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## PROSPECTUS

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## **FUND SUMMARY**

**Investment Objectives:** The Fund seeks current income and realized gains from writing options with capital appreciation as a secondary objective.

**Fees and Expenses of the Fund:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.** You may qualify for sales charge discounts on purchases of Class A shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$25,000 in the Fund. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and under the heading “**How to Purchase Shares**” on page 9 of this Prospectus.

<b>Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class I</b>
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	5.25%	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load)	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed if held less than 90 days)	1.00%	1.00%
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)</b>		
Management Fees	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None
Total Other Expenses	0.55%	0.55%
Interest and Dividend Expense on Securities Sold Short	0.08%	0.08%
Remaining Other Expenses	0.47%	0.47%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	0.01%	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.81%	1.56%
Fee Waiver and Expense Reimbursement <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.07)%	(0.07)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver	1.74%	1.49%

- (1) Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are the indirect costs of investing in other investment companies, including exchange traded funds. The operating expenses in this fee table will not correlate to the expense ratio in the Fund’s financial highlights because the financial statements include only the direct operating expenses incurred by the Fund, not the indirect costs of investing in other investment companies.
- (2) The Fund’s adviser, Stonebridge Capital Advisors, LLC (the “Adviser”), has contractually agreed to waive management fees and to make payments to limit Fund expenses, at least until February 1, 2026, so that the total annual operating expenses (excluding (i) any front-end or contingent deferred loads; (ii) brokerage fees and commissions, (iii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iv) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (v) taxes; and (vi) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser))) of the Fund does not exceed 1.65% and 1.40% of the Fund’s average daily net assets for its Class A and Class I shares, respectively. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the within three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed, if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or the expense limits in place at the time of recapture. This agreement may be terminated only by the Board of Trustees on 60 days’ written notice to the Adviser.

**Example:** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

<b>Class</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>5 Years</b>	<b>10 Years</b>
A	\$693	\$1,058	\$1,447	\$2,535
I	\$152	\$486	\$843	\$1,851

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 125% of the average value of its portfolio.

### **Principal Investment Strategies**

: The Fund seeks its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, in dividend paying equity securities of domestic and foreign large capitalization companies. The Adviser defines large capitalization companies to be those with total average market values of at least \$10 billion. The Fund also sells options on these securities in order to generate income for the Fund from premiums.

The Fund expects to invest up to 20% of the Fund’s assets in foreign securities and the remainder in domestic securities. It is expected that the Fund’s strategy will result in high portfolio turnover.

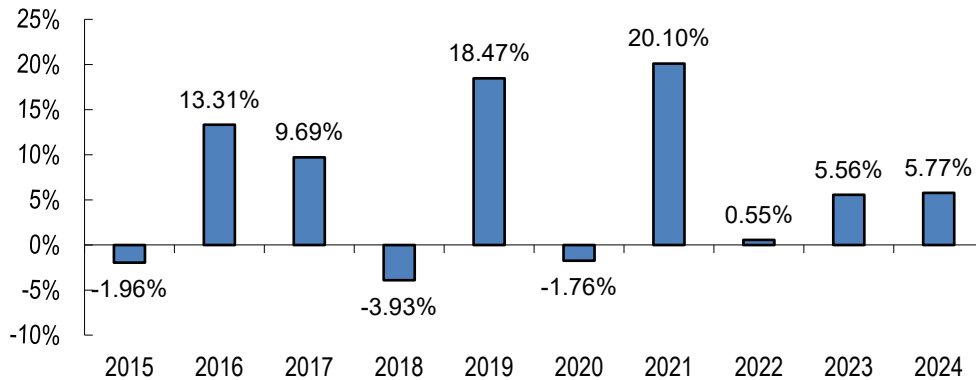
**Principal Investment Risks:** As with all mutual funds, there is a risk that you could lose money through your investment in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program. Many factors affect the Fund’s net asset value (“NAV”) and performance.

- **Equity Risk:** The NAV of the Fund fluctuates based on changes in the value of the U.S. and/or foreign equity securities held by the Fund. Equity prices can fall rapidly in response to developments affecting a specific company or industry, or to changing economic, political or market conditions.
- **Foreign Investment Risk:** Foreign investing (including through American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”), European Depositary Receipts (“EDRs”) and Global Depositary Receipts (“GDRs”)) involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values, adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- **Large Capitalization Company Risk:** Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller capitalization companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large capitalization companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.
- **Management Risk:** The Adviser’s judgment about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular asset classes and securities in which the Fund invests may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results.
- **Market and Geopolitical Risk:** The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Securities in the Fund’s portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, climate change and climate-related events, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, international conflicts, regulatory events and governmental or quasi-governmental actions. The occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets.
- **Portfolio Turnover Risk:** A higher portfolio turnover results in higher transactional and brokerage costs.
- **Written Call Option Risk:** Selling covered call options limits the Fund’s gain, if any, on its underlying securities. The Fund continues to bear the risk of a decline in the value of its underlying stocks. Option premiums are treated as short-term capital gains and when distributed to shareholders, are usually taxable as ordinary income, which may have a higher tax rate than long-term capital gains for shareholders holding Fund shares in a taxable account.

