of such Fund's assets. There is a risk that the value of a municipal obligation underlying an option may appreciate above the value that the buyer has agreed to pay for the municipal obligation and therefore the Fund would not be entitled to the appreciation above such price.

**Variable Rate Obligations.** A Fund may purchase variable rate obligations. Variable rate instruments provide for adjustments in the interest rate at specified intervals (weekly, monthly, semi-annually, etc.). The revised rates are usually set at the issuer's discretion in which case the investor normally enjoys the right to put the security back to the issuer or his agent. Rate revisions may alternatively be determined by formula or in some other contractual fashion. Variable rate obligations normally provide that the holder can demand payment of the obligation on short notice at par with accrued interest and which are frequently secured by letters of credit or other support arrangements provided by banks. To the extent that such letters of credit or other arrangements constitute an unconditional guarantee of the issuer's obligations, a bank may be treated as the issuer of a security for the purposes of complying with the diversification requirements set forth in Section 5(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 5b-2 thereunder. A Fund would anticipate using these bonds as cash equivalents pending longer term investment of its funds.

**Tender Option Bonds.** Each Fund may invest in residual interests of a trust (the trust) that holds municipal securities (tender option bonds). The trust will also issue floating rate notes to third parties that may be senior to a Fund's residual interest. A Fund receives interest payments on tender option bonds that bear an inverse relationship to the interest rate paid on the floating rate notes (inverse floaters). Typically, a Fund will sell a municipal bond to the trust to create the tender option bond. The Florida Plus Fund may use the proceeds of such sale for investment purposes, provided such tender option bonds do not exceed 10% of the Fund's total assets. Each Fund may invest in tender option bonds to finance APS redemptions, and as of August 28, 2008 the National Fund redeemed all of its remaining outstanding APS in this manner and currently has no APS outstanding. As a result of Financial Accounting Standards Statement No.140 (FAS 140), interest paid by the trust to the floating rate note holders may be reflected as income in a Fund's financial statements with an offsetting expense for the interest paid by the trust to the floating rate note holders.

The interest rate payable on an inverse floater bears an inverse relationship to the interest rate on <sup>^</sup> the floating rate note issued by the trust. Because changes in the interest rate on the other security inversely affect the interest paid on the inverse floater, the value and income of an inverse floater is generally more volatile than that of a fixed rate bond. Inverse floaters have interest rate adjustment formulas which generally reduce or, in the extreme, eliminate the interest paid to a Fund when short-term interest rates rise, and increase the interest paid to a Fund when short-term interest rates fall. Inverse floaters have varying degrees of liquidity, and the market for these securities is relatively volatile. These securities tend to underperform the market for fixed rate bonds in a rising long-term interest rate environment, but tend to outperform the market for fixed rate bonds when long-term interest rates decline. Although volatile, inverse floaters typically offer the potential for yields exceeding the yields available on fixed rate bonds with comparable credit quality and maturity. These securities usually permit the investor to convert the floating rate to a fixed rate (normally adjusted downward), and this optional conversion feature may provide a partial hedge against rising rates if exercised at an opportune time. While inverse floaters expose a Fund to leverage risk because they provide two or more dollars of bond market exposure for every dollar invested, they are not subject to a Fund's restrictions on borrowings.

Under certain circumstances, a Fund may enter into a so-called shortfall and forbearance agreement with the sponsor of an inverse floater held by the Fund. Such agreements commit a Fund to reimburse the sponsor of such inverse floater, upon the termination of the trust issuing the inverse floater, the difference between the liquidation value of the underlying security (which is the basis of the inverse floater) and the principal amount due to the holders of the

floating rate security issued in conjunction with the inverse floater. Absent a shortfall and forbearance agreement, a Fund would not be required to make such a reimbursement. If a Fund chooses not to enter into such an agreement, the inverse floater could be terminated and the Fund could incur a loss.

**Interest Rate Swaps and Forward Rate Contracts.** Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by a Fund with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, *e.g.*, an exchange of fixed rate payments for floating rate payments. <sup>^</sup> A Fund will only enter into interest rate swaps on a net basis, *i.e.*, the two payment streams are netted out with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. <sup>^</sup> Each Fund may also enter forward rate contracts. Under these contracts, the buyer locks in an interest rate at a future settlement date. If the interest rate on the settlement date exceeds the lock rate, the buyer pays the seller the difference between the two rates. If the lock rate exceeds the interest rate on the settlement date, the seller pays the buyer the difference between the two rates. Any such gain received by the Fund would be taxable.

If the other party to an interest rate swap or forward rate contract defaults, <sup>^</sup> a Fund's risk of loss consists of the net amount of payments that the Fund is contractually entitled to receive. The net amount of the excess, if any, of <sup>^</sup> a Fund's obligations over its

entitlements will be maintained in a segregated account by the Fund's custodian. No Fund will enter into any interest rate swap or forward rate contract unless the claims-paying ability of the other party thereto is considered to be investment grade by the investment adviser. If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, a Fund will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. These instruments are traded in the over-the-counter market.

**Illiquid Obligations.** At times, a substantial portion of a Fund's assets may be invested in securities as to which the Fund, by itself or together with other accounts managed by the investment adviser and its affiliates, holds a major portion or all of such securities. Under adverse market or economic conditions or in the event of adverse changes in the financial condition of the issuer, a Fund could find it more difficult to sell such securities when the investment adviser believes it advisable to do so or may be able to sell such securities only at prices lower than if such securities were more widely held. Under such circumstances, it may also be more difficult to determine the fair value of such securities for purposes of computing a Fund's net asset value. Illiquid securities may also include those legally restricted as to resale, and securities eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A thereunder. Rule 144A securities may be treated as liquid securities if the investment adviser determines that such treatment is warranted. Even if determined to be liquid, holdings of these securities may increase the level of Fund illiquidity if eligible buyers become uninterested in purchasing them.

The secondary market for some municipal obligations issued within a state (including issues which are privately placed with a Fund) is less liquid than that for taxable debt obligations or other more widely traded municipal obligations. No established resale market exists for certain of the municipal obligations in which the Fund may invest. The market for obligations rated below investment grade is also likely to be less liquid than the market for higher rated obligations. As a result, the Fund may be unable to dispose of these municipal obligations at times when it would otherwise wish to do so at the prices at which they are valued.

**Securities Lending.** Each Fund may seek to increase its income by lending portfolio securities to broker-dealers or other institutional borrowers. Distributions by a Fund of any income realized by the Fund from securities loans will be taxable. If the management of a Fund decides to make securities loans, it is intended that the value of the securities loaned would not exceed 30% of the Fund's total assets. Securities lending involves risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights on the securities loaned if the borrower fails financially. The Funds have no present intention of engaging in securities lending.

**Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts.** A change in the level of interest rates may affect the value of the securities held by a Fund (or of securities that the Fund expects to purchase). To hedge against changes in rates or as a substitute for the purchase of securities, a Fund may enter into (i) futures contracts for the purchase or sale of debt securities and (ii) futures contracts on securities indices. All futures contracts entered into by a Fund are traded on exchanges or boards of trade that are licensed and regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) and must be executed through a futures commission merchant or brokerage firm which is a member of the relevant exchange. Each Fund may purchase and write call and put options on futures contracts which are traded on a United States or foreign exchange or board of trade. Each Fund will be required, in connection with transactions in futures contracts and the writing of options on futures, to make margin deposits, which will be held by the futures commission merchant through whom the Fund engages in such futures and options transactions.

Some futures contracts and options thereon may become illiquid under adverse market conditions. In addition, during periods of market volatility, a commodity exchange may suspend or limit transactions in an exchange-traded instrument, which may make the instrument temporarily illiquid and difficult to price. Commodity exchanges may also establish daily limits on the amount that the price of a futures contract or futures option can vary from the previous day's settlement price. Once the daily limit is reached, no trades may be made that day at a price beyond the

limit. This may prevent <sup>a</sup> Fund from closing out positions and limiting its losses.

Each Fund will engage in futures and related options transactions for *bona fide* hedging purposes or non-hedging purposes as defined in or permitted by CFTC regulations. Each Fund will determine that the price fluctuations in the futures contracts and options on futures used for hedging purposes are substantially related to price fluctuations in securities held by the Fund or which it expects to purchase. Each Fund will engage in transactions in futures and related options contracts only to the extent such transactions are consistent with the requirements of the Code for maintaining its qualification as a RIC for federal income tax purposes. Each Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of a Commodity Pool Operator ( CPO ) under the Commodity Exchange Act and therefore is not subject to registration or regulation as a CPO.

**Asset Coverage Requirements.** Transactions involving when-issued securities, futures contracts and options (other than options that a Fund has purchased), interest rate swaps or forward rate contracts may expose the Fund to an obligation to another party. No Fund will enter into any such transactions unless it owns either (1) an offsetting ( covered ) position in securities or other options or futures contracts, or (2) cash or liquid securities (such as readily marketable obligations and money market instruments) with a value

sufficient at all times to cover its potential obligations not covered as provided in (1) above. Each Fund will comply with SEC guidelines regarding cover for these instruments and, if the guidelines so require, set aside cash or liquid securities in a segregated account with its custodian in the prescribed amount. The securities in the segregated account will be marked to market daily. Assets used as cover or held in a segregated account maintained by the custodian cannot be sold while the position requiring coverage or segregation is outstanding unless they are replaced with other appropriate assets. As a result, the commitment of a large portion of the Fund's assets to segregated accounts or to cover could impede portfolio management or the Fund's ability to meet redemption requests or other current obligations.

**Temporary Investments.** Under unusual market conditions, a Fund may invest temporarily in cash or cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are highly liquid, short-term securities such as commercial paper, certificates of deposit, short-term notes and short-term U.S. Government obligations. These securities may be subject to federal income, state income and/or other taxes.

**Portfolio Turnover.** A Fund may sell (and later purchase) securities in anticipation of a market decline (a rise in interest rates) or purchase (and later sell) securities in anticipation of a market rise (a decline in interest rates). In addition, a security may be sold and another purchased at approximately the same time to take advantage of what the Fund believes to be a temporary disparity in the normal yield relationship between the two securities. Yield disparities may occur for reasons not directly related to the investment quality of particular issues or the general movement of interest rates, such as changes in the overall demand for or supply of various types of municipal obligations or changes in the investment objectives of investors. Such trading may be expected to increase the portfolio turnover rate, which may increase capital gains and the expenses incurred in connection with such trading. The Fund cannot accurately predict its portfolio turnover rate, but it is anticipated that the annual portfolio turnover rate will generally not exceed 100% (excluding turnover of securities having a maturity of one year or less). A 100% annual turnover rate could occur, for example, if all the securities held by the Fund were replaced once in a period of one year. A high turnover rate (100% or more) necessarily involves greater expenses to the Fund. The portfolio turnover rates for the Florida Plus Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2007 were 16% and 32%, respectively. The portfolio turnover rates for the National Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006 and September 30, 2007 were 56% and 39%, respectively.

**Investment Restrictions.** The following investment restrictions of each Fund are designated as fundamental policies and as such cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of each Fund's outstanding voting securities, which as used in this SAI means the lesser of (a) 67% of the shares of the Fund present or represented by proxy at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares are present or represented at the meeting or (b) more than 50% of outstanding shares of the Fund. As a matter of fundamental policy neither Fund may:

(1) Borrow money, except as permitted by the 1940 Act;

(2) Issue senior securities, as defined in the 1940 Act, other than (i) preferred shares which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 200%, (ii) indebtedness which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 300%, or (iii) the borrowings permitted by investment restriction (1) above;

(3) Purchase securities on margin (but a Fund may obtain such short-term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of securities). The purchase of investment assets with the proceeds of a permitted borrowing or securities offering will not be deemed to be the purchase of securities on margin;

(4) Underwrite securities issued by other persons, except insofar as it may technically be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling or disposing of a portfolio investment;



(5) Make loans to other persons, except by (a) the acquisition of loan interests, debt securities and other obligations in which the Fund is authorized to invest in accordance with its investment objective and policies, (b) entering into repurchase agreements, and (c) lending its portfolio securities;

^ (6) Purchase or sell real estate, although it may purchase and sell securities which are secured by interests in real estate and securities of issuers which invest or deal in real estate. The Fund reserves the freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate acquired as a result of the ownership of securities; or

(7) Purchase or sell physical commodities or contracts for the purchase or sale of physical commodities. Physical commodities do not include futures contracts with respect to securities, securities indices or other financial instruments;

(8) Invest more than 25% of its total assets of issuers in any one industry.

For purposes of a Fund's investment restrictions, the determination of the issuer of a municipal obligation which is not a general obligation bond will be made by the Adviser on the basis of the characteristics of the obligation and other relevant factors, the most significant of which is the source of funds committed to meeting interest and principal payments of such obligation.

Each Fund may borrow money as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities. The 1940 Act currently requires that a Fund have 300% net asset coverage with respect to all borrowings other than temporary borrowings.

For purposes of construing restriction (8), securities of the U.S. Government, its agencies, or instrumentalities are not considered to represent industries. Municipal obligations backed by the credit of a governmental entity are also not considered to represent industries. However, municipal obligations backed only by the assets and revenues of non-governmental users may for this purpose be deemed to be issued by such non-governmental users. The foregoing 25% limitation would apply to these issuers. The Funds may invest more than 25% of total assets in certain economic sectors, such as revenue bonds, housing, hospitals and other health care facilities, and industrial development bonds. Each Fund reserves the right to invest more than 25% of total asset in each of these sectors.

Each Fund has adopted the following nonfundamental investment policy which may be changed by the Trustees without approval of the Fund's shareholders. As a matter of nonfundamental policy, none of the Funds make short sales of securities or maintain a short position, unless at all times when a short position is open it either owns an equal amount of such securities or owns securities convertible into or exchangeable, without payment of any further consideration, for securities of the same issue as, and equal in amount to, the securities sold short.

Upon the approval by its Board of Trustee (the Board), a Fund may invest more than 10% of its total assets in one or more other management investment companies (or may invest in affiliated investment companies) to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and rules thereunder.

Whenever an investment policy or investment restriction set forth in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus or this SAI states a maximum percentage of assets that may be invested in any security or other asset or describes a policy regarding quality standards, such percentage limitation or standard shall be determined immediately after and as a result of the Fund's acquisition of such security or asset. Accordingly, any later increase or decrease resulting from a change in values, assets or other circumstances will not compel the Fund to dispose of such security or other asset. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Fund must always be in compliance with the borrowing policies set forth above.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION**

### **Management**

The Trustees and officers of the Florida Plus Fund (for purposes of the following chart, EIF) and National Fund (for purposes of the following chart, EIM) are listed below. The Trustees and officers hold positions within both Funds and affiliated funds.

Except as indicated, each individual has held the office shown or other offices in the same company for the last five years. The noninterested Trustees consist of those Trustees who are not interested persons of the Funds, as that term is defined under the 1940 Act. The business address of each Trustee and officer is The Eaton Vance Building, 255 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. As used below, EVC refers to Eaton Vance Corp., EV refers to Eaton Vance,

Inc., EVM refers to Eaton Vance Management, BMR refers to Boston Management and Research and EVD refers to Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. EVC and EV are the corporate parent and trustee, respectively, of EVM and BMR. EVD is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EVM. Each officer affiliated with Eaton Vance may hold a position with other Eaton Vance affiliates that is comparable to his or her position with EVM listed below.

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<u>Name and Date of Birth</u>	<u>Position(s) with the Funds</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Service</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen By Trustee<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Other Directors</u>
<u>Interested Trustee</u>					
Thomas E. Faust Jr. 5/31/58	Class II Trustee	Until 2010. 3 years. Trustee since 2007.	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of EVC, President of EV, Chief Executive Officer and President of EVM and BMR, and Director of EVD. Trustee and/or officer of 177 registered investment companies and 5 private investment companies managed by EVM or BMR. Mr. Faust is an interested person because of his positions with EVM, BMR, EVC and EV which are affiliates of the Fund.	177	Director of EV
<u>Noninterested Trustee(s)</u>					
Benjamin C. Esty 1/2/63	Class II APS Trustee	Until 2010. 3 years. Trustee since 2005.	Roy and Elizabeth Simmons Professor of Business Administration, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.	177	None
Allen R. Freedman 4/3/40	Class II Trustee	Until 2010. 3 years. Trustee since 2007.	Former Chairman (2002-2004) and a Director (1983-2004) of Systems & Computer Technology Corp. (provider of software to higher education). Formerly, a Director of Loring Ward International (fund distributor) (2005-2007). Formerly, Chairman and a Director of Indus International Inc. (provider of enterprise management software to the power generating industry) (2005-2007).	177	Director of AS (insurance pro Stonemor Part (owner and op cemeteries)
William H. Park 9/19/47	Class I Trustee	Until 2009. 3 years. Trustee since 2003.	Vice Chairman, Commercial Industrial Finance Corp. (specialty finance company) (since 2006). Formerly, President and Chief Executive Officer, Prizm Capital Management, LLC (investment management firm) (2002-2005).	177	None
<sup>^</sup> <u>Ronald A. Pearlman</u> 7/ <sup>^</sup> <u>10/40</u>	Class III Trustee	Until 2011. <sup>^</sup> 3 years. <sup>^</sup> <u>Trustees</u> since <u>2003.</u>	<sup>^</sup> <u>Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center.</u>	177	<sup>^</sup> <u>None</u>

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<u>Heidi L. Steiger</u> <u>7/8/53</u>	<u>Class III</u> <u>Trustee</u>	<u>Until 2011.</u> <u>3 years.</u> <u>Trustee since</u> <u>2007.</u>	<u>Managing Partner, Topridge Associates LLC (global wealth management firm) (since 2008); Senior Adviser (since 2008), President (2005-2008), Lowenhaupt Global Advisors, LLC (global wealth management firm) (since 2005); Formerly, President and Contributing Editor, Worth Magazine (2004-2005). Formerly, Executive Vice President and Global Head of Private Asset Management (and various other positions), Neuberger Berman (investment firm) (1986-2004).</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>Director of Nuclear Electric Insurance (nuclear insurance provider) and USA (insurance provider)</u>
Lynn A. Stout 9/14/57	Class I Trustee	Until 2009. 3 years. Trustee since 2002.	Paul Hastings Professor of Corporate and Securities Law (since 2006), University of California at Los Angeles School of Law.	177	None

<u>Name and Date of Birth</u>	<u>Position(s) with the Funds</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Service</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen By Trustee<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Other Directorships Held</u>
Ralph F. Verni 1/26/43	Chairman of the Board and Class I APS Trustee	Chairman of the Board since 2007. Trustee until 2009. 3 years. Trustee since 2005.	Consultant and private investor.	177	None

<sup>(1)</sup>Includes both master and feeder funds in a master-feeder structure.

**Principal Officers who are not Trustees**

<u>^ Name and Date of Birth</u>	<u>Position(s)^ with the Funds</u>	<u>Term of^ Office and^ Length of^ Service</u>	<u>^ Principal Occupation(s)^ During Past Five Years</u>
Cynthia J.	President of EIF and Vice	President of EIF since 2005 and	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 90 registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.
Clemson 3/2/63	President of EIM	Vice President of EIM since 2004	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 90 registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.
Robert B. MacIntosh 1/22/57	President of EIM and Vice President of EIF	President of EIM since 2005 and Vice President of EIF since 2002	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 90 registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.
Craig R.^ Brandon 12/31/66	Vice President of EIF	Since 2004	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 44 registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.
Barbara E. Campbell 6/19/57	Treasurer	Since 2005	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 177 registered investment companies managed by EVM and BMR.
Maureen A.	Secretary and Chief Legal	Secretary since 2007 and	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 177

Explanation of Responses:

Gemma 5/24/60	Officer	Chief Legal Officer since 2008	registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.
Paul M. <sup>^</sup>  O'Neil <sup>^</sup> 7/11/53	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2004	Vice President of EVM and BMR. Officer of 177 registered investment companies managed by EVM or BMR.

The Board of Trustees of each Fund has several standing Committees, including the Governance Committee, the Audit Committee, the Portfolio Management Committee, the Compliance Reports and Regulatory Matters Committee and the Contract Review Committee (formerly, the Special Committee). Each of the Committees are comprised of only noninterested Trustees.

Mmes. Stout (Chair) and Steiger, Messrs. Esty, Freedman, Park, Pearlman and Verni are members of the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees of each Fund. The purpose of the Governance Committee is to consider, evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect to the structure, membership and operation of the Board of Trustees and the Committees thereof, including the nomination and selection of noninterested Trustees and a Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and the compensation of such persons. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the Governance Committee convened seven times.

The Governance Committee will, when a vacancy exists or is anticipated, consider any nominee for noninterested Trustee recommended by a shareholder if such recommendation is submitted in writing to the Governance Committee, contains sufficient background information concerning the candidate, including evidence the candidate is willing to serve as a noninterested Trustee if selected for the position, and is received in a sufficiently timely manner.

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Messrs. Park (Chair) and Verni and Mmes. Stout and Steiger are members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees of each Fund. The Board of Trustees has designated Mr. Park, a noninterested Trustee, as audit committee financial expert. The Audit Committee's purposes are to (i) oversee each Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, its internal control over financial reporting, and, as appropriate, the internal control over financial reporting of certain service providers; (ii) oversee or, as appropriate, assist Board oversight of the quality and integrity of each Fund's financial statements and the independent audit thereof; (iii) oversee, or, as appropriate, assist Board oversight of, each Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements that relate to the Fund's accounting and financial reporting, internal control over financial reporting and independent audits; (iv) approve prior to appointment the engagement and, when appropriate, replacement of the independent registered public accounting firm, and, if applicable, nominate the independent registered public accounting firm to be proposed for shareholder ratification in any proxy statement of each Fund; (v) evaluate the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm and the audit partner in charge of leading the audit; and (vi) prepare, as necessary, audit committee reports consistent with the requirements of applicable SEC, American Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange rules for inclusion in the proxy statement of each Fund. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the Audit Committee convened eight times.

Messrs. Verni (Chair), Esty, Freedman, Park and Pearlman are currently members of the Contract Review Committee of the Board of Trustees of each Fund. The purposes of the Contract Review Committee are to consider, evaluate and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the following matters: (i) contractual arrangements with each service provider to each Fund, including advisory, sub-advisory, transfer agency, custodial and fund accounting, distribution services and administrative services; (ii) any and all other matters in which any service provider (including Eaton Vance or any affiliated entity thereof) has an actual or potential conflict of interest with the interests of the Fund or investors therein; and (iii) any other matter appropriate for review by the noninterested Trustees, unless the matter is within the responsibilities of the other Committees of the Board of Trustees of the Funds. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, the Contract Review Committee convened twelve times.

Messrs. Esty (Chair), Freedman and Park are currently members of the Portfolio Management Committee of the Board of Trustees of each Fund. The purposes of the Portfolio Management Committee are to: (i) assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight of the portfolio management process employed by each Fund and its investment adviser and sub-adviser(s), if applicable, relative to the Fund's stated objective(s), strategies and restrictions; (ii) assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight of the trading policies and procedures and risk management techniques applicable to each Fund; and (iii) assist the Board of Trustees in its monitoring of the performance results of all Funds, giving special attention to the performance of certain Funds that it or the Board of Trustees identifies from time to time. The Portfolio Management Committee was recently formed, so it did not convene during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

Mr. Pearlman (Chair) and Mmes. Steiger and Stout are currently members of the Compliance Reports and Regulatory Matters Committee of the Board of Trustees of each Fund. The purposes of the Compliance Reports and Regulatory Matters Committee are to: (i) assist the Board of Trustees in its oversight role with respect to compliance issues and certain other regulatory matters affecting the Fund; (ii) serve as a liaison between the Board of Trustees and each Fund's Chief Compliance Officer (the CCO); and (iii) serve as a qualified legal compliance committee within the rules promulgated by the SEC. The Compliance Reports and Regulatory Matters Committee was recently formed, so it did not convene during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

#### **^ Share Ownership and Compensation**

The following table shows the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by each Trustee in the Florida Plus Fund and the National Fund and all Eaton Vance Funds overseen by the Trustee as of December 31, 2007.

Explanation of Responses:

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in the Florida Plus Fund</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in the National Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in All Registered Funds Overseen by Trustee in the Eaton Vance Fund Complex</u>
<b>Interested Trustees</b>			
Thomas E. Faust	None	None	over \$100,000
<b>Noninterested Trustees</b>			
Benjamin C. Esty	None	None	over \$100,000
Allen R. Freedman	None	None	over \$100,000
William H. Park	None	None	over \$100,000
Ronald A. Pearlman	None	None	over \$100,000
Heidi L. Steiger	None	None	\$50,001-\$100,000
Lynn A. Stout	None	None	over \$100,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
Ralph F. Verni	None	None	over \$100,000

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes shares which may be deemed to be beneficially owned through the Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan.

As of December 31, 2007, no noninterested Trustee or any of their immediate family members owned beneficially or of record any class of securities of EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD.

During the calendar years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007, no noninterested Trustee (or their immediate family members) had:

1. Any direct or indirect interest in Eaton Vance, EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD;
2. Any direct or indirect material interest in any transaction or series of similar transactions with (i) either Fund; (ii) another fund managed by EVC, distributed by EVD or a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; (iii) EVC or EVD; (iv) a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; or (v) an officer of any of the above; or
3. Any direct or indirect relationship with (i) either Fund; (ii) another fund managed by EVC, distributed by EVD or a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; (iii) EVC or EVD; (iv) a person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD; or (v) an officer of any of the above.

During the calendar years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007, no officer of EVC, EVD or any person controlling, controlled by or under common control with EVC or EVD served on the Board of Directors of a company where a noninterested Trustee of the Fund or any of their immediate family members served as an officer.

Trustees of the Fund who are not affiliated with the Adviser may elect to defer receipt of all or a percentage of their annual fees in accordance with the terms of a Trustees Deferred Compensation Plan (the Trustees Plan). Under the Trustees Plan, an eligible Trustee may elect to have his deferred fees invested by the Fund in the shares of one or more funds in the Eaton Vance Family of Funds, and the amount paid to the Trustees under the Trustees Plan will be determined based upon the performance of such investments. Deferral of Trustees fees in accordance with the Trustees Plan will have a negligible effect on the Fund's assets, liabilities, and net income per share, and will not obligate the Fund to retain the services of any Trustee or obligate the Fund to pay any particular level of compensation to the Trustee. The Fund does not have a retirement plan for its Trustees.

The fees and expenses of the noninterested Trustees of each Fund are paid by the Fund. (The Trustees of the Fund who are members of the Eaton Vance organization receive no compensation from the Fund). During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, the noninterested Trustees of the Fund earned the following compensation in their capacities as Trustees of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2007, the noninterested Trustees earned the compensation set forth below in their capacities as Trustees of the funds in the Eaton Vance fund complex<sup>(1)</sup>.

<u>Source of Compensation</u>	<u>Benjamin C. Esty</u>	<u>Allen R. Freedman</u>	<u>William H. Park</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Ronald A. Pearlman</u>	<u>Heidi L. Steiger</u>	<u>Lynn A. Stout</u> <sup>(3)</sup>	<u>Ralph F. Verni</u> <sup>(4)</sup>
Florida Plus Fund	\$224	\$117	\$214	\$190	\$121	\$253	\$251
National Fund	\$3,362	\$1,702	\$3,313	\$2,798	\$1,710	\$3,667	\$3,806
Fund Complex <sup>(1)</sup>	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$200,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$166,667	\$150,000	\$217,500 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$257,500 <sup>(7)</sup>

- (1) As of <sup>^</sup> September 12, 2008, the Eaton Vance Fund Complex consisted of 177 registered investment companies or series thereof. Samuel L. Hayes, III and Norton H. Reamer retired as Trustees on July 1, 2007 and July 1,

2008, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007, Mr. Hayes received Trustees fees of \$252 and \$3,949 from the Florida Plus Fund and National Fund, respectively and Mr. Reamer received Trustees fees of \$225 and \$3,538 from the Florida Plus Fund and National Fund, respectively. For the calendar year ended December 31, 2007, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Reamer received \$157,500 and \$217,500, respectively, from the Fund Complex.

- (2) Includes deferred compensation as follows: Florida Plus Fund - \$104 and National Fund - \$1,606.
- (3) Includes deferred compensation as follows: Florida Plus Fund - \$473 and National Fund - \$939.
- (4) Includes deferred compensation as follows: Florida Plus Fund - \$152 and National Fund - \$2,312.
- (5) Includes \$80,000 of deferred compensation.
- (6) Includes \$45,000 of deferred compensation.
- (7) Includes \$128,750 of deferred compensation.

**Organization**

Each Fund is an organization of the type commonly known as a Massachusetts business trust. Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of such a trust may, in certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for the obligations of a Fund. Each Fund's Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability in connection with the Fund property or the acts, obligations or affairs of the Fund. Each Fund's Declaration of Trust also provides for indemnification out of the Fund property of any shareholder held personally liable for the claims and liabilities to which a shareholder may become subject by reason of being or having been a shareholder. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund itself is unable to meet its obligations. Each Fund has been advised by its counsel that the risk of any shareholder incurring any liability for the obligations of the Fund is remote.

Each Fund's Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees will not be liable for errors of judgment or mistakes of fact or law; but nothing in the Fund's Declaration of Trust protects a Trustee against any liability to the Fund or its shareholders to which he would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his office. Voting rights are not cumulative, which means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares voting for the election of Trustees can elect 100% of the Trustees and, in such event, the holders of the remaining less than 50% of the shares voting on the matter will not be able to elect any Trustees.