## Performance

The bar chart and performance table show the variability of the Fund's returns over time, which is some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund. The bar chart shows performance of the Fund's Class I shares for each of the last ten full calendar years. The performance table compares the performance of the Fund over time to the performance of a broad-based market index. You should be aware that the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) may not be an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Although Class A shares would have similar returns to Class I shares because the classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities, the returns for Class A shares are different from Class I shares because Class A shares have different expenses than Class I shares. Updated performance information is available at no cost by visiting [www.thecoveredbridgefund.com](http://www.thecoveredbridgefund.com) or by calling 1-855-525-2151.

**Class I Performance Bar Chart For Calendar Years Ended December 31**



Best Quarter:	12/31/20	18.82%
Worst Quarter:	3/31/20	(19.85)%

**Performance Table  
Average Annual Total Returns  
(For periods ended December 31, 2024)**

	One Year	Five Years	Ten Years
<b>Class I shares</b>			
Return before taxes	5.77%	5.78%	6.27%
Return after taxes on distributions	2.64%	3.13%	3.58%
Return after taxes on distributions and sale of Fund shares	3.94%	3.56%	3.86%
<b>Class A shares</b>			
Return before taxes	0.02%	4.40%	5.44%
<b>CBOE S&amp;P 500 BuyWrite Index<sup>(1)</sup></b> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	20.12%	6.88%	6.94%

(1) The Cboe S&P 500 BuyWrite Index SM (BXM) is a benchmark index designed to track the performance of a hypothetical buy-write strategy on the S&P 500 Index®. Investors cannot invest directly in an index or benchmark.

After-tax returns were calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold shares of the Fund through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts. After tax returns for the share classes which are not presented will vary from the after-tax returns of Class I shares.

**Investment Adviser:** Stonebridge Capital Advisors, LLC

**Portfolio Managers:** John Schonberg, CFA, is Chief Investment Officer and Principal of the Adviser and Michael Dashner, CFA, is a Portfolio Manager of the Adviser. Each has served the Fund as a Portfolio Manager since it commenced operations in October 2013.

**Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares:** You may purchase and redeem shares of the Fund on any day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading. The minimum initial investment in the Fund is \$2,500 for investors in Class A shares of the Fund. The minimum initial investment in the Fund is \$10,000 for investors in Class I shares of the Fund. The minimum subsequent investment is \$1,000 for all share classes of the Fund.

**Tax Information:** Dividends and capital gain distributions you receive from the Fund, whether you reinvest your distributions in additional Fund shares or receive them in cash, are taxable to you at either ordinary income or capital gains tax rates unless you are investing through a tax-deferred plan such as an IRA or 401(k) plan. However, these dividend and capital gain distributions may be taxable upon their eventual withdrawal from tax-deferred plans.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RELATED RISKS**

### **Investment Objectives**

The Fund seeks current income and realized gains from writing options with capital appreciation as a secondary objective. The Fund's investment objective may be changed by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") only upon 60 days' written notice to shareholders.

### **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Fund seeks its investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions, in dividend paying equity securities of domestic and foreign large capitalization companies. The Stonebridge Capital Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser") defines large capitalization companies to be those with total average market values of at least \$10 billion. The Fund also sells options on these securities in order to generate income for the Fund from premiums. In severe market declines, the Fund may also purchase index put options to protect the Fund's overall portfolio.

The Fund expects to invest up to 20% of the Fund's assets in foreign securities and the remainder in domestic securities. Under normal circumstances, the Fund expects to hold approximately 30-60 issues in its portfolio.

The Adviser selects the securities for the Fund's portfolio based on fundamental data and analysis as well as qualitative factors. The Adviser analyzes dividend payout ratios and cash flows to determine the most advantageous securities for the Fund's portfolio. The Adviser also uses a proprietary macro analysis to gauge the current position of the economic and business cycle, and then targets industries and sectors the Adviser believes are well positioned to grow. The individual companies chosen are the highest ranked based on this analysis as well as qualitative factors such as financial health, cash flows, position in their respective markets and quality of management. It is expected that the Fund's strategy will result in high portfolio turnover.

### **Principal Investment Risks**

The following risks may apply to the Fund's direct investments as well the Fund's indirect risks through investing in other investment companies.

- **Equity Risk:** The NAV of the Fund fluctuates based on changes in the value of the U.S. and/or foreign equity securities held by the Fund. Equity prices can fall rapidly in response to developments affecting a specific company or industry, or to changing economic, political or market conditions.
- **Foreign Investment Risk:** Foreign investing (including through American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs") and Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs")) involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values, adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.
- **Large Capitalization Company Risk:** Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large-capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller capitalization companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large capitalization companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.
- **Management Risk:** The NAV of the Fund changes daily based on the performance of the securities and derivatives in which it invests. The Adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular asset classes and securities in which the Fund invests (long or short) may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results.
- **Market and Geopolitical Risk:** The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, climate change and climate-related events, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, international conflicts, regulatory events and governmental or quasi-governmental actions. The occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as a worldwide pandemic, terrorist attacks, natural disasters, social and political discord or debt crises and downgrades, among others, may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets. It is difficult to predict when similar events affecting the U.S. or global financial markets may occur, the effects that such events may have and the duration of those effects. Any such event(s) could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund's portfolio. For example, the COVID-19 global pandemic and the aggressive responses taken by many governments had negative impacts, and in many cases severe negative impacts, on markets worldwide. It is not known how long the impacts of the, events described above would last, but there could be a prolonged period of global economic slowdown, which may impact your Fund

investment. Therefore, the Fund could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may be negatively affected. Changes in market conditions and interest rates can have the same impact on all types of securities and instruments. In times of severe market disruptions, you could lose your entire investment.