Each Fund's Declaration of Trust provides that no person shall serve as a Trustee if shareholders holding two-thirds of the outstanding shares have removed him from that office either by a written declaration filed with the Fund's custodian or by votes cast at a meeting called for that purpose. Each Fund's Declaration of Trust further provides that the Trustees of the Fund shall promptly call a meeting of the shareholders for the purpose of voting upon a question of removal of any such Trustee or Trustees when requested in writing so to do by the record holders of not less than 10 per centum of the outstanding shares.

**^ RECORD OWNERS OF 5% OR MORE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES**

^ To the best of ^ each Fund's ^ knowledge, as of August 22, 2008, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group owned in the aggregate less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock or APS of each Fund. In addition, as of the same date, the following person(s) held the share percentage indicated below, which was owned either (i) beneficially by such person(s) or (ii) of record by such person(s) on behalf of customers who are the beneficial owners of such shares and as to which such record owner(s) may exercise voting rights under certain limited circumstances:

<u>^ Florida Plus Fund</u>		
<u>^Owners^</u>	<u>Common shares</u>	<u>APS</u>
<u>CEDE &amp; Co. New York, NY</u>	<u>99.7%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

<u>^ National Fund</u>						
<u>^Owners^</u>	<u>Common shares</u>	<u>APS Series A</u>	<u>APS Series B</u>	<u>APS Series C</u>	<u>APS Series D</u>	<u>APS Series E</u>

<u>CEDE &amp; Co.</u>	<u>99.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<u>New York, NY</u>						

**Proxy Voting Policy.** The Board of Trustees of each Fund have adopted a proxy voting policy and procedures (the Fund Policy ), pursuant to which the Trustees have delegated proxy voting responsibility to the investment adviser and adopted the proxy voting policies and procedures of the investment adviser (the Policies ). An independent proxy voting service has been retained to assist in the voting of Fund proxies through the provision of vote analysis, implementation and recordkeeping and disclosure services. The Trustees will review the Fund s proxy voting records from time to time and will annually consider approving the Policies for the upcoming year. For a copy of the Fund Policy and investment adviser Policies, see Appendix E. Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-262-1122, and (2) on the SEC s website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES**

**Investment Advisory Services.** The investment adviser manages the investments and affairs of the Funds and provides related office facilities and personnel subject to the supervision of the Funds' Board of Trustees. The investment adviser furnishes investment research, advice and supervision, furnishes an investment program and determines what securities will be purchased, held or sold by the Funds and what portion, if any, of a Fund's assets will be held uninvested. The Investment Advisory Agreement requires the investment adviser to pay the salaries and fees of all officers and Trustees of the Funds who are members of the investment adviser's organization and all personnel of the investment adviser performing services relating to research and investment activities.

Under the Advisory Agreements, each Fund pays a monthly management fee to the investment adviser as compensation for investment advisory services rendered to the Fund. The fee for the Florida Plus Fund is computed at an annual rate of 0.55% of the Florida Plus Fund's average weekly gross assets and is payable monthly. The National Fund fee is computed at an annual rate of 0.65% of the National Fund's average weekly gross assets and is payable monthly. The investment adviser receives no compensation for its services as administrator to the Funds. The Proxy Statement/Prospectus has more detailed information regarding each Fund's advisory fees. The table below indicates the amount each Fund paid to the Adviser during the last three fiscal years for each Fund:

Fund	Fiscal Year/Advisory Fee	Fiscal Year/Advisory Fee	Fiscal Year/Advisory Fee
Florida Plus Fund	09/30/2005: \$334,024	09/30/2006: \$333,311	09/30/2007: \$337,595
National Fund	09/30/2005: \$10,234,052	09/30/2006: \$10,295,738	09/30/2007: \$10,379,474

The investment adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse each Fund for fees and other expenses. The contractual reimbursement amount for the Florida Plus Fund is at an annual rate of 0.15% of average weekly gross assets of the Florida Plus Fund during the first full five years of its operations, 0.10% of the Florida Plus Fund's average weekly gross assets in year six and 0.05% in year seven. The Florida Plus Fund concluded its first full five years of operation on November 29, 2007. The contractual reimbursement amount for the National Fund is at an annual rate of 0.32% of average weekly gross assets of the National Fund during the first full five years of its operations, 0.24% of the National Fund's average weekly gross assets in year six, 0.16% in year seven and 0.08% in year eight. The National Fund concluded its first full five years of operation on August 30, 2007. The table below indicates the amount of expenses reduced by the investment adviser during the last three fiscal years for each Fund:

Fund	Fiscal Year/Expenses Reduced	Fiscal Year/Expenses Reduced	Fiscal Year/Expenses Reduced
Florida Plus Fund	09/30/2005: \$91,097	09/30/2006: \$90,903	09/30/2007: \$92,071
National Fund	09/30/2005: \$5,040,802	09/30/2006: \$5,068,672	09/30/2007: \$5,000,771

Each Investment Advisory Agreement with the investment adviser continues in effect from year to year so long as such continuance is approved at least annually (i) by the vote of a majority of the noninterested Trustees of the Fund cast in person at a meeting specifically called for the purpose of voting on such approval and (ii) by the Board of Trustees of the Fund or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund. The Agreement may be terminated at any time without penalty on sixty (60) days' written notice by the Board of Trustees of either party, or by vote of the majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, and the Agreement will terminate automatically in the event of its assignment. The Agreement provides that the investment adviser may render services to others. The

Agreement also provides that the investment adviser shall not be liable for any loss incurred in connection with the performance of its duties, or action taken or omitted under the Agreement, in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of its reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder, or for any losses sustained in the acquisition, holding or disposition of any security or other investment.

**Information About Eaton Vance.** Eaton Vance is a business trust organized under the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Eaton Vance, Inc. ( EV ) serves as trustee of Eaton Vance. EV and Eaton Vance are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Eaton Vance Corp. ( EVC ), a Maryland corporation and publicly-held holding company. EVC through its subsidiaries and affiliates engages primarily in investment management, administration and marketing activities. The Directors of EVC are Thomas E. Faust Jr., Ann E. Berman, Leo I. Higdon, Jr., Vincent M. O Reilly, Dorothy E. Puhly, Duncan W. Richardson and Winthrop H. Smith, Jr. All shares of the outstanding Voting Common Stock of EVC are deposited in a Voting Trust, the Voting Trustees of which are Mr. Faust, Jeffrey P. Beale, Cynthia J. Clemson, Maureen A. Gemma, Lisa Jones, Michael R. Mach, Robert B. MacIntosh, Frederick S. Marius, Thomas M. Metzold, Scott H. Page, Mr. Richardson, Walter A. Row, III, G. West Saltonstall, Judith A. Saryan, Payson F. Swaffield, Michael W. Weilheimer, Robert J. Whelan and Matthew J. Witkos (all of whom are officers of Eaton Vance). The Voting Trustees have unrestricted voting rights for the election of Directors of EVC. All of the outstanding voting trust receipts issued under said Voting Trust are owned by certain of the officers of Eaton Vance who are also officers, or officers and Directors of EVC and EV. As indicated under Management and Organization, all of the officers of the Funds (as well as Mr. Faust who is also a Trustee) hold positions in the Eaton Vance organization.



**Code of Ethics.** The investment adviser and each Fund have adopted Codes of Ethics governing personal securities transactions. Under the Codes, employees of Eaton Vance may purchase and sell securities (including securities held or eligible for purchase by a Fund) subject to the provisions of the Codes and certain employees are also subject to pre-clearance, reporting requirements and other procedures.

The Code of Ethics can be reviewed and copied at SEC's public reference room in Washington, DC (call 1-202-942-8090 for information on the operation of the public conference room); on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>); or, upon payment of copying fees, by writing, to the SEC's public reference section, Washington, DC 20549-0102, or by electronic mail at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

**Portfolio Managers.** Craig R. Brandon, CFA, serves as the portfolio manager of the Florida Plus Fund and Robert B. MacIntosh, CFA, serves as the portfolio manager of the National Fund. Each portfolio manager manages other investment companies and/or investment accounts in addition to the Funds. The following table shows, as March 31, 2008 the number of accounts each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category. The table also shows the number of accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account, if any, and the total assets in those accounts.

	<u>Number of All Accounts</u>	<u>Total Assets of All Accounts*</u>	<u>Number of Accounts Paying a Performance Fee</u>	<u>Total Assets of Accounts Paying a Performance Fee*</u>
Florida Plus Fund				
Craig R. Brandon				
Registered Investment Companies	12	\$1,420.8	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$ 0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	0	\$ 0	0	\$0
National Fund				
Robert B. MacIntosh				
Registered Investment Companies	10	\$ 2,381.3	0	\$0
Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	0	\$ 0	0	\$0
Other Accounts	306	\$ 244.6	0	\$0

\*In millions of dollars. For registered investment companies, assets represent net assets of all open-end investment companies and gross assets of all closed-end investment companies.

The following table shows the dollar value of shares of each Fund beneficially owned by its portfolio manager as of March 31, 2008 and in all Eaton Vance Funds as of December 31, 2007.

<u>Fund Name and Portfolio Managers</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in the Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned in All Registered Funds in the Eaton Vance Fund Complex</u>
Florida Plus Fund Craig R. Brandon	None	\$100,001-\$500,000
National Fund Robert B. MacIntosh	\$50,001-\$100,000	Over \$1,000,000

It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio managers' management of a Fund's investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts for which the portfolio manager is responsible for on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among a Fund and other accounts he or she advises. In addition due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions between a Fund and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the Fund. In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may compensate the investment adviser based on the performance of the securities held by that account. The existence of such a performance based fee may create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities. Whenever conflicts of interest arise, the portfolio manager will endeavor to exercise his or her discretion in a manner that he believes is equitable to all interested persons.

**Compensation Structure for Eaton Vance.** Compensation of investment adviser's portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary; (2) an annual cash bonus; and (3) annual stock-based compensation consisting of options to purchase shares of EVC's nonvoting common stock and/or restricted shares of EVC's nonvoting common stock. The investment adviser's investment professionals also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all the investment adviser's employees. Compensation of the investment adviser's investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis. Cash bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, and adjustments in base salary are typically paid or put into effect at or shortly after the October 31st fiscal year end of EVC.

**Method to Determine Compensation.** The investment adviser compensates its portfolio managers based primarily on the scale and complexity of their portfolio responsibilities and the total return performance of managed funds and accounts versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. Performance is normally based on periods ending on the September 30th preceding fiscal year end. Fund performance is normally evaluated primarily versus peer groups of funds as determined by Lipper Inc. and/or Morningstar, Inc. When a fund's peer group as determined by Lipper or Morningstar is deemed by the investment adviser's management not to provide a fair comparison, performance may instead be evaluated primarily against a custom peer group. In evaluating the performance of a fund and its manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer and shorter periods. For funds that are tax-managed or otherwise have an objective of after-tax returns, performance is measured net of taxes. For other funds, performance is evaluated on a pre-tax basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For funds with an investment objective other than total return (such as current income), consideration will also be given to the fund's success in achieving its objective. For managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis, based on averages or weighted averages among managed funds and accounts. Funds and accounts that have performance-based advisory fees are not accorded disproportionate weightings in measuring aggregate portfolio manager performance.

The compensation of portfolio managers with other job responsibilities (such as heading an investment group or providing analytical support to other portfolios) will include consideration of the scope of such responsibilities and the managers' performance in meeting them.

The investment adviser seeks to compensate portfolio managers commensurate with their responsibilities and performance, and competitive with other firms within the investment management industry. The investment adviser participates in investment-industry compensation surveys and utilizes survey data as a factor in determining salary, bonus and stock-based compensation levels for portfolio managers and other investment professionals. Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the investment adviser and its parent company. The overall annual cash bonus pool is based on a substantially fixed percentage of pre-bonus operating income. While the salaries of the investment adviser's portfolio managers are comparatively fixed, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors as described herein. For a high performing portfolio manager, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation may represent a substantial portion of total compensation.

**Administrative Services.** As indicated in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus, Eaton Vance serves as administrator of each Fund, but currently receives no compensation for providing administrative services to each Fund. Under its Administrative Services Agreement, Eaton Vance has been engaged to administer each Fund's affairs, subject to the supervision of the Trustees of each Fund, and shall furnish office space and all necessary office facilities, equipment and personnel for administering the affairs of the Fund.

**Expenses.** Each Fund is responsible for all expenses not expressly stated to be payable by another party (such as expenses required to be paid pursuant to an agreement with the investment adviser).

**OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS**

**Custodian.** State Street Bank and Trust Company ( State Street ), 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA 02116, serves as custodian to each Fund. State Street has custody of all cash and securities of the Fund, maintains the general ledger of each Fund and computes the daily net asset value of shares of each Fund. In such capacity it attends to details in connection with the sale, exchange, substitution, transfer or other dealings with each Fund's investments, receives and disburses all funds and performs various other ministerial duties upon receipt of proper instructions from the Funds. State Street provides services in connection with the preparation of shareholder reports and the electronic filing of such reports with the SEC. EVC and its affiliates and their officers and employees from time to time have transactions with various banks, including State Street. It is Eaton Vance's opinion that the terms and conditions of such transactions were not and will not be influenced by existing or potential custodial or other relationships between the Funds and such banks.

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.** Deloitte & Touche LLP, 200 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116, is the independent registered public accounting firm of each Fund, providing audit services and assistance and consultation with respect to the preparation of filings with the SEC.

**Transfer Agent.** American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 59 Maiden Lane, Plaza Level, New York, NY 10038, serves as transfer and dividend disbursing agent for each Fund.

### **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The net asset value per Share of each Fund is determined no less frequently than weekly, generally on the last day of the week that the New York Stock Exchange (the Exchange) is open for trading, as of the close of regular trading on the Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m. New York time). Each Fund's net asset value per Share is determined by State Street, in the manner authorized by the Trustees of the Funds. Net asset value is computed by dividing the value of a Fund's total assets, less its liabilities by the number of shares outstanding.

Inasmuch as the market for municipal obligations is a dealer market with no central trading location or continuous quotation system, it is not feasible to obtain last transaction prices for most municipal obligations held by a Fund, and such obligations, including those purchased on a when-issued basis, will normally be valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service. The pricing service uses information with respect to transactions in bonds, quotations from bond dealers, market transactions in comparable securities, various relationships between securities, and yield to maturity in determining value. Taxable obligations for which price quotations are readily available normally will be valued at the mean between the latest available bid and asked prices. Open futures positions on debt securities are valued at the most recent settlement prices, unless such price does not reflect the fair value of the contract, in which case the positions will be valued by or at the direction of a Fund's Trustees. Other assets are valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Trustees considering relevant factors, data and information including the market value of freely tradable securities of the same class in the principal market on which such securities are normally traded.