- **Portfolio Turnover Risk:** A higher portfolio turnover results in higher transactional and brokerage costs.
- **Written Call Option Risk:** Selling covered call options limits the Fund's gain, if any, on its underlying securities. Option premiums are treated as short-term capital gains and when distributed to shareholders, are usually taxable as ordinary income, which may have a higher tax rate than long-term capital gains for shareholders holding Fund shares in a taxable account. Call options involve risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. These risks include risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of the call option may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. Derivative prices are highly volatile and may fluctuate substantially during a short period of time. Such prices are influenced by numerous factors that affect the markets, including, but not limited to: changing supply and demand relationships; government programs and policies; national and international political and economic events, changes in interest rates, inflation and deflation and changes in supply and demand relationships. Trading derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities including:
  - **Leverage and Volatility Risk:** Option contracts ordinarily have leverage inherent in their terms. The low initial investment normally required in trading derivatives permit a high degree of leverage. Accordingly, a relatively small price movement may result in an immediate and substantial loss. The use of leverage may also cause the Fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations or to meet collateral requirements. The use of leveraged derivatives can amplify the effects of market volatility on the Fund's share price.
  - **Liquidity Risk:** Although it is anticipated that the options traded will be actively traded, it is possible that particular investments might be difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the Fund from executing positions at an advantageous time or price, or possibly requiring them to dispose of other investments at unfavorable times or prices in order to satisfy their obligations.

**Temporary Investments:** To respond to adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, the Fund may invest 100% of its total assets, without limitation, in high-quality short-term debt securities and money market instruments. These short-term debt securities and money market instruments include: shares of money market mutual funds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements. While the Fund is in a defensive position, the opportunity to achieve its investment objective will be limited. Furthermore, to the extent that the Fund invests in money market mutual funds for cash positions, there will be some duplication of expenses because shareholders will pay the fees and expenses of the Fund and, indirectly, the fees and expenses of the underlying money market funds. The Fund may also invest a substantial portion of its assets in such instruments at any time to maintain liquidity or pending selection of investments in accordance with its policies.

**Portfolio Holdings Disclosure:** A description of the Fund's policies regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

## Cybersecurity

The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Fund and its service providers to carry out routine business operations employ a variety of protections designed to prevent damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches. Despite the various protections utilized by the Fund and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of a cybersecurity breach.

Cybersecurity breaches can include unauthorized access to systems, networks, or devices; infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. Cybersecurity breaches may cause disruptions and impact the Fund's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its net asset value; impediments to trading; the inability of the Fund, the Adviser, and other service providers to transact business; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs; as well as the inadvertent release of confidential information.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity breaches affecting issuers of securities in which the Fund invests; counterparties with which the Fund engage in transactions; governmental and other regulatory authorities; exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies, and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for the Fund's shareholders); and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred by these entities in order to prevent any cybersecurity breaches in the future.

## **MANAGEMENT**

**Investment Adviser:** Stonebridge Capital Advisors, LLC, 2550 University Avenue West, Suite 180 South, Saint Paul, MN 55114, serves as investment adviser to the Fund. Subject to the oversight of the Board, the Adviser is responsible for management of the Fund's investment portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for assuring that investments are made according to the Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions. The Adviser was established in 1997 for the purpose of advising individuals and institutions. As of September 30, 2024, the Adviser had approximately \$2.27 billion in assets under management.

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with Northern Lights Fund Trust III (the "Trust"), on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, the Adviser is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee equal to 1.00% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive management fees and to make payments to limit Fund expenses, until February 1, 2026 so that the total annual operating expenses (excluding (i) any front-end or contingent deferred loads; (ii) brokerage fees and commissions; (iii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iv) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (v) taxes; and (vi) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser))) do not exceed 1.65% and 1.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets for its Class A and Class I shares, respectively. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three-year basis (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment can be achieved within the foregoing expense limits. This agreement may be terminated by the Board only on 60 days' written notice to the Adviser. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's most recent renewal of the advisory agreement is available in the Fund's financial statements dated September 30, 2024. For the most recent fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Fund incurred advisory fees totaling 0.94% of its average net assets.

**Portfolio Managers:** The Fund is managed on a day-to-day basis by John Schonberg, CFA and Michael Dashner, CFA. The SAI provides additional information about each portfolio manager's compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership in the Fund.

### **John Schonberg, CFA**

Mr. Schonberg, Chief Investment Officer & Principal of the Adviser, has been responsible for the management of equity portfolios for institutions and high net worth individuals since joining the Adviser in 2013. As a member of the Adviser's Equity Team, he serves on the Research Committee and works with the members of the Equity Team in the analysis, selection and structuring of the equity portfolios.

Prior to joining the Adviser, Mr. Schonberg was a Senior Portfolio manager and Equity Team Leader for Columbia Management from 2005 to 2013. At Columbia Management, he led all equity teams and products managed in Minneapolis, MN. This included the oversight of the Contrarian Equity and Mid Cap Growth Teams.

Prior to Columbia Management, Mr. Schonberg was a Senior Portfolio Manager managing large capitalization growth portfolios and hedge funds for institutions with the American Express group of companies beginning in 1997. Prior to American Express, Mr. Schonberg worked at Piper Capital Management for 10 years in the following positions: (i) from 1991 to 1997, he was an equity portfolio manager managing funds for individuals, institutions, and mutual fund clients; (ii) from 1989 to 1991, he was a fundamental equity analyst covering consumer related stocks; and (iii) from 1987 to 1989, he was a technical analyst. Mr. Schonberg earned his BS degree in finance from the University of Nebraska in 1987 and completed the Chartered Financial Analyst program in 1990.

### **Michael Dashner, CFA**

Michael Dashner, Portfolio Manager, joined the Adviser in 2009. Mr. Dashner leads the Equity Team of the Adviser and is responsible for equity trading and portfolio management. As a member of the Research Committee, Mr. Dashner follows sector specific companies and maintains the equity universe and models for each equity strategy.

Prior to joining the Equity Team, Mr. Dashner was head of fixed income trading at the Adviser. He was in charge of fulfilling investment objectives for high net worth individuals and institutions and achieving best prices for each trade.

Mr. Dashner earned a BBA in Economics from the University of South Dakota in 2007. He also earned an MBA in 2009 from the University of South Dakota and completed the Chartered Financial Analyst program in 2014.

## **HOW SHARES ARE PRICED**

Shares of the Fund are sold at net asset value (“NAV”). The NAV of the Fund is determined at close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open for business. NAV is computed by determining, on a per class basis, the aggregate market value of all assets of the Fund, less its liabilities, divided by the total number of shares outstanding ((assets-liabilities)/number of shares = NAV). The NYSE is closed on weekends and New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. NAV takes into account, on a per class basis, the expenses and fees of the Fund, including management, administration, and distribution fees, which are accrued daily. The determination of NAV for a share class for a particular day is applicable to all applications for the purchase of shares, as well as all requests for the redemption of shares, received by the Fund (or an authorized broker or agent, or its authorized designee) before the close of trading on the NYSE on that day.

Generally, the Fund’s securities are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on each security’s primary exchange. Securities traded or dealt in upon one or more securities exchanges (whether domestic or foreign) for which market quotations are readily available and not subject to restrictions against resale shall be valued at the last quoted sales price on the primary exchange or, in the absence of a sale on the primary exchange, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchanges. Securities primarily traded in the National Association of Securities Dealers’ Automated Quotation System (“NASDAQ”) National Market System for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. Securities that are not traded or dealt in any securities exchange (whether domestic or foreign) and for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available generally shall be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask price on such over-the-counter market. Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity.

If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined using the “fair value” procedures approved by the Board. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different from the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security. The fair value prices can differ from market prices when they become available or when a price becomes available. The Board has designated the Adviser as its “Valuation Designee” to execute these procedures. The Adviser may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. The Board reviews and ratifies the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results.

The Fund may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of the Fund’s securities. In addition, market prices for foreign securities are not determined at the same time of day as the NAV for the Fund. Because the Fund may invest in underlying ETFs which hold portfolio securities primarily listed on foreign exchanges, and these exchanges may trade on weekends or other days when the underlying ETFs do not price their shares, the value of some of the Fund’s portfolio securities may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell Fund shares.

In computing the NAV, the Fund values foreign securities held by the Fund at the latest closing price on the exchange in which they are traded immediately prior to closing of the NYSE. Prices of foreign securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates. If events materially affecting the value of a security in the Fund’s portfolio, particularly foreign securities, occur after the close of trading on a foreign market but before the Fund prices its shares, the security may be priced using alternative market prices provided by a pricing service. For example, if trading in a portfolio security is halted and does not resume before the Fund calculates its NAV, alternative market prices may be used to value the security. Without a fair value price, short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Fund’s portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of the Fund’s NAV by short term traders. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, using fair value to price a security may result in a price materially different from the prices used by other mutual funds to determine NAV, or from the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

With respect to any portion of the Fund’s assets that are invested in one or more open-end management investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Fund’s NAV is calculated based upon the NAVs of those open-end management investment companies, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which those companies will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

## **HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES**

### **Share Classes**

This Prospectus describes two classes of shares offered by the Fund: Class A and Class I. Refer to the information below so that you can choose the class that best suits your investment needs. The main differences between each class are sales charges, ongoing fees and minimum investment. For information on ongoing distribution fees, see the section “**Distribution Fees**” in this Prospectus. Each class of shares in the Fund represents interest in the same portfolio of investments within the Fund. There is no investment minimum on reinvested distributions and the Fund may change investment minimums at any time. The Fund reserves the right to waive sales charges, as described below. The Fund and the Adviser may each waive investment minimums at their individual discretion. Not all share classes may be available for purchase in all states.

### **Factors to Consider When Choosing a Share Class**

When deciding which class of shares of the Fund to purchase, you should consider your investment goals, present and future amounts you may invest in the Fund, and the length of time you intend to hold your shares. To help you make a determination as to which class of shares to buy, please refer back to the examples of the Fund’s expenses over time in the **Fees and Expenses of the Fund** section of this Prospectus. You also may wish to consult with your financial adviser for advice with regard to which share class would be most appropriate for you.

### **Class A Shares**

Class A shares are offered at their public offering price, which is NAV plus the applicable sales charge and is subject to 12b-1 distribution fees of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares. There are no sales charges on reinvested distributions. The minimum initial investment in Class A shares of the Fund is \$2,500 for all accounts. The minimum subsequent investment in Class A shares of the Fund is \$1,000 for all accounts. A 5.25% sales charge applies to your purchase of Class A shares of the Fund.