### **PORTFOLIO TRADING**

Decisions concerning the execution of portfolio security transactions, including the selection of the market and the executing firm, are made by each Fund's investment adviser. Each Fund is responsible for the expenses associated with portfolio transactions. The investment adviser is also responsible for the execution of transactions for all other accounts managed by it. The investment adviser places the portfolio security transactions for execution with many firms. The investment adviser uses its best efforts to obtain execution of portfolio security transactions at prices which are advantageous and at reasonably competitive spreads or (when a disclosed commission is being charged) at reasonably competitive commission rates. In seeking such execution, the investment adviser will use its best judgment in evaluating the terms of a transaction, and will give consideration to various relevant factors, including without limitation the full range and quality of the executing firm's services including the responsiveness of the firm to the investment adviser, the size and type of the transaction, the nature and character of the market for the security, the confidentiality, speed and certainty of effective execution required for the transaction, the general execution and operational capabilities of the executing firm, the reputation, reliability, experience and financial condition of the firm, the value and quality of the services rendered by the firm in other transactions, and the reasonableness of the spread or commission, if any. In addition, the investment adviser may consider the receipt of Proprietary Research Services (as defined below), provided it does not compromise the investment adviser's obligation to seek best overall execution for a Fund.

Municipal obligations, including state obligations, purchased and sold by each Fund are generally traded in the

over-the-counter market on a net basis (i.e., without commission) through broker-dealers and banks acting for their own account rather than as brokers, or otherwise involve transactions directly with the issuer of such obligations. Such firms attempt to profit from such transactions by buying at the bid price and selling at the higher asked price of the market for such obligations, and the difference between the bid and asked price is customarily referred to as the spread. Each Fund may also purchase municipal obligations from underwriters, and dealers in fixed-price offerings, the cost of which may include undisclosed fees and concessions to the underwriters. On occasion it may be necessary or appropriate to purchase or sell a security through a broker on an agency basis, in which case a Fund will incur a brokerage commission. Although spreads or commissions on portfolio security transactions will, in the judgment of the investment adviser, be reasonable in relation to the value of the services provided, spreads or commissions exceeding those which another firm might charge may be paid to firms who were selected to execute transactions on behalf of each Fund and the investment adviser's other clients for providing brokerage and research services to the investment adviser.

As authorized in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, a broker or dealer who executes a portfolio transaction may receive a commission that is in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if the investment adviser determines in good faith that such compensation was reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided. This determination may be made either on the basis of that particular

transaction or on the basis of overall responsibilities which the investment adviser and its affiliates have for accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. Brokerage and research services may include advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing in, purchasing, or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy and the performance of accounts; effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance and settlement); and the Research Services referred to in the next paragraph. The investment adviser may also receive Research Services from underwriters and dealers in fixed-price offerings.

It is a common practice of the investment advisory industry and of the advisers of investment companies, institutions and other investors to receive research, analytical, statistical and quotation services, data, information and other services, products and materials which assist such advisers in the performance of their investment responsibilities ( Research Services ) from broker-dealer firms that execute portfolio transactions for the clients of such advisers and from affiliates of executing broker-dealers. Investment advisers also commonly receive Research Services from research providers that are not affiliated with an executing broker-dealer, but which have entered into payment arrangements involving an executing broker-dealer ( Third Party Research Services ). In a typical Third Party Research Services arrangement involving transactions in municipal obligations, an executing broker-dealer enters into an arrangement with an investment adviser pursuant to which the investment adviser receives a credit for portfolio transactions executed for its clients through that broker-dealer. These credits are referred to herein as research credits and are primarily generated as the result of acquisitions of new issuances of municipal obligations in fixed-price offerings. The amount of the research credit generated as the result of a particular transaction is typically a negotiated percentage of the offering price of the municipal obligations. The investment adviser may use research credits to acquire Third Party Research Services, which are then paid for by the executing broker-dealer. The investment adviser may receive Research Services and Third Party Research Services consistent with the foregoing.

Research Services received by the investment adviser may include, but are not limited to, such matters as general economic, political, business and market information, industry and company reviews, evaluations of securities and portfolio strategies and transactions, certain proxy voting data and analysis services, technical analysis of various aspects of the securities markets, recommendations as to the purchase and sale of securities and other portfolio transactions, certain financial, industry and trade publications, news and information services, certain pricing and quotation equipment and services, and certain research oriented computer software, data bases and services. Any particular Research Service obtained through a broker-dealer may be used by the investment adviser in connection with client accounts other than those accounts which pay commissions to such broker-dealer. Any such Research Service may be broadly useful and of value to the investment adviser in rendering investment advisory services to all or a significant portion of its clients, or may be relevant and useful for the management of only one client's account or of a few clients' accounts, or may be useful for the management of merely a segment of certain clients' accounts, regardless of whether any such account or accounts paid commissions to the broker-dealer through which such Research Service was obtained. The investment adviser evaluates the nature and quality of the various Research Services obtained through broker-dealer firms and may attempt to allocate sufficient portfolio security transactions to such firms to ensure the continued receipt of Research Services which the investment adviser believes are useful or of value to it in rendering investment advisory services to its clients.

Since May 1, 2004, the investment adviser uses research credits generated from a Fund securities transactions to pay for Third Party Research Services (as described above), the investment adviser has agreed to reduce the advisory fee payable by a Fund by the amount of such research credits. However, the investment adviser generally does not expect to acquire Third Party Research Services with research credits.

Some executing broker-dealers develop and make available directly to their brokerage customers proprietary Research Services ( Proprietary Research Services ). As a general matter, broker-dealers bundle the cost of Proprietary Research Services with trade execution services rather than charging separately for each. In such circumstances, the cost or other value of the Proprietary Research Services cannot be determined. The advisory fee paid by a Fund will not be reduced in connection with the receipt of Proprietary Research Services by the investment adviser.

The investment companies sponsored by the investment adviser or its affiliates may allocate trades in such offerings to acquire information relating to the performance, fees and expenses of such companies and other mutual funds, which information is used by the Trustees of such companies to fulfill their responsibility to oversee the quality of the services provided by various entities, including the investment adviser, to such companies. Such companies may also pay cash for such information.

Municipal obligations considered as investments for a Fund may also be appropriate for other investment accounts managed by the investment adviser or its affiliates. Whenever decisions are made to buy or sell securities by a Fund and one or more of such other accounts simultaneously, the investment adviser will allocate the security transactions (including hot issues) in a manner which it believes to be equitable under the circumstances. As a result of such allocations, there may be instances where a Fund will not participate in a transaction that is allocated among other accounts. If an aggregated order cannot be filled completely, allocations will generally be made on a pro rata basis. An order may not be allocated on a pro rata basis where, for example: (i) consideration is given



to portfolio managers who have been instrumental in developing or negotiating a particular investment; (ii) consideration is given to an account with specialized investment policies that coincide with the particulars of a specific investment; (iii) pro rata allocation would result in odd-lot or de minimis amounts being allocated to a portfolio or other client; or (iv) where the investment adviser reasonably determines that departure from a pro rata allocation is advisable. While these aggregation and allocation policies could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities available to a Fund from time to time, it is the opinion of the Trustees of each Fund that the benefits from the investment adviser organization outweigh any disadvantage that may arise from exposure to simultaneous transactions.

The following table shows brokerage commissions paid during the three fiscal years ended September 30, 2007, as well as the amount of Fund security transactions for the most recent fiscal year (if any) that were directed to firms that provided some Research Services to the investment adviser or its affiliates, and the commissions paid in connection therewith. As described above, the investment adviser may consider the receipt of Research Services in selecting a broker-dealer firm, provided it does not compromise the investment adviser's obligation to seek best overall execution.

Fund	Brokerage Commissions for the Fiscal Year Ended			Amount of Transactions Directed to Firms	Commissions Paid on Transactions Directed to Firms
	<u>9/30/07</u>	<u>9/30/06</u>	<u>9/30/05</u>	<u>Providing Research</u> <u>9/30/07</u>	<u>Providing Research</u> <u>9/30/06</u>
Florida Plus Fund	\$1,746	\$5,831	\$6,022	0	0
National Fund	50,711	131,453	145,733	0	0

As of September 30, 2007, each Fund held no securities of its regular brokers or dealers, as that term is defined in Rule 10b-1 of the 1940 Act.

## TAXES

Each Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify each year as a RIC under the Code. Accordingly, each Fund intends to satisfy certain requirements relating to sources of its income and diversification of its assets and to distribute substantially all of its net income (including tax-exempt income) and net short-term and long-term capital gains (after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards) in accordance with the timing requirements imposed by the Code, so as to maintain its RIC status and to avoid paying any federal income or excise tax. To the extent it qualifies for treatment as a RIC and satisfies the above-mentioned distribution requirements, a Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on income paid to its shareholders in the form of dividends or capital gain distributions.

In order to avoid incurring a federal excise tax obligation, the Code requires that a Fund distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) by December 31 of each calendar year (i) at least 98% of its ordinary income (not including tax-exempt income) for such year, (ii) at least 98% of its capital gain net income (which is the excess of its realized capital gains over its realized capital losses), generally computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards and (iii) 100% of any income and capital gains from the prior year (as previously computed) that were not paid out during such year and on which a Fund paid no federal income tax. Under current law, provided that a Fund qualifies as a RIC, the Fund will be treated as a partnership for Massachusetts and federal tax purposes, and the Fund should not be liable for any income, corporate excise or franchise tax in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

If a Fund does not qualify as a RIC for any taxable year, a Fund's taxable income will be subject to corporate income taxes, and all distributions from earnings and profits, including distributions of net capital gain (if any), will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. In addition, in order to requalify for taxation as a RIC, a Fund may be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make certain distributions.

A Fund's investment in zero coupon and certain other securities will cause it to realize income prior to the receipt of cash payments with respect to these securities. Such income will be accrued daily by each Fund and, in order to avoid a tax payable by the Fund, the Fund may be required to liquidate securities that it might otherwise have continued to hold in order to generate cash so that the Fund may make required distributions to its shareholders.

Investments in lower-rated or unrated securities may present special tax issues for a Fund to the extent that the issuers of these securities default on their obligations pertaining thereto. The Code is not entirely clear regarding the federal income tax consequences of a Fund's taking certain positions in connection with ownership of such distressed securities.

Distributions by a Fund of net tax-exempt interest income that are properly designated as exempt-interest dividends may be treated by shareholders as interest excludable from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code. In order for a Fund to be entitled to pay exempt-interest dividends to its shareholders, the Fund must and intends to satisfy certain requirements, including the requirement that, at the close of each quarter of its taxable year, at least 50% of the value of its total assets consists of obligations the interest on which is exempt from regular federal income tax under Code Section 103(a). Interest on certain municipal obligations is treated as a tax preference item for purposes of the AMT. In addition, corporate shareholders must include the full amount of exempt-interest dividends in computing the preference items for the purposes of the AMT. Shareholders of each Fund are required to report tax-exempt interest on their federal income tax returns.

Tax-exempt distributions received from a Fund are taken into account in determining, and may increase, the portion of Social Security and certain railroad retirement benefits that may be subject to federal income tax.

Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued by a shareholder to purchase or carry shares of a Fund is not deductible to the extent it is deemed related to the Fund's distributions of tax-exempt interest. Further, entities or persons who are substantial users (or persons related to substantial users) of facilities financed by industrial development or private activity bonds should consult their tax advisers before purchasing shares of a Fund. Substantial user is defined in applicable Treasury regulations to include a non-exempt person who regularly uses in its trade or business a part of a facility financed from the proceeds of industrial development bonds, and the same definition should apply in the case of private activity bonds.

Any recognized gain or income attributable to market discount on long-term tax-exempt municipal obligations (*i.e.*, obligations with a term of more than one year) purchased after April 30, 1993 (except to the extent of a portion of the discount attributable to original issue discount), is taxable as ordinary income. A long-term debt obligation is generally treated as acquired at a market discount if purchased after its original issue at a price less than (i) the stated principal amount payable at maturity, in the case of an obligation that does not have original issue discount or (ii) in the case of an obligation that does have original issue discount, the sum of the issue price and any original issue discount that accrued before the obligation was purchased, subject to a *de minimis* exclusion. From time to time proposals have been introduced before Congress for the purpose of restricting or eliminating the federal income tax exemption for interest on certain types of municipal obligations, and it can be expected that similar proposals may be introduced in the future.

In the course of managing its investments, a Fund may realize some short-term and long-term capital gains (and/or losses) as well as other taxable income. Any distributions by a Fund of such capital gains (after reduction by any capital loss carryforwards) or other taxable income would be taxable to shareholders of the Fund. However, it is expected that such amounts, if any, would normally be insubstantial in relation to the tax-exempt interest earned by the Fund and allocated to the Fund.

A Fund's investments in options, futures contracts, hedging transactions, forward contracts (to the extent permitted) and certain other transactions will be subject to special tax rules (including mark-to-market, constructive sale, straddle, wash sale, short sale and other rules), the effect of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund, defer Fund losses, cause adjustments in the holding periods of Fund securities, convert capital gain into ordinary income and convert short-term capital losses into long-term capital losses. These rules could therefore affect the amount, timing and character of distributions to investors. A Fund may have to limit its activities in options and futures contracts in order to enable it to maintain its RIC status.

As a result of entering into swap contracts, a Fund may make or receive periodic net payments. A Fund 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 a Fund has been a party to a swap for more than one year). With respect to certain types of swaps, a Fund 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. The tax treatment of many types of credit default swaps is uncertain.

Any loss realized upon the sale or exchange of Fund shares with a tax holding period of 6 months or less will be disallowed to the extent of any distributions treated as tax-exempt interest with respect to such shares, and if the loss exceeds the disallowed amount, will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions treated as long-term capital gain with respect to such shares. In addition, all or a portion of a loss realized on a redemption or other disposition of Fund shares may be disallowed under wash sale rules to the extent the shareholder acquires other shares of the same Fund (whether through the reinvestment of distributions or otherwise) within the period beginning 30 days before the redemption of the loss shares and ending 30 days after such date. Any disallowed loss will result in an adjustment to the shareholder's tax basis in some or all of the other shares acquired.

Sales charges paid upon a purchase of shares cannot be taken into account for purposes of determining gain or loss on a sale of the shares before the 91st day after their purchase to the extent a sales charge is reduced or eliminated in a subsequent acquisition of

shares of a Fund (or of another fund) pursuant to the reinvestment or exchange privilege. Any disregarded amounts will result in an adjustment to the shareholder's tax basis in some or all of any other shares acquired.

Dividends and distributions on a Fund's shares are generally subject to federal income tax as described herein to the extent they do not exceed the Fund's realized income and gains, even though such dividends and distributions may economically represent a return of a particular shareholder's investment. Such distributions are likely to occur in respect of shares purchased at a time when a Fund's net asset value reflects gains that are either unrealized, or realized but not distributed. Such realized gains may be required to be distributed even when a Fund's net asset value also reflects unrealized losses. Certain distributions declared in October, November or December and paid in the following January will be taxed to shareholders as if received on December 31 of the year in which they were declared.

In general, dividends (other than capital gain dividends and exempt-interest dividends) paid to a shareholder that is not a U.S. person within the meaning of the Code (a foreign person) are subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate).

Amounts paid by a Fund to individuals and certain other shareholders who have not provided a Fund with their correct taxpayer identification number ( TIN ) and certain certifications required by the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS ) as well as shareholders with respect to whom a Fund has received certain information from the IRS or a broker, may be subject to backup withholding of federal income tax arising from a Fund's taxable dividends and other distributions as well as the proceeds of redemption transactions (including repurchases and exchanges), at a rate of up to 28% for amounts paid during 2007 and 2008. An individual's TIN is generally his or her Social Security number.

If a Fund issues preferred shares, the Fund will designate dividends made to holders of Shares and to holders of those preferred shares in accordance with each class' s proportionate share of each item of Fund income (such as tax-exempt interest, net capital gains and other taxable income).

The Funds are not appropriate for non-U.S. investors or as a retirement plan investment.

**State and Local Taxes.** The exemption of interest income for federal income tax purposes does not necessarily result in exemption under the income or other tax laws of any state or local taxing authority. Shareholders of a Fund may be exempt from state and local taxes on distributions of tax-exempt interest income derived from obligations of the state and/or municipalities of the state in which they are resident, but taxable generally on income derived from obligations of other jurisdictions. Each Fund will report annually to shareholders the percentages representing the proportionate ratio of its net tax-exempt income earned in each state.

The foregoing discussion does not address the special tax rules applicable to certain classes of investors, such as insurance companies and financial institutions. Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers with respect to special tax rules that may apply in their particular situations, as well as the state or local tax consequences of investing in the Fund.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The Proxy Statement/Prospectus and this SAI do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the National Fund has filed with the SEC. The complete Registration Statement and other information that the Florida Plus Fund and the National Fund have filed with the SEC may be inspected and copied (for a duplication fee) at the public reference facilities of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and at the Midwest Regional Office (500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois). Copies of the Registration Statement and these other materials can also be obtained by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 450

Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549, at prescribed rates. In addition, copies of the Registration Statement and these other materials may be viewed on-screen or downloaded from the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Incorporated herein by reference are:

- (i) the unaudited financial statements of the Florida Plus Fund for the six months ended 3/31/2008 are incorporated by reference herein to the Florida Plus Fund's semi-annual report filed on Form N-CSRS on 5/27/2008 Accession No. 0001104659-08-035912;
- (ii) the audited financial statements of the Florida Plus Fund for the fiscal year ended 9/30/2007 are incorporated by reference herein to the Florida Plus Fund's annual report filed on Form N-CSR on 11/27/2007 Accession No. 0001104659-07-085302;
- (iii) the unaudited financial statements of the National Fund for the six months ended 3/31/2008 are incorporated by reference herein to the National Fund's semi-annual report filed on Form N-CSRS on 5/27/2008 Accession <sup>^</sup> No. 0001104659-08-035897; and
- (iv) the audited financial statements of the National Fund for the fiscal year ended 9/30/2007 are incorporated by reference herein to the National Fund's annual report filed on Form N-CSR on 11/27/2007 Accession No. 0001104659-07- 085265.

### Pro Forma Financial Statements

Because the net asset value of Florida Plus Fund is less than 10 percent of the net asset value of National Fund as of August 28, 2008, no pro forma statements are required or provided per Rule 11-01 of Regulation S-X.

## APPENDIX A

### DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

The ratings indicated herein are believed to be the most recent ratings available at the date of this SAI for the securities listed. Ratings are generally given to securities at the time of issuance. While the rating agencies may from time to time revise such ratings, they undertake no obligation to do so, and the ratings indicated do not necessarily represent ratings which would be given to these securities on a particular date.

Bonds which are unrated expose the investor to risks with respect to capacity to pay interest or repay principal which are similar to the risks of lower-rated speculative bonds. Evaluation of these bonds is dependent on the investment adviser's judgment, analysis and experience in the evaluation of such bonds.

Investors should note that the assignment of a rating to a bond by a rating service may not reflect the effect of recent developments on the issuer's ability to make interest and principal payments.

#### Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Ca:** Bonds which are rated Ca represent obligations which are speculative in a high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.

**C:** Bonds which are rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.

**Absence of Rating:** Where no rating has been assigned or where a rating has been suspended or withdrawn, it may be for reasons unrelated to the quality of the issue.

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Should no rating be assigned, the reason may be one of the following:

1. An application for rating was not received or accepted.
2. The issue or issuer belongs to a group of securities or companies that are not rated as a matter of policy.
3. There is a lack of essential data pertaining to the issue or issuer.
4. The issue was privately placed, in which case the rating is not published in Moody's publications.

Suspension or withdrawal may occur if new and material circumstances arise, the effects of which preclude satisfactory analysis; if there is no longer available reasonable up-to-date data to permit a judgment to be formed; if a bond is called for redemption; or for other reasons.

**Note:** Moody's applies numerical modifiers, 1, 2, and 3 in each generic rating classification from Aa through B. The modifier 1 indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a midrange ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

### **Municipal Short-Term Obligations**

**MIG/VMIG Ratings U.S. Short-Term Ratings:** In municipal debt issuance, there are three rating categories for short-term obligations that are considered investment grade. These ratings are designated as Moody's Investment Grade (MIG) and are divided into three levels -- MIG 1 through MIG 3.

In addition, those short-term obligations that are of speculative quality are designated SG, or speculative grade.

In the case of variable rate demand obligations (VRDOs), a two-component rating is assigned. The first element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with the demand feature, using the MIG rating scale.

The short-term rating assigned to the demand feature of VRDOs is designated as VMIG. When either the long- or short-term aspect of a VRDO is not rated, that piece is designated NR, e.g., Aaa/NR or NR/VMIG 1.

MIG ratings expire at note maturity. By contrast, VMIG rating expirations will be a function of each issue's specific structural or credit features.

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

**MIG 2/VMIG 2:** This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

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

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

**Standard & Poor's Ratings Group Investment Grade**

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

**AA:** Debt rated AA has a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differs from the highest rated issues only in small degree.

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

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

### **Speculative Grade**

Debt rated BB, B, CCC, CC, and C is regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal. BB indicates the least degree of speculation and C the highest. While such debt will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these are outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

**BB:** Debt rated BB has less near-term vulnerability to default than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to inadequate capacity to meet timely interest and principal payments.

**B:** Debt rated B has a greater vulnerability to default but currently has the capacity to meet interest payments and principal repayments. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair capacity or willingness to pay interest and repay principal.

**CCC:** Debt rated CCC has a currently identifiable vulnerability to default, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions to meet timely payment of interest and repayment of principal. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, it is not likely to have the capacity to pay interest and repay principal.

**CC:** The rating CC is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

**C:** The C rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action has been taken, but debt service payments are continued.

**D:** Debt rated D is in payment default. The D rating category is used when interest payments or principal payments are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless S&P believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The D rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if debt service payments are jeopardized.

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

**P:** The letter P indicates that the rating is provisional. A provisional rating assumes the successful completion of the project being financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful and timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of project, makes no comment on the likelihood of, or the risk of default upon failure of such completion. The investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

**L:** The letter L indicates that the rating pertains to the principal amount of those bonds to the extent that the underlying deposit collateral is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and interest is adequately collateralized. In the case of certificates of deposit, the letter L indicates that the deposit, combined with other deposits being held in the same right and capacity, will be honored for principal and accrued pre-default interest up to the

federal insurance limits within 30 days after closing of the insured institution or, in the event that the deposit is assumed by a successor insured institution, upon maturity.

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

**Municipal Notes**

S&P note ratings reflect the liquidity concerns and market access risks unique to notes. Notes due in 3 years or less will likely receive a note rating. Notes maturing beyond 3 years will most likely receive a long-term debt rating. The following criteria will be used in making that assessment:

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

Note rating symbols are as follows:

**SP-1:** Strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Those issues determined to possess very strong characteristics will be given a plus(+) designation.

**SP-2:** Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

**SP-3:** Speculative capacity to pay principal and interest.

### **Fitch Ratings**

#### **Investment Grade Bond Ratings**

**AAA:** Bonds considered to be investment grade and of the highest credit quality. The obligor has an exceptionally strong ability to pay interest and repay principal, which is unlikely to be affected by reasonably foreseeable events.

**AA:** Bonds considered to be investment grade and of very high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is very strong, although not quite as strong as bonds rated AAA. Because bonds rated in the AAA and AA categories are not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable future developments, short-term debt of these issuers is generally rated F-1+.

**A:** Bonds considered to be investment grade and of high credit quality. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal is considered to be strong, but may be more vulnerable to adverse changes in economic conditions and circumstances than bonds with higher ratings.

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

#### **High Yield Bond Ratings**

**BB:** Bonds are considered speculative. The obligor's ability to pay interest and repay principal may be affected over time by adverse economic changes. However, business and financial alternatives can be identified that could assist the obligor in satisfying its debt service requirements.

**B:** Bonds are considered highly speculative. While bonds in this class are currently meeting debt service requirements, the probability of continued timely payment of principal and interest reflects the obligor's limited margin of safety and the need for reasonable business and economic activity throughout the life of the issue.

**CCC:** Bonds have certain identifiable characteristics which, if not remedied, may lead to default. The ability to meet obligations requires an advantageous business and economic environment.

Explanation of Responses:

**CC:** Bonds are minimally protected. Default in payment of interest and/or principal seems probable over time.

**C:** Bonds are in imminent default in payment of interest or principal.

**DDD, DD, and D:** Bonds are in default on interest and/or principal payments. Such bonds are extremely speculative and should be valued on the basis of their ultimate recovery value in liquidation or reorganization of the obligor. DDD represents the highest potential for recovery on these bonds, and D represents the lowest potential for recovery.

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**Plus (+) or Minus (-):** The ratings from AA to C may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to indicate the relative position of a credit within the rating category.

**NR:** Indicates that Fitch does not rate the specific issue.

**Conditional:** A conditional rating is premised on the successful completion of a project or the occurrence of a specific event.

### **Investment Grade Short-Term Ratings**

Fitch's short-term ratings apply to debt obligations that are payable on demand or have original maturities of generally up to three years, including commercial paper, certificates of deposit, medium-term notes, and municipal and investment notes.

**F-1+:** Exceptionally Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest degree of assurance for timely payment.

**F-1:** Very Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating reflect an assurance of timely payment only slightly less in degree than issues rated F-1+.

**F-2:** Good Credit Quality. Issues carrying this rating have a satisfactory degree of assurance for timely payment, but the margin of safety is not as great as the F-1+ and F-1 categories.

**F-3:** Fair Credit Quality. Issues carrying this rating have characteristics suggesting that the degree of assurance for timely payment is adequate, however, near-term adverse change could cause these securities to be rated below investment grade.

### **Description of the Insurance Claims-Paying Ability Ratings of Standard & Poor's Ratings Group and Moody's Investors Service, Inc.**

An S&P insurance claims-paying ability rating is an assessment of an operating insurance company's financial capacity to meet obligations under an insurance policy in accordance with the terms. An insurer with an insurance claims-paying ability of AAA has the highest rating assigned by S&P. Capacity to honor insurance contracts is adjudged by S&P to be extremely strong and highly likely to remain so over a long period of time. A Moody's insurance claims-paying ability rating is an opinion of the ability of an insurance company to repay punctually senior policyholder obligations and claims. An insurer with an insurance claims-paying ability rating of Aaa is adjudged by Moody's to be of the best quality. In the opinion of Moody's, the policy obligations of an insurance company with an insurance claims-paying ability rating of Aaa carry the smallest degree of credit risk and, while the financial strength of these companies is likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the company's fundamentally strong position.

^ An insurance claims-paying ability rating by S&P's or Moody's does not constitute an opinion on any specific contract in that such an opinion can only be rendered upon the review of the specific insurance contract. Furthermore, an insurance claims-paying ability rating does not take in account deductibles, surrender or cancellation penalties or the timeliness of payment; nor does it address the ability of a company to meet nonpolicy obligations (*i.e.*, debt contracts).



The assignment of ratings by S&P or Moody's to debt issues that are fully or partially supported by insurance policies, contracts, or guarantees is a separate process from the determination of claims-paying ability ratings. The likelihood of a timely flow of funds from the insurer to the trustee for the bondholders is a key element in the rating determination of such debt issues.

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## APPENDIX B

### U.S. TERRITORIES

#### (PUERTO RICO, THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AND GUAM)

**Puerto Rico.** Puerto Rico has a diversified economy dominated by the manufacturing and service sectors. The North American Free Trade Agreement ( NAFTA ), which became effective January 1, 1994, has led to loss of lower wage jobs such as textiles, but economic growth in other areas, particularly tourism, pharmaceuticals, construction and the high technology areas have compensated for that loss.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico differs from the states in its relationship with the federal government. Most federal taxes, except those such as social security taxes that are imposed by mutual consent, are not levied in Puerto Rico. Section 936 of the Code has provided a tax credit for certain qualified U.S. corporations electing possessions corporation status. However, in 1993, Section 936 was amended to provide for two alternative limitations on the Section 936 credit attributable to certain active business income. The first limitation was based on the economic activity of the Section 936 possessions corporation. The second limited the credit to a specified percentage of the credit allowed under prior law. In 1996, Section 936 credit was repealed except that the credit attributable to possessions source business income with respect to certain existing credit claimants was subjected to a phase out over a ten year period (subject to additional caps).

Also in 1996, a new Section 30A was added to the Code. Section 30A permits a qualifying domestic corporation that meets certain gross income tests to claim a credit against the federal income tax in an amount equal to the portion of the tax which is attributable to the taxable income from sources outside of the United States, from the active conduct of a trade or business in Puerto Rico or from the sale of substantially all the assets used in such a trade or business. Section 30A was phased out January 1, 2006.

During the mid and late 1990s the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico benefited from a robust U.S. economy, more aggressive tax collections and low oil prices. This created an expanded employment base, job growth, reduction in unemployment, increase in tourism spending, real GDP growth in the 3.1% to 3.5% range and significant increases in General Fund cash balances from fiscal year end 1997 to fiscal year end 1999. These factors, combined with minimal negative impact from the 1996 federal legislation phasing out Section 936 tax benefits to Puerto Rico subsidiaries of U.S. Corporations, created a positive outlook for the credit in the late 1990s.