<b>Amount Invested</b>	<b>Sales Charge as a % of Offering Price<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Sales Charge as a % of Amount Invested</b>	<b>Dealer Reallowance</b>
Under \$25,000	5.25%	5.54%	4.50%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5.00%	5.26%	4.25%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.75%	4.99%	4.00%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	4.25%	4.44%	3.50%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	3.00%	3.09%	2.50%
\$500,000 to \$999,999	2.00%	2.04%	1.75%
\$1,000,000 and above	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(1) Offering price includes the front-end sales load. The sales charge you pay may differ slightly from the amount set forth above because of rounding that occurs in the calculation used to determine your sales charge.

**How to Reduce Your Sales Charge** - You may be eligible to purchase Class A shares at a reduced sales charge. To qualify for these reductions, you must notify the Fund’s distributor, Northern Lights Distributors, LLC (the “Distributor”), in writing and supply your account number at the time of purchase. You may combine your purchase with those of your “immediate family” (your spouse and your children under the age of 21) for purposes of determining eligibility. If applicable, you will need to provide the account numbers of your spouse and your minor children as well as the ages of your minor children.

**Rights of Accumulation** - To qualify for the lower sales charge rates that apply to larger purchases of Class A shares, you may combine your new purchases of Class A shares with Class A shares of the Fund that you already own. The applicable initial sales charge for the new purchase is based on the total of your current purchase and the current value of all other Class A shares that you own. The reduced sales charge will apply only to current purchases and must be requested in writing when you buy your shares.

Shares of the Fund held as follows cannot be combined with your current purchase for purposes of reduced sales charges:

- Shares held indirectly through financial intermediaries other than your current purchase broker-dealer (for example, a different broker-dealer, a bank, a separate insurance company account or an investment adviser);
- Shares held through an administrator or trustee/custodian of an Employer Sponsored Retirement Plan (for example, a 401(k) plan) other than employer-sponsored IRAs; and
- Shares held directly in the Fund account on which the broker-dealer (financial adviser) of record is different than your current purchase broker-dealer.

**Letters of Intent** - Under a Letter of Intent (“LOI”), you commit to purchase a specified dollar amount of Class A shares of the Fund, with a minimum of \$25,000, during a 13-month period. The 13-month period begins upon the date of the LOI. At your written request, Class A shares purchases made during the 90 days prior to LOI may be included. The amount you agree to purchase determines the initial sales charge you pay. If the full-face amount of the LOI is not invested by the end of the 13-month period, your account will be adjusted to the higher initial sales charge level for the amount actually invested. You are not legally bound by the terms of your LOI to purchase the amount of your shares stated in the LOI. The LOI does, however, authorize the Fund to hold in escrow 5% of the total amount you intend to purchase. If you do not complete the total intended purchase at the end of the 13-month period, the Fund’s transfer agent will redeem the necessary portion of the escrowed shares to make up the difference between the reduced rate sales charge (based on the amount you intended to purchase) and the sales charge that would normally apply (based on the actual amount you purchased).

**Repurchase of Class A Shares** - If you have redeemed Class A shares of the Fund within the past 120 days, you may repurchase an equivalent amount of Class A shares of the Fund at NAV, without the normal front-end sales charge. In effect, this allows you to reacquire shares that you may have had to redeem, without repaying the front-end sales charge. You may exercise this privilege only once and must notify the Fund that you intend to do so in writing. The Fund must receive your purchase order within 120 days of your redemption. Note that if you reacquire shares through separate installments (e.g., through monthly or quarterly repurchases), the sales charge waiver will only apply to those portions of your repurchase order received within 120 days of your redemption. The redemption and repurchase of Fund shares may still result in a tax liability for federal income tax purposes.

### *Sales Charge Waivers*

The sales charge on purchases of Class A shares is waived for certain types of investors, including:

- Current and retired directors and officers of the Fund sponsored by the Adviser or any of its subsidiaries, their immediate family members (*i.e.*, spouse, children, mother or father) and any purchases referred through the Adviser.
- Employees of the Adviser and their immediate families, or any full-time employee or registered representative of the Distributor or of broker-dealers having dealer agreements with the Distributor (a “Selling Broker”) and their immediate family members (or any trust, pension, profit sharing or other benefit plan for the benefit of such persons).
- Any full-time employee of a bank, savings and loan, credit union or other financial institution that utilizes a Selling Broker to clear purchases of the Fund’s shares and their immediate families.
- Participants in certain “wrap-fee” or asset allocation programs or other fee-based arrangements sponsored by broker-dealers and other financial institutions that have entered into agreements with the Distributor.
- Clients of financial intermediaries that have entered into arrangements with the Distributor providing for the shares to be used in particular investment products made available to such clients and for which such registered investment advisors may charge a separate fee.
- Institutional investors (which may include bank trust departments and registered investment advisors).
- Any accounts established on behalf of registered investment advisors or their clients by broker-dealers that charge a transaction fee and that have entered into agreements with the Distributor.
- Separate accounts used to fund certain unregistered variable annuity contracts or Section 403(b) or 401(a) or (k) accounts.
- Employer-sponsored retirement or benefit plans with total plan assets in excess of \$5 million where the plan’s investments in the Fund are part of an omnibus account. A minimum initial investment of \$1 million in the Fund is required. The Distributor in its sole discretion may waive these minimum dollar requirements.

The Fund does not waive sales charges for the reinvestment of proceeds from the sale of shares of a different fund where those shares were subject to a front-end sales charge (sometimes called an “NAV transfer”). Whether a sales charge waiver is available for your retirement plan or charitable account depends upon the policies and procedures of your intermediary.

Please consult your financial adviser for further information.

### *Waiver of Contingent Deferred Sales Charges*

The initial sales charges on Class A shares and the CDSCs on Class A may be reduced or waived under certain purchase arrangements and for certain categories of investors. The CDSC applicable to Class A shares is currently waived for:

- Any partial or complete redemption in connection with (a) required minimum distributions to IRA account owners or beneficiaries who are age 70 1/2 or older or (b) distributions to participants in employer-sponsored retirement plans upon attaining age 59 1/2 or on account of death or permanent and total disability (as defined in Section 22(e) of the Internal Revenue Code) that occurs after the purchase of Class A shares.
- Any partial or complete redemption in connection with a qualifying loan or hardship withdrawal from an employer sponsored retirement plan.
- Any complete redemption in connection with a distribution from a qualified employer retirement plan in connection with termination of employment or termination of the employer's plan and the transfer to another employer's plan or to an IRA.
- Any partial or complete redemption following death or permanent and total disability (as defined in Section 22(e) of the Internal Revenue Code) of an individual holding shares for his or her own account and/or as the last survivor of a joint tenancy arrangement (this provision, however, does not cover an individual holding in a fiduciary capacity or as a nominee or agent or a legal entity that is other than an individual or the owners or beneficiaries of any such entity) provided the redemption is requested within one year of the death or initial determination of disability and provided the death or disability occurs after the purchase of the shares.
- Any redemption resulting from a return of an excess contribution to a qualified employer retirement plan or an IRA.
- Up to 10% per year of the value of the Fund account that (a) has the value of at least \$10,000 at the start of such year and (b) is subject to a Systematic Withdrawal Plan.
- Redemptions by Trustees, officers and employees of any of the Trust and by directors, officers and employees of the Distributor, the Adviser or its affiliates.
- Redemptions effected pursuant to the Fund's right to involuntarily redeem a shareholder's Fund account if the aggregate NAV of shares held in such shareholder's account is less than a minimum account size specified in this Prospectus.
- Involuntary redemptions caused by operation of law.
- Redemptions of shares of the Fund if combined with another investment company, or personal holding company by virtue of a merger, acquisition or other similar reorganization transaction.
- Redemptions by a shareholder who is a participant making periodic purchases of not less than \$50 through certain employer sponsored savings plans that are clients of a broker-dealer with which the Distributor has an agreement with respect to such purchases.
- Redemptions effected by trustees or other fiduciaries who have purchased shares for employer-sponsored plans, the trustee, administrator, fiduciary, broker, trust company or registered investment adviser for which has an agreement with the Distributor with respect to such purchases.
- Redemptions in connection with IRA accounts established with Form 5305-SIMPLE under the Internal Revenue Code for which the Trust is the designated financial institution.
- A redemption by a holder of Class A shares who purchased \$1,000,000 or more of Class A shares (and therefore did not pay a sales charge) where the participating broker or dealer involved in the sale of such shares waived the commission it would normally receive from the Distributor pursuant to an agreement with the Distributor.
- A redemption by a holder of Class A shares where the participating broker or dealer involved in the purchase of such shares waived all payments it normally would receive from the Distributor at the time of purchase (*i.e.*, commissions or reallowances of initial sales charges and advancements of service and distribution fees).
- A redemption by a holder of Class A shares where, by agreement with the Distributor, the participating broker or dealer involved in the purchase of such shares waived a portion of any payment it normally would receive from the Distributor at the time of purchase (or otherwise agreed to a variation from the normal payment schedule) in connection with such purchase.

The Distributor may require documentation prior to waiver of the CDSC for any class, including distribution letters, certification by plan administrators, applicable tax forms, death certificates, physicians' certificates (*e.g.*, with respect to disabilities), etc.

### *Exempt Transactions; No CDSCs or Payments to Brokers*

Investors will not be subject to CDSCs, and brokers and dealers will not receive any commissions or reallowances of initial sales charges or advancements of service and distribution fees, on the transactions described below (which are sometimes referred to as “Exempt Transactions”):

- A redemption by a holder of Class A shares where the participating broker or dealer involved in the purchase of such shares waived all payments it normally would receive from the Distributor at the time of purchase (e.g., commissions and/or reallowances of initial sales charges and advancements of service and distribution fees.
- A redemption by a holder of Class A shares where, by agreement with the Distributor, the participating broker or dealer involved in the purchase of such shares waived a portion of any payment it normally would receive from the Distributor at the time of purchase (or otherwise agreed to a variation from the normal payment schedule) in connection with such purchase.

### **Class I Shares**

Class I shares of the Fund are sold at NAV without an initial sales charge and are not subject to 12b-1 distribution fees, but have a higher minimum initial investment than Class A shares. This means that 100% of your initial investment is placed into shares of the Fund. Class I shares require a minimum initial investment of \$10,000 and the minimum subsequent investment is \$1,000.