In fiscal year 2000, the outlook on the credit turned negative due to the slowdown in the U.S. economy (88% of Puerto Rico's exports go to the U.S.), uncertainty regarding increasing oil prices, failure of the government to reign in health care costs, expense overruns in education and a decreasing rate of employment growth. As a result, the General Fund recorded a \$268 million deficit in fiscal year 2000 due to increased education and health care spending.

A new administration, the Popular Democratic Party that favors Puerto Rico's commonwealth status over a potential statehood status, took office in January, 2001. It was not long before they realized the presence of continued fiscal stress and estimated a fiscal year 2001 budget shortfall of \$700 million. The shortfall was stated to be caused by weakened revenue growth due to the slowing pace of employment and a softening U.S. economy.

On May 30, 2001, S&P downgraded the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to an A- from an A due to continued years of operating deficits and the use of borrowing to cover the deficits. Puerto Rico continued to use deficit financing and cash transfers from other accounts to fill budget deficits for fiscal years 2002 - 2006. In fiscal year 2006, the Commonwealth hoped to balance the budget with cost saving measures and new excise taxes, but the deficit ballooned

to \$1.1 billion. As a result of continued annual deficits, and the 2 week shut down of non-essential government employees in May 2006, Moody's lowered the rating on Puerto Rico to Baa3 from Baa2 on May 8, 2006. S&P rates Puerto Rico BBB- after a downgrade from BBB in May 2007 and A- in September 2005. In 2007, the government made progress toward structural balances by instituting a sales tax and flat spending. As a result, Moody's changed their outlook from negative to stable last fall. However, due to the weakened economies of Puerto Rico and the U.S., Puerto Rico is estimating a bigger budget shortfall in fiscal year 2008.

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**The U.S. Virgin Islands.** The United States Virgin Islands ( USVI ) is heavily reliant on the tourism industry, with roughly 43% of non-agricultural employment in tourist-related trade and services. The tourism industry is economically sensitive and is adversely affected by the recession in the United States and Europe. The attacks of September 11, 2001 also had an adverse affect on tourism. For 2001, air passengers to the USVI were down 2.9% after increasing 12% in 2000. However, supported by an increase in cruise passengers, total visitors increased by 4.4% in 2001. An important component of the USVI revenue base is the federal excise tax on rum exports. Tax revenues rebated by the federal government to the USVI provide the primary security of many outstanding USVI bonds. Since more than 90% of the rum distilled in the USVI is distilled at one plant, any interruption in its operations (as occurred after Hurricane Hugo in 1989) would adversely affect these revenues. The last major hurricane to impact the USVI was Hurricane Marilyn on September 15, 1995. Consequently, there can be no assurance that rum exports to the United States and the rebate of tax revenues to the USVI will continue at their present levels. The preferential tariff treatment the USVI rum industry currently enjoys could be reduced under NAFTA. Increased competition from Mexican rum producers could reduce USVI rum imported to the U.S., decreasing excise tax revenues generated.

The USVI is periodically hit by hurricanes. Several hurricanes have caused extensive damage, which has had a negative impact on revenue collections. In addition, eventual elimination of the Section 936 tax credit for those companies with operations in USVI may lead to slower growth in the future. Moody s assigned a Baa3 rating to the territory and S&P a BBB- in September 2006.

**Guam.** The U.S. territory of Guam derives a substantial portion of its economic base from Japanese tourism. With a reduced U.S. military presence on the island, Guam has relied more heavily on tourism in past years. During 1998, the Japanese recession combined with the impact of typhoon Paka resulted in a budget deficit of \$21 million. Based on these factors, S&P downgraded Guam's rating to BBB- from BBB with a negative outlook on May 26, 1999. Although total visitors improved in 1999 and 2000, they were weakened by economic slowdowns and the effects of the September 11th terrorist attacks in 2001. In 2002 Guam was hit with two major typhoons and impacted by the global economic slowdown. These negative trends have had an unfavorable effect on Guam s financial position with consistent general fund deficits from 1997-2002 with the exception of a small surplus in 2000. Guam also has a high debt burden with outstanding debt per capita of \$2,700 and debt service representing 16% of expenditures. These factors caused S&P to downgrade Guam s rating to BB (below investment grade) from BBB on March 25, 2002. Due to continued economic weakness and the negative effects of the typhoons in 2002, S&P further downgraded Guam s debt to B from BB on May 6, 2003. Guam is not rated by Moody s.

## APPENDIX C

### DESCRIPTION OF INSURERS

The following information relates to the Insured Fund and supplements the information contained under Additional Information about Investment Policies <sup>^</sup>. Insurance.

*In General.* Insured obligations held by a Fund will be insured as to their scheduled payment of principal and interest under (i) an insurance policy obtained by the issuer or underwriter of the obligation at the time of its original issuance ( Issue Insurance ), (ii) an insurance policy obtained by the Fund or a third party subsequent to the obligation's original issuance ( Secondary Market Insurance ) or (iii) a municipal insurance policy purchased by the Fund ( Portfolio Insurance ). Each Fund anticipates that all or substantially all of its insured obligations will be subject to Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance. Although the insurance feature reduces certain financial risks, the premiums for Portfolio Insurance (which, if purchased by a Fund, are paid from the Fund's assets) and the higher market price paid for obligations covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance reduce a Fund's current yield.

Insurance will cover the timely payment of interest and principal on obligations and will be obtained from insurers with a claims-paying ability rated at least Baa by Moody's or BBB by S&P or Fitch, provided that at least 50% of such net assets is invested in obligations insured by insurers having a claims-paying ability rated at least A by Moody's, S&P or Fitch. Obligations insured by any insurer with such a claims-paying ability rating will generally carry the same rating or credit risk as the insurer. See the Appendix in Part I for a brief description of Moody's, Fitch's and S&P's claims-paying ability ratings. Such insurers must guarantee the timely payment of all principal and interest on obligations as they become due. Such insurance may, however, provide that in the event of non-payment of interest or principal when due with respect to an insured obligation, the insurer is not obligated to make such payment until a specified time period has lapsed (which may be 30 days or more after it has been notified by a Fund that such non-payment has occurred). For these purposes, a payment of principal is due only at final maturity of the obligation and not at the time any earlier sinking fund payment is due. While the insurance will guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest, it does not guarantee the market value of the obligations or the net asset value of a Fund.

Obligations are generally eligible to be insured under Portfolio Insurance if, at the time of purchase by a Fund, they are identified separately or by category in qualitative guidelines furnished by the portfolio insurer and are in compliance with the aggregate limitations on amounts set forth in such guidelines. Premium variations are based, in part, on the rating of the obligations being insured at the time a Fund purchases the obligations. The insurer may prospectively withdraw particular obligations from the classifications of securities eligible for insurance or change the aggregate amount limitation of each issue or category of eligible obligations. The insurer must, however, continue to insure the full amount of the obligations previously acquired which the insurer has indicated are eligible for insurance, so long as they continue to be held by a Fund. The qualitative guidelines and aggregate amount limitations established by the insurer from time to time will not necessarily be the same as those a Fund would use to govern selection of obligations for a Fund. Therefore, from time to time such guidelines and limitations may affect investment decisions in the event a Fund's securities are insured by Portfolio Insurance.

For Portfolio Insurance that terminates upon the sale of the insured security, the insurance does not have any effect on the resale value of such security. Therefore, a Fund will generally retain any insured obligations which are in default or, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, are in significant risk of default and place a value on the insurance. This value will be equal to the difference between the market value of the defaulted insured obligations and the market value of similar obligations which are not in default. As a result, the Investment Adviser may be unable to manage the securities held by a Fund to the extent the Fund holds defaulted insured obligations, which will limit its ability in

certain circumstances to purchase other obligations. While a defaulted insured obligation is held by a Fund, the Fund will continue to pay the insurance premium thereon but will also collect interest payments from the insurer and retain the right to collect the full amount of principal from the insurer when the insured obligation becomes due. Each Fund expects that the market value of a defaulted insured obligation covered by Issue Insurance or Secondary Market Insurance will generally be greater than the market value of an otherwise comparable defaulted obligation covered by Portfolio Insurance.

Each Fund may also invest in obligations that are secured by an escrow or trust account which contains securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, and sufficient in amount to ensure the payment of interest on and principal of the secured

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obligation ( collateralized obligations ). Collateralized obligations generally are regarded as having the credit characteristics of the underlying U.S. Government, agency or instrumentality securities. These obligations will not be subject to Issue Insurance, Secondary Market Insurance or Portfolio Insurance, but will not be considered to be insured obligations for purposes of the Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of its net assets in insured obligations.

*Principal Insurers.* ^ Currently, Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Corporation ( MBIA ), Financial Guaranty Insurance Company ( FGIC ), AMBAC Indemnity Corporation ( AMBAC ), Assured Guarantee Corporation ( AGC ), Radian Asset Assurance ( Radian ), Syncora Guarantee Inc. (formerly XL Capital Assurance ^ Inc. ( Syncora ), Berkshire Hathaway Assurance Corp. ( BHAC ), Financial Security Assurance Corp., together with its affiliated insurance companies--Financial Security Assurance International Inc. and Financial Security Assurance of Oklahoma, Inc. (collectively, FSA )and CIFG North America ( CIFG NA ), are ^ all insurers in which funds have ^ exposure. Additional insurers may be added without further notification. ^ The following information concerning these ^ insurers is based upon information provided by such insurers or information filed with certain state insurance regulators.^ The Funds have not independently verified such information and make no representations as to the accuracy and adequacy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes subsequent to the date thereof.

MBIA is a monoline financial guaranty insurance company created from an unincorporated association (the Municipal Bond Insurance Association), through which its members wrote municipal bond insurance on a several and joint-basis through 1986. ^ Since then MBIA has expanded its bond insurance business to include asset-backed securities, corporate debt through Collateralized Debt Obligations ( CDOs ) and commercial real estate. ^ MBIA issues municipal bond insurance policies guarantying the timely payment of principal and interest on new municipal bond issues and leasing obligations of municipal entities, secondary market insurance of such instruments and insurance on such instruments held in unit investment trusts and mutual funds. ^ As of December 31, 2007, MBIA had total assets of approximately \$47.4 billion and approximately \$14.6 billion of claims paying resources. ^ MBIA has a claims-paying ability rating of AA^ by S&P^ and A2 by Moody s^ . The Fitch Rating was withdrawn recently upon request of MBIA. While the deal has not yet closed MBIA has stated its intention to purchase a large portion of FGIC's public finance portfolio.

^ FGIC, a wholly owned subsidiary of FGIC Corporation, which prior to December 18, 2003 was a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Electric Capital Corporation and was sold on that date for approximately \$2.18 billion to an investor group consisting of The PMI Group, The Blackstone Group, The Cypress Group and CIVC Partners L.P., is an insurer of municipal securities, including new issues, securities held in unit investment trusts and mutual funds, and those traded on secondary markets.^ The investors in FGIC Corporation are not obligated to pay the debts of or claims against FGIC. ^ As of December 31, 2007, FGIC had total assets of approximately \$6.4 billion and approximately \$5.4 billion of claims paying resources. ^ FGIC has a claims-paying ability rating of BB by S&P, ^CCC by Fitch, and ^B1 by Moody s. While the deal has not yet closed MBIA has stated its intention to purchase a large portion of FGIC's public finance portfolio.

AMBAC, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMBAC Inc., is a monoline insurance company whose policies guaranty the payment of principal and interest on municipal obligations issues. Ambac recently commuted a \$1.4 billion CDO transaction. As of December 31, 2007, AMBAC had assets of approximately \$23.6 billion and claims paying resources of approximately \$14.5 billion.^ AMBAC has a claims^ paying ability rating of AA^ by S&P^ and Aa3 by Moody s^ . The Fitch Rating was withdrawn recently upon request of AMBAC.

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AGC, a subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd., is a Maryland-domiciled financial guaranty insurance company focusing on mortgage-backed, asset-backed, public finance, structured finance and structured credit markets. As of December 31, 2007, AGC had total assets of approximately \$1.9 billion and approximately \$2.1 billion of claims paying resources. AGC has a claims-paying ability rating of AAA by S&P and Fitch and Aaa by Moody s.

Radian is a wholly owned subsidiary of Radian Group Inc. Radian is rated A3 by S&P and BBB+ by Moody s. The Fitch Rating was withdrawn recently upon request of Radian. ^ The company provides financial guaranty insurance and reinsurance for debt and asset backed securities. ^ Radian was formerly known as Asset Guarantee Company and was purchased by Radian Group for \$518 million in February 2001. ^ As of December 31, 2007 Radian had assets of \$8.2 billion and claims paying resources of \$3.2 billion.

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Syncora is a financial guarantor and wholly owned subsidiary of property casualty insurer ^ Syncora Holdings Ltd. (formerly Security Capital Assurance Ltd.) Syncora began transactions in January of 2001 and is rated ^ B2/BBB-

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by Moody's and S&P, respectively while Fitch rates ^ Syncora at ^ CCC. Syncora Holdings Ltd. guarantees 100% of ^ Syncora's exposure with \$3.6 billion in claims paying resources and \$3.6 billion in assets as of December 31, 2007. Syncora was able to commute eight credit swaps and related financial guarantee insurance policies with Merrill Lynch Co.

^ Berkshire Hathaway Assurance Corp, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. has been participating in providing financial guaranty insurance and reinsurance for public finance debt. Berkshire has a claims-paying ability rating of AAA by S&P and Aaa by Moody's. Berkshire did not request a rating from Fitch.

FSA purchased Capital Guaranty Insurance Company including its book of business and reserves effective December 20, 1995.^ FSA is a monoline insurer whose policies guaranty the timely payment of principal and interest on new issue and secondary market issue municipal securities transactions, among other financial obligations. ^ On March 14, 2000, Dexia, Europe's largest municipal lender with assets in excess of \$230 billion announced that it had signed a definitive agreement providing for the acquisition of FSA Holdings, holding company for FSA, Inc. ^ Dexia acquired the company in the second quarter of 2000, for \$2.6 billion in cash, or \$76 per share. ^ As of December 31, 2007, FSA had total assets of approximately \$28 billion and claims paying resources of \$6.7 billion. FSA has a claims-paying ability rating of AAA by S&P and Fitch and Aaa by Moody's.

CIFG is owned by France based Caisse Nationale des Caisses d'Epargne (CNCE) and Banque Federale des Banques Populaires (BFBP). CIFG NA insures primary and secondary market transactions in North America, primarily in the CDO and municipal market. ^ CIFG is rated Ba2 by Moody's, ^ B by S&P and ^ CCC by Fitch. As of ^ December 31, 2007, CIFG has claims paying resources of \$^ 3 billion and total assets of \$^ 2.6 billion. CIFG has recently announced that it is seeking to reinsure its public finance portfolio with a double A rated insurer. In addition, CIFG has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with 75% of its credit default swap counterparties and bondholders on its ABS CDO and CRE CDO exposure. Upon closing this will commute approximately \$12 billion in notional exposure.

## APPENDIX D

### PROXY VOTING POLICIES

#### EATON VANCE FUNDS

#### PROXY VOTING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

##### I. Overview

The Boards of Trustees (the **Boards**) of the Eaton Vance Funds (the **Funds**) recognize that it is their fiduciary responsibility to actively monitor the Funds' operations. The Boards have always placed paramount importance on their oversight of the implementation of the Funds' investment strategies and the overall management of the Funds' investments. A critical aspect of the investment management of the Funds continues to be the effective assessment and voting of proxies relating to the Funds' portfolio securities. While the Boards will continue to delegate the day-to-day responsibilities relating to the management of the proxy-voting process to the relevant investment adviser or sub-adviser, if applicable, of the Fund (or its underlying portfolio in the case of a master-feeder arrangement), the Boards have determined that it is in the interests of the Funds' shareholders to adopt these written proxy voting policy and procedures (the **Policy**). For purposes of this Policy the term **Fund** shall include a Fund's underlying portfolio in the case of a master-feeder arrangement and the term **Adviser** shall mean the adviser to a Fund or its sub-adviser if a sub-advisory relationship exists.

##### II. Delegation of Proxy Voting Responsibilities

Pursuant to investment advisory agreements between each Fund and its Adviser, the Adviser has long been responsible for reviewing proxy statements relating to Fund investments and, if the Adviser deems it appropriate to do so, to vote proxies on behalf of the Funds. The Boards hereby formally delegate this responsibility to the Adviser, except as otherwise described in this Policy. In so doing, the Boards hereby adopt on behalf of each Fund the proxy voting policies and procedures of the Adviser(s) to each Fund as the proxy voting policies and procedures of the Fund. The Boards recognize that the Advisers may from time to time amend their policies and procedures. The Advisers will report material changes to the Boards in the manner set forth in Section V below. In addition, the Boards will annually review and approve the Advisers' proxy voting policies and procedures.

##### III. Delegation of Proxy Voting Disclosure Responsibilities

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the **Commission**) recently enacted certain new reporting requirements for registered investment companies. The Commission's new regulations require that funds (other than those which invest exclusively in non-voting securities) make certain disclosures regarding their proxy voting activities. The most significant disclosure requirement for the Funds is the duty pursuant to Rule 30b1-4 promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the **1940 Act**), to file Form N-PX no later than August 31 of each year beginning in 2004. Under Form N-PX, each Fund will be required to disclose, among other things, information concerning proxies relating to the Fund's portfolio investments, whether or not the Fund (or its Adviser) voted the proxies relating to securities held by the Fund and how it voted in the matter and whether it voted for or against management.

The Boards hereby delegate to each Adviser the responsibility for recording, compiling and transmitting in a timely manner all data required to be filed on Form N-PX to Eaton Vance Management, which acts as administrator to each of the Funds (the **Administrator**), for each Fund that such Adviser manages. The Boards hereby delegate the responsibility to file Form N-PX on behalf of each Fund to the Administrator.

#### **IV. Conflicts of Interest**

The Boards expect each Adviser, as a fiduciary to the Fund(s) it manages, to put the interests of each Fund and its shareholders above those of the Adviser. In the event that in connection with its proxy voting responsibilities a material conflict of interest arises between a Fund's shareholders and the Fund's Adviser or the Administrator (or any of their affiliates) or any affiliated person of the Fund, and the Proxy Administrator intends to vote the proxy in a manner inconsistent with the guidelines approved by the Board, the Adviser, to the extent it is aware or reasonably should have been aware of the material conflict, will refrain from voting any proxies related to companies giving

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rise to such material conflict until it notifies and consults with the appropriate Board(s), or a committee or subcommittee of such Board concerning the material conflict.

Once the Adviser notifies the relevant Board(s), committee or sub-committee of the Board, of the material conflict, the Board(s), committee or sub-committee, shall convene a meeting to review and consider all relevant materials related to the proxies involved. In considering such proxies, the Adviser shall make available all materials requested by the Board, committee or sub-committee and make reasonably available appropriate personnel to discuss the matter upon request. The Board, committee or sub-committee will instruct the Adviser on the appropriate course of action. If the Board, committee or sub-committee is unable to meet and the failure to vote a proxy would have a material adverse impact on the Fund(s) involved, each Adviser will have the right to vote such proxy, provided that it discloses the existence of the material conflict to the Board, committee or sub-committee at its next meeting. Any determination regarding the voting of proxies of each Fund that is made by the committee or sub-committee shall be deemed to be a good faith determination regarding the voting of proxies by the full Board.

## **V. Reports**

The Administrator shall make copies of each Form N-PX filed on behalf of the Funds available for the Boards' review upon the Boards' request. The Administrator (with input from the Adviser for the relevant Fund(s)) shall also provide any reports reasonably requested by the Boards regarding the proxy voting records of the Funds.

Each Adviser shall annually report any material changes to such Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures to the relevant Board(s) and the relevant Board(s) will annually review and approve the Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures. Each Adviser shall report any changes to such Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures to the Administrator prior to implementing such changes in order to enable the Administrator to effectively coordinate the Funds' disclosure relating to such policies and procedures.

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**EATON VANCE MANAGEMENT  
BOSTON MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH  
PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**I. Introduction**

Eaton Vance Management, Boston Management and Research and Eaton Vance Investment Counsel (each an Adviser and collectively the Advisers ) have each adopted and implemented policies and procedures that each Adviser believes are reasonably designed to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of clients, in accordance with its fiduciary duties and Rule 206(4)-6 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Advisers' authority to vote the proxies of their clients is established by their advisory contracts or similar documentation, such as the Eaton Vance Funds Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures. These proxy policies and procedures reflect the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) requirements governing advisers and the long-standing fiduciary standards and responsibilities for ERISA accounts set out in the Department of Labor Bulletin 94-2 C.F.R. 2509.94 -2 (July 29, 1994).

**II. Overview**

Each Adviser manages its clients' assets with the overriding goal of seeking to provide the greatest possible return to such clients consistent with governing laws and the investment policies of each client. In pursuing that goal, each Adviser seeks to exercise its clients' rights as shareholders of voting securities to support sound corporate governance of the companies issuing those securities with the principle aim of maintaining or enhancing the companies' economic value.

The exercise of shareholder rights is generally done by casting votes by proxy at shareholder meetings on matters submitted to shareholders for approval (for example, the election of directors or the approval of a company's stock option plans for directors, officers or employees). Each Adviser is adopting the formal written Guidelines described in detail below and will utilize such Guidelines in voting proxies on behalf of its clients. These Guidelines are designed to promote accountability of a company's management and board of directors to its shareholders and to align the interests of management with those of shareholders.

Each Adviser will vote any proxies received by a client for which it has sole investment discretion through a third-party proxy voting service ( Agent ) in accordance with customized policies, as approved by the Boards of Trustees of the Eaton Vance Funds and, with respect to proxies referred back to the Adviser by the Agent pursuant to the Guidelines, in a manner that is reasonably designed to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest, as described more fully below. The Agent is currently Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. Proxies will be voted in accordance with client-specific guidelines and an Eaton Vance Fund's sub-adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures, if applicable.

No set of guidelines can anticipate all situations that may arise. In special cases, the Proxy Administrator (the person specifically charged with the responsibility to oversee the Agent and coordinate the voting of proxies referred back to the Adviser by the Agent) may seek insight from the Proxy Group established by the Advisers. The Proxy Group will assist in the review of the Agent's recommendation when a proxy voting issue is referred to the Proxy Group through the Proxy Administrator. The members of the Proxy Group, which may include employees of the Advisers' affiliates, may change at the Advisers' discretion.

**^ III. Roles and Responsibilities**

**A. Proxy Administrator**

The Proxy Administrator will assist in the coordination of the voting of each client's proxy in accordance with the Guidelines below and the Funds' Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures. The Proxy Administrator is authorized to direct the Agent to vote a proxy in accordance with the Guidelines. Responsibilities assigned herein to the Proxy Administrator, or activities in support thereof, may be performed by such members of the Proxy Group or employees of the Advisers' affiliates as are deemed appropriate by the Proxy Group.

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## **B. Agent**

An independent proxy voting service (the Agent), as approved by the Board of each Fund, shall be engaged to assist in the voting of proxies. The Agent is currently Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. The Agent is responsible for coordinating with the clients' custodians and the Advisers to ensure that all proxy materials received by the custodians relating to the portfolio securities are processed in a timely fashion. The Agent is required to vote and/or refer all proxies in accordance with the Guidelines below. The Agent shall retain a record of all proxy votes handled by the Agent. Such record must reflect all of the information required to be disclosed in a Fund's Form N-PX pursuant to Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. In addition, the Agent is responsible for maintaining copies of all proxy statements received by issuers and to promptly provide such materials to an Adviser upon request.

Subject to the oversight of the Advisers, the Agent shall establish and maintain adequate internal controls and policies in connection with the provision of proxy voting services to the Advisers, including methods to reasonably ensure that its analysis and recommendations are not influenced by a conflict of interest, and shall disclose such controls and policies to the Advisers when and as provided for herein. Unless otherwise specified, references herein to recommendations of the Agent shall refer to those in which no conflict of interest has been identified.

## **C. Proxy Group**

The Adviser shall establish a Proxy Group which shall assist in the review of the Agent's recommendations when a proxy voting issue has been referred to the Proxy Administrator by the Agent. The members of the Proxy Group, which may include employees of the Advisers' affiliates, may be amended from time to time at the Advisers' discretion.

For each proposal referred to the Proxy Group, the Proxy Group will review the (i) Guidelines, (ii) recommendations of the Agent, and (iii) any other resources that any member of the Proxy Group deems appropriate to aid in a determination of the recommendation.

If the Proxy Group recommends a vote in accordance with the Guidelines, or the recommendation of the Agent, where applicable, it shall instruct the Proxy Administrator to so advise the Agent.

If the Proxy Group recommends a vote contrary to the Guidelines, or the recommendation of the Agent, where applicable, or if the proxy statement relates to a conflicted company of the Agent, as determined by the Advisers, it shall follow the procedures for such voting outlined below.

The Proxy Administrator shall use best efforts to convene the Proxy Group with respect to all matters requiring its consideration. In the event the Proxy Group cannot meet in a timely manner in connection with a voting deadline, the Proxy Administrator shall follow the procedures for such voting outlined below.

## **IV. Proxy Voting Guidelines ( Guidelines )**

### **A. General Policies**

It shall generally be the policy of the Advisers to take no action on a proxy for which no client holds a position or otherwise maintains an economic interest in the relevant security at the time the vote is to be cast.

In all cases except those highlighted below, it shall generally be the policy of the Advisers to vote in accordance with the recommendation by the Agent, Institutional Shareholder Services Inc.

When a fund client participates in the lending of its securities and the securities are on loan at the record date, proxies related to such securities generally will not be forwarded to the relevant Adviser by the fund's custodian and therefore will not be voted. In the event that the Adviser determines that the matters involved would have a material effect on the applicable fund's investment in the loaned securities, the fund will exercise its best efforts to terminate the loan in time to be able to cast such vote or exercise such consent.

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Interpretation and application of these Guidelines is not intended to supersede any law, regulation, binding agreement or other legal requirement to which an issuer may be or become subject. The Guidelines relate to the types of proposals that are most frequently presented in proxy statements to shareholders. Absent unusual circumstances, each Adviser will utilize these Guidelines when voting proxies on behalf of its clients. The Guidelines may be revised at any time, provided such revisions are reported to the Boards of Trustees of the Eaton Vance Funds.

#### **B. Proposals Regarding Mergers and Corporate Restructurings**

The Agent shall be directed to refer proxy proposals accompanied by its written analysis and voting recommendation to the Proxy Administrator for all proposals relating to Mergers and Corporate Restructurings.

#### **C. Proposals Regarding Mutual Fund Proxies Disposition of Assets/Termination/Liquidation and Mergers**

The Agent shall be directed to refer proxy proposals accompanied by its written analysis and voting recommendation to the Proxy Administrator for all proposals relating to the Disposition of Assets/Termination/Liquidation and Mergers contained in mutual fund proxies.

#### **D. Corporate Structure Matters/Anti-Takeover Defenses**

As a general matter, the Advisers will normally vote against anti-takeover measures and other proposals designed to limit the ability of shareholders to act on possible transactions (except in the case of closed-end management investment companies).

#### **E. Social and Environmental Issues**

The Advisers generally support management on social and environmental proposals.

#### **F. Voting Procedures**

Upon receipt of a referral from the Agent or upon advice from an Eaton Vance investment professional, the Proxy Administrator may solicit additional research from the Agent, as well as from any other source or service.

##### **1. WITHIN-GUIDELINES VOTES: Votes in Accordance with the Guidelines and/or, where applicable, Agent Recommendation**

In the event the Proxy Administrator recommends a vote within Guidelines and/or, where applicable, in accordance with the Agent's recommendation, the Proxy Administrator will instruct the Agent to vote in this manner.

##### **2. NON-VOTES: Votes in Which No Action is Taken**

The Proxy Administrator may recommend that a client refrain from voting under the following circumstances: (i) if the economic effect on shareholders' interests or the value of the portfolio holding is indeterminable or insignificant, *e. g.*, proxies in connection with securities no longer held in the portfolio of a client or proxies being considered on behalf of a client that is no longer in existence; or (ii) if the cost of voting a proxy outweighs the benefits, *e. g.*, certain international proxies, particularly in cases in which share blocking practices may impose trading restrictions on the relevant portfolio security. In such instances, the Proxy Administrator may instruct the Agent not to vote such proxy.

Reasonable efforts shall be made to secure and vote all other proxies for the clients, but, particularly in markets in which shareholders' rights are limited, Non-Votes may also occur in connection with a client's related inability to timely access ballots or other proxy information in connection with its portfolio securities.

Non-Votes may also result in certain cases in which the Agent's recommendation has been deemed to be conflicted, as provided for herein.

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**3. OUT-OF-GUIDELINES VOTES: Votes Contrary to Guidelines, or Agent Recommendation, where applicable, Where No Recommendation is Provided by Agent, or Where Agent's Recommendation is Conflicted**

If the Proxy Administrator recommends that a client vote contrary to the Guidelines, or the recommendation of the Agent, where applicable, if the Agent has made no recommendation on a matter requiring case-by-case consideration and the Guidelines are silent, or the Agent's recommendation on a matter requiring case-by-case consideration is deemed to be conflicted, the Proxy Administrator will forward the Agent's analysis and recommendation and any research obtained from the Agent or any other source to the Proxy Group. The Proxy Group may consult with the Agent as it deems necessary. The Proxy Administrator will instruct the Agent to vote the proxy as recommended by the Proxy Group. The Adviser will provide a report to the Boards of Trustees of the Eaton Vance Funds reflecting any votes cast contrary to the Guidelines or Agent Recommendation, as applicable, and shall do so no less than annually.