You may purchase shares of the Fund by sending a completed application form (the “Application”) to the following address:

***Regular Mail***  
**THE COVERED BRIDGE FUND**  
c/o Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC  
P.O. Box 46707  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

***Express/Overnight Mail***  
**THE COVERED BRIDGE FUND**  
c/o Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC  
225 Pictoria Dr, Suite 450  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions, including the Fund, to adopt certain policies and programs to prevent money-laundering activities, including procedures to verify the identity of customers opening new accounts. As requested on the Application, you should supply your full name, date of birth, social security number and permanent street address. Mailing addresses containing a P.O. Box will not be accepted. This information will assist the Fund in verifying your identity. Until such verification is made, the Fund may temporarily limit additional share purchases. In addition, the Fund may limit additional share purchases or close an account if it is unable to verify a shareholder’s identity. As required by law, the Fund may employ various procedures, such as comparing the information to fraud databases or requesting additional information or documentation from you, to ensure that the information supplied by you is correct.

***Purchase through Brokers:*** You may invest in the Fund through brokers or agents who have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor. The brokers and agents are authorized to receive purchase and redemption orders on behalf of the Fund. Such brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to receive purchase and redemption orders on the Fund’s behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when an authorized broker or, if applicable, a broker’s authorized designee receives the order. The broker or agent may set their own initial and subsequent investment minimums. You may be charged a fee if you use a broker or agent to buy or redeem shares of the Fund. Finally, various servicing agents use procedures and impose restrictions that may be in addition to, or different from those applicable to investors purchasing shares directly from the Fund. You should carefully read the program materials provided to you by your servicing agent.

***Purchase by Wire:*** If you wish to wire money to make an investment in the Fund, please call the Fund at 1-855-525-2151 for wiring instructions and to notify the Fund that a wire transfer is coming. Any commercial bank can transfer same-day funds via wire. The Fund will normally accept wired funds for investment on the day received if they are received by the Fund’s designated bank before the close of regular trading on the NYSE. Your bank may charge you a fee for wiring same-day funds.

***Automated Clearing House (ACH) Purchase:*** Current shareholders may purchase additional shares via Automated Clearing House (“ACH”). To have this option added to your account, please send a letter to the Fund requesting this option and supply a voided check for the bank account. Only bank accounts held at domestic institutions that are ACH members may be used for these transactions.

You may not use ACH transactions for your initial purchase of Fund shares. ACH purchases will be effective at the closing price per share on the business day after the order is placed. The Fund may alter, modify or terminate this purchase option at any time.



Shares purchased by ACH will not be available for redemption until the transactions have cleared. Shares purchased via ACH transfer may take up to 15 days to clear.

**Automatic Investment Plan:** You may participate in the Fund's Automatic Investment Plan, an investment plan that automatically moves money from your bank account and invests it in the Fund through the use of electronic funds transfers or automatic bank drafts. You may elect to make subsequent investments by transfers of a minimum of \$50 on a periodic basis into your established Fund account. Please contact the Fund at 1-855-525-2151 for more information about the Fund's Automatic Investment Plan.

The Fund, however, reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any application to purchase shares. Applications will not be accepted unless they are accompanied by a check drawn on a U.S. bank, thrift institutions, or credit union in U.S. funds for the full amount of the shares to be purchased. After you open an account, you may purchase additional shares by internet or by sending a check together with written instructions stating the name(s) on the account and the account number, to the above address. Cash, third party checks (except for properly endorsed IRA rollover checks), counter checks, starter checks, traveler's checks, money orders, credit card checks, and checks drawn on non-U.S. financial institutions will not be accepted. Cashier's checks, bank official checks, and bank money orders are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may be accepted under certain circumstances. In such cases, a 15-business day hold will be applied to the Fund (which means that you may not redeem your shares until the holding period has expired).

**Note:** Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC, the Fund's transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"), will charge a \$25 fee against a shareholder's account, in addition to any loss sustained by the Fund, for any returned and uncleared electronic payment or check or electronic payment returned to the Transfer Agent for insufficient funds.

**When Order is Processed:** All shares will be purchased at the NAV per share (plus applicable sales charges, if any) next determined after the Fund receives your application or request in good order. All requests received in good order by the Fund before 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on a day the NYSE is open for business will be processed on that same day. Requests received after 4:00 p.m. will be processed on the next day that the NYSE is open for business.

**Good Order:** When making a purchase request, make sure your request is in good order. "Good order" means your purchase request includes:

- the name of the Fund and share class;
- the dollar amount of shares to be purchased;
- a completed purchase application or investment stub; and
- check payable to the "The Covered Bridge Fund."

**Retirement Plans:** You may purchase shares of the Fund for your individual retirement plans. Please call the Fund at 1-855-525-2151 for the most current listing and appropriate disclosure documentation on how to open a retirement account.

## **HOW TO REDEEM SHARES**

**Redeeming Shares:** The Fund typically expects that it will take up to three business days following the receipt of your redemption request to pay out redemption proceeds by check or electronic transfer. The Fund typically expects to pay redemptions from cash, cash equivalents, proceeds from the sale of Fund shares, any lines of credit, and then from the sale of portfolio securities. These redemption payment methods will be used in regular and stressed market conditions. You may redeem all or any portion of the shares credited to your account by submitting a written request for redemption to:

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c/o Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC  
P.O. Box 46707  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

**Express/Overnight Mail**  
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225 Pictoria Dr, Suite 450  
Cincinnati, OH 45246

**Redemptions by Telephone:** The telephone redemption privilege is automatically available to all new accounts. If you do not want the telephone redemption privilege, you must indicate this in the appropriate area on your account application or you must write to the Fund and instruct it to remove this privilege from your account. If you own an IRA account and wish to redeem by telephone, you will be asked whether or not the Funds should withhold federal income tax.