The Proxy Administrator will maintain a record of all proxy questions that have been referred by the Agent, all applicable recommendations, analysis and research received and any resolution of the matter.

**V. Recordkeeping**

The Advisers will maintain records relating to the proxies they vote on behalf of their clients in accordance with Section 204-2 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Those records will include:

- A copy of the Advisers' proxy voting policies and procedures;
- Proxy statements received regarding client securities. Such proxy statements received from issuers are either in the SEC's EDGAR database or are kept by the Agent and are available upon request;
- A record of each vote cast;
- A copy of any document created by the Advisers that was material to making a decision on how to vote a proxy for a client or that memorializes the basis for such a decision; and
- Each written client request for proxy voting records and the Advisers' written response to any client request (whether written or oral) for such records.

All records described above will be maintained in an easily accessible place for five years and will be maintained in the offices of the Advisers or their Agent for two years after they are created.

**VI. Assessment of Agent and Identification and Resolution of Conflicts with Clients**

**A. Assessment of Agent**

The Advisers shall establish that the Agent (i) is independent from the Advisers, (ii) has resources that indicate it can competently provide analysis of proxy issues, and (iii) can make recommendations in an impartial manner and in the best interests of the clients and, where applicable, their beneficial owners. The Advisers shall utilize, and the Agent shall comply with, such methods for establishing the foregoing as the Advisers may deem reasonably appropriate and shall do so not less than annually as well as prior to engaging the services of any new proxy voting service. The Agent shall also notify the Advisers in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of any material change to information previously provided to an Adviser in connection with establishing the Agent's independence, competence or impartiality.

**B. Conflicts of Interest**

As fiduciaries to their clients, each Adviser puts the interests of its clients ahead of its own. In order to ensure that relevant personnel of the Advisers are able to identify potential material conflicts of interest, each Adviser will take the following steps:

- Quarterly, the Eaton Vance Legal and Compliance Department will seek information from the department heads of each department of the Advisers and of Eaton Vance Distributors, Inc. ( EVD ) (an affiliate of the Advisers and principal underwriter of certain Eaton Vance Funds).

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Each department head will be asked to provide a list of significant clients or prospective clients of the Advisers or EVD.

A representative of the Legal and Compliance Department will compile a list of the companies identified (the Conflicted Companies ) and provide that list to the Proxy Administrator.

The Proxy Administrator will compare the list of Conflicted Companies with the names of companies for which he or she has been referred a proxy statement (the Proxy Companies ). If a Conflicted Company is also a Proxy Company, the Proxy Administrator will report that fact to the Proxy Group.

If the Proxy Administrator expects to instruct the Agent to vote the proxy of the Conflicted Company strictly according to the Guidelines contained in these Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (the Policies ) or the recommendation of the Agent, as applicable, he or she will (i) inform the Proxy Group of that fact, (ii) instruct the Agent to vote the proxies and (iii) record the existence of the material conflict and the resolution of the matter. If the Proxy Administrator intends to instruct the Agent to vote in a manner inconsistent with the Guidelines contained herein or the recommendation of the Agent, as applicable, the Proxy Group, in consultation with Eaton Vance senior management, will then determine if a material conflict of interest exists between the relevant Adviser and its clients. If the Proxy Group, in consultation with Eaton Vance senior management, determines that a material conflict exists, prior to instructing the Agent to vote any proxies relating to these Conflicted Companies the Adviser will seek instruction on how the proxy should be voted from:

- o The client, in the case of an individual or corporate client;
- o In the case of a Fund, its board of directors, or any committee or sub-committee identified by the board; or
- o The adviser, in situations where the Adviser acts as a sub-adviser to such adviser.

The Adviser will provide all reasonable assistance to each party to enable such party to make an informed decision.

If the client, Fund board or adviser, as the case may be, fails to instruct the Adviser on how to vote the proxy, the Adviser will generally instruct the Agent, through the Proxy Administrator, to abstain from voting in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety. If however, the failure of the Adviser to vote its clients' proxies would have a material adverse economic impact on the Advisers' clients' securities holdings in the Conflicted Company, the Adviser may instruct the Agent, through the Proxy Administrator, to vote such proxies in order to protect its clients' interests. In either case, the Proxy Administrator will record the existence of the material conflict and the resolution of the matter.

The Advisers shall also identify and address conflicts that may arise from time to time concerning the Agent. Upon the Advisers' request, which shall be not less than annually, and within fifteen (15) calendar days of any material change to such information previously provided to an Adviser, the Agent shall provide the Advisers with such information as the Advisers deem reasonable and appropriate for use in determining material relationships of the Agent that may pose a conflict of interest with respect to the Agent's proxy analysis or recommendations. Such information shall include, but is not limited to, a monthly report from the Agent detailing the Agent's Corporate Securities Division clients and related revenue data. The Advisers shall review such information on a monthly basis. The Proxy Administrator shall instruct the Agent to refer any proxies for which a material conflict of the Agent is deemed to be present to the Proxy Administrator. Any such proxy referred by the Agent shall be referred to the Proxy Group for consideration accompanied by the Agent's written analysis and voting recommendation. The Proxy Administrator will instruct the Agent to vote the proxy as recommended by the Proxy Group.

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**Eaton Vance Insured Municipal Bond Fund**  
**Eaton Vance Insured Florida Plus Municipal Bond Fund**

**Statement of Additional Information**  
**September 12, 2008**

**Investment Adviser and Administrator**

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**PART C**

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 15. Indemnification**

Article IV of the Registrant's Agreement and Declaration of Trust permits Trustee and officer indemnification by By-Law, contract and vote. Article XI of the By-Laws contains indemnification provisions.

The Registrant's Trustees and officers are insured under a standard mutual fund errors and omissions insurance policy covering loss incurred by reason of negligent errors and omissions committed in their capacities as such.

The advisory agreement of the Registrant provides the investment adviser limitation of liability to the Trust and its shareholders in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of obligations or duties under the agreement.

The underwriting agreement of the Registrant also provides for reciprocal indemnity of the principal underwriter, on the one hand, and the Trustees and officers, on the other.

**Item 16. Exhibits**

- (1)(a) Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated July 2, 2002 is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's initial Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 333-91946 and 811-21142) as to the Registrant's common shares of beneficial interest ( Common Shares ) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on July 3, 2002 (Accession No. 0000898432-02-000461) ( Initial Common Shares Registration Statement ).
- (b) Amendment to Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated August 11, 2008 filed herewith.
- (2)(a) By-Laws are incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (b) Amended By-Laws incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's APS Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form N-2 (File No. 333-100085) and Amendment No. 1 (File No. 811-21142) filed with the Commission on October 24, 2002 (Accession No. 0000950135-02-004600) ( APS Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 ).
- (c) Amendment to By-Laws dated October 1, 2002 filed as Exhibit (2)(c) to the Registrant's N-14 filed July 18, 2008 (Accession No. 0000940394-08-001104) (the Initial N-14 ) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) Amendment to By-Laws dated February 10, 2003 filed as Exhibit (2)(d) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (e) Amendment to By-Laws dated December 20, 2004 filed as Exhibit (2)(e) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.



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- (f) Amendment to By-Laws dated February 7, 2005 filed as Exhibit (2)(f) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
  - (g) Amendment to By-Laws dated February 8, 2005 filed as Exhibit (2)(g) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
  - (h) Amendment to By-Laws dated September 15, 2005 filed as Exhibit (2)(h) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
  - (i) Amendment to By-Laws dated December 11, 2006 filed as Exhibit (2)(i) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
  - (j) Amendment to By-Laws dated August 11, 2008 filed herewith.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Form of Agreement and Plan of Reorganization filed herewith as Appendix A to the Proxy Statement/Prospectus and included in Part A of this Registration Statement.
- (5)(a) Form of Specimen Certificate for Common Shares of Beneficial Interest incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's Initial Common Shares Registration Statement.
- (b) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series A Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to the Registrant's initial Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File Nos. 333-100085 and 811-21142) as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares ( APS ) filed with the Commission on September 25, 2002 (Accession No. 0000898432-02-000659) ( Initial APS Registration Statement ).
- (c) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series B Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (d) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series C Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (e) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series D Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (f) Form of Specimen Certificate of Series E Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Initial APS Registration Statement.
- (6) Investment Advisory Agreement dated July 25, 2002 is incorporated herein by reference to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Common Shares Registration Statement filed with the Commission on July 26, 2002 (Accession No. 0000950135-02-003436) ( Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 ).
- (7)(a) Form of Underwriting Agreement as to Registrant's Common Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 filed with the Commission on August 27, 2002 (Accession No.

0000950135-02-003953) ( Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 ).

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- (b) Form of Master Agreement Among Underwriters as to Registrant's Common Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3.
- (c) Form of Master Selected Dealers Agreement as to Registrant's Common Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3.
- (d) Form of Underwriting Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's APS Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.
- (e) Form of Master Agreement Among Underwriters as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3.
- (f) Form of Master Selected Dealers Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3.
- (8) Not applicable.
- (9) (a) Master Custodian Agreement with Investors Bank & Trust Company dated July 25, 2002 is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.  
  
(b) Extension Agreement dated August 31, 2005 to Master Custodian Agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company (as successor to Investors Bank & Trust Company) filed as Exhibit (j)(2) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 of Eaton Vance Tax-Managed Global Buy-Write Opportunities Fund (File Nos. 333-123961, 811-21745) filed with the Commission on September 26, 2005 (Accession No. 0000950135-05-005528) and incorporated herein by reference.  
  
(c) Delegation Agreement dated December 11, 2000, with State Street Bank and Trust Company (as successor to Investors Bank & Trust Company) filed as Exhibit (j)(e) to the Eaton Vance Prime Rate Reserves N-2, Amendment No. 5 (File Nos. 333-32267, 811-05808) filed April 3, 2002 (Accession No. 0000940394-01-500126) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Not applicable.
- (11) Opinion and Consent of Internal Counsel as to legality of securities being registered by Registrant filed herewith.
- (12) Opinion of K&L Gates LLP as to tax matters and consent to be filed by amendment.
- (13)(a) Transfer Agency and Services Agreement dated February 5, 2007 filed as Exhibit (k)(1) to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 of Eaton Vance Risk-Managed Diversified Equity Income Fund (File Nos. 333-141981, 811-22044) filed with the Commission on June 6, 2007 (Accession No. 0000950135-07-003798) and incorporated herein by reference.

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- (b) Amendment effective April 21, 2008 to the Transfer Agency and Services Agreement filed as Exhibit (13)(b) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Amendment dated April 21, 2008 to the Transfer Agency and Services Agreement filed as Exhibit (13)(c) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (d) Administration Agreement dated July 25, 2002 is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.
- (e) Letter Agreement with Eaton Vance Management is incorporated herein by reference to Initial Common Shares Registration Statement Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3.
- (f) Form of Auction Agreement between Registrant and the Auction Agent as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's APS Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.
- (g) Form of Broker-Dealer Agreement as to Registrant's Auction Preferred Shares incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's APS Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1.
- (14) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm filed as Exhibit (14) to the Registrant's initial filing of the Registration Statement on Form N-14 on July 18, 2008, (the Initial N-14) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (15) Not applicable.
- (16) Power of Attorney dated August 29, 2008 filed herewith.
- (17) (a) (i) Eaton Vance Insured Florida Plus Municipal Bond Fund Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended September 30, 2007 filed as Exhibit (17)(a)(i) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.  
(ii) Eaton Vance Insured Municipal Bond Fund Annual Report to Shareholders for the period ended September 30, 2007 filed as Exhibit (17)(a)(ii) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) (i) Eaton Vance Insured Florida Plus Municipal Bond Fund Semiannual Report to Shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2008 filed as Exhibit (17)(b)(i) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.  
(ii) Eaton Vance Insured Municipal Bond Fund Semiannual Report to Shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2008 filed as Exhibit (17)(b)(ii) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Proxy Card filed herewith.
- (d) Dividend Reinvestment Plan filed as Exhibit (17)(d) to the Registrant's Initial N-14 and incorporated herein by reference.



**Item 17. Undertakings**

1. The undersigned registrant agrees that prior to any public reoffering of the securities registered through the use of a prospectus which is a part of this Registration Statement by any person or party who is deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of Rule 145(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 1933 Act ), the reoffering prospectus will contain the information called for by the applicable registration form for reofferings by persons who may be deemed underwriters, in addition to the information called for by the other items of the applicable form.

2. The undersigned registrant agrees that every prospectus that is filed under paragraph (1) above will be filed as a part of an amendment to the registration statement and will not be used until the amendment is effective, and that, in determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement for the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering of them.

3. The undersigned registrant agrees that the opinion of K&L Gates LLP supporting the tax consequences of the Reorganization to shareholders as discussed in the Proxy Statement/Prospectus will be filed in a post-effective amendment to this registration statement within a reasonable time after receipt of such opinion.

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**NOTICE**

A copy of the Agreement and Declaration of Trust of Eaton Vance Insured Municipal Bond Fund is on file with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and notice is hereby given that this instrument is executed on behalf of the Registrant by an officer of the Registrant as an officer and not individually and that the obligations of or arising out of this instrument are not binding upon any of the Trustees, officers or shareholders individually, but are binding only upon the assets and property of the Registrant.

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**SIGNATURES**

As required by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed on its behalf by the Registrant, in the City of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

## EATON VANCE INSURED MUNICIPAL BOND FUND

By: /s/ Robert B. MacIntosh


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 Robert B. MacIntosh  
 President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Robert B. MacIntosh</u> Robert B. MacIntosh	President and Principal Executive Officer	September 10, 2008
<u>Barbara E. Campbell*</u> Barbara E. Campbell	Treasurer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer	September 10, 2008
<u>Benjamin C. Esty*</u> Benjamin C. Esty	Trustee	September 10, 2008
<u>/s/ Thomas E. Faust Jr.</u> Thomas E. Faust Jr.	Trustee	September 10, 2008
<u>Allen R. Freedman*</u> Allen R. Freedman	Trustee	September 10, 2008
<u>William H. Park*</u> William H. Park	Trustee	September 10, 2008
<u>Ronald A. Pearlman*</u> Ronald A. Pearlman	Trustee	September 10, 2008
<u>Heidi L. Steiger*</u>	Trustee	September 10, 2008

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Heidi L. Steiger

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Lynn A. Stout\*

Trustee

September 10, 2008

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Ralph F. Verni\*

Trustee

September 10, 2008

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Ralph F. Verni

\* By: /s/ Maureen A. Gemma

Maureen A. Gemma (*As attorney-in-fact*)

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

- (1)(b) Amendment to Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated August 11, 2008
- (2)(j) Amendment to By-Laws dated August 11, 2008
- (11) Opinion and Consent of Internal Counsel
- (16) Power of Attorney dated August 29, 2008
- (17)(c) Proxy Card