The proceeds will be sent by mail to the address designated on your account or wired directly to your existing account in a bank or brokerage firm in the United States as designated on your application. To redeem by telephone, call 1-855-525-2151. If you own an IRA account and wish to redeem by telephone, you will be asked whether or not the Fund should withhold federal income tax.

During periods of high market activity, you may encounter higher than usual wait times. Please allow sufficient time to ensure that you will be able to complete your telephone transaction prior to market close. Neither the Fund nor its Transfer Agent will be held liable if you are unable to place your trade due to high call volume.

The Fund reserves the right to suspend the telephone redemption privileges with respect to your account if the name(s) or the address on the account has been changed within the previous 30 days. Neither the Fund, the Transfer Agent, nor their respective affiliates will be liable for complying with telephone instructions they reasonably believe to be genuine or for any loss, damage, cost or expenses in acting on such telephone instructions and you will be required to bear the risk of any such loss. The Fund or the Transfer Agent, or both, will employ reasonable procedures to determine that telephone instructions are genuine. If the Fund and/or the Transfer Agent do not employ these procedures, they may be liable to you for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. These procedures may include, among others, requiring forms of personal identification prior to acting upon telephone instructions, providing written confirmation of the transactions and/or recording telephone instructions.

*Redemptions through Broker:* If shares of the Fund are held by a broker-dealer, financial institution or other servicing agent, you must contact that servicing agent to redeem shares of the Fund. The servicing agent may charge a fee for this service.

*Redemptions by Wire:* You may request that your redemption proceeds be wired directly to your bank account. The Transfer Agent imposes a \$15 fee for each wire redemption and deducts the fee directly from your account. Your bank may also impose a fee for the incoming wire.

*Systematic Withdrawal Plan:* If your individual accounts, IRA or other qualified plan account have a current account value of at least \$10,000, you may participate in the Fund's Systematic Withdrawal Plan, an investment plan that automatically moves money to your bank account from the Fund through the use of electronic funds transfers. You may elect to make subsequent withdrawals by transfers of a minimum of \$50 on a periodic basis into your established bank account. Please contact the Fund at 1-855-525-2151 for more information about the Fund's Systematic Withdrawal Plan.

**Redemptions in Kind:** The Fund reserves the right to honor requests for redemption or repurchase orders by making payment in whole or in part in readily marketable securities ("redemption in kind") if the amount is greater than the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the Fund's assets. The securities will be chosen by the Fund and valued under the Fund's NAV procedures. A shareholder will be exposed to market risk until these securities are converted to cash and may incur transaction expenses in converting these securities to cash.

**Converting Shares:** Shareholders of the Fund may elect on a voluntary basis to convert their shares in one class of the Fund into shares of a different class of the Fund, subject to satisfying the eligibility requirements for investment in the new share class.

Shares held through a financial intermediary offering different programs and fee structures that has an agreement with the Adviser or the Fund's distributor may be converted by the financial intermediary, without notice, to another share class of the Fund, including share classes with a higher expense ratio than the original share class, if such conversion is consistent with the fee based or wrap fee program's policies.

All permissible conversions will be made on the basis of the relevant NAVs of the two classes without the imposition of any front-end sales load. A share conversion within the Fund will not result in a capital gain or loss for federal income tax purposes. The Fund may change, suspend or terminate these conversion features at any time.

**When Redemptions are Sent:** Once the Fund receives your redemption request in "good order" as described below, it will issue a check based on the next determined NAV following your redemption request. If you purchase shares using a check and soon after request a redemption, your redemption proceeds, which are payable at the next determined NAV following the receipt your redemption request in "good order", as described below, will not be sent until the check used for your purchase has cleared your bank.

**Good Order:** Your redemption request will be processed if it is in “good order.” To be in good order, the following conditions must be satisfied:

- The request should be in writing, unless redeeming by telephone, indicating the number of shares or dollar amount to be redeemed;
- The request must identify your account number;
- The request should be signed by you and any other person listed on the account, exactly as the shares are registered; and
- If you request that the redemption proceeds be sent to a person, bank or an address other than that of record or paid to someone other than the record owner(s), or if the address was changed within the last 30 days, or if the proceeds of a requested redemption exceed \$50,000, the signature(s) on the request must be medallion signature guaranteed by an eligible signature guarantor.

**Redemption Fee:** The Fund will deduct a 1.00% redemption fee on your redemption amount if you sell your shares within 90 days of purchase. Shares held longest will be treated as being redeemed first and shares held shortest as being redeemed last. Shares held for 90 days or more are not subject to the 1.00% fee. Redemption fees are paid to the Fund directly and are designed to offset costs associated with fluctuations in Fund asset levels and cash flow caused by short-term shareholder trading.

**Waivers of Redemption Fees:** The Fund has elected not to impose the redemption fee for:

- redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends and distributions;
- certain types of redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares owned through participant-directed retirement plans;
- redemptions or exchanges in discretionary asset allocation, fee based or wrap programs (“wrap programs”) that are initiated by the sponsor/financial advisor as part of a periodic rebalancing;
- redemptions or exchanges in a fee based or wrap program that are made as a result of a full withdrawal from the wrap program or as part of a systematic withdrawal; and
- involuntary redemptions, such as those resulting from a shareholder’s failure to maintain a minimum investment in the Fund, or to pay shareholder fees; or other types of redemptions as the Adviser or the Trust may determine in special situations and approved by the Trust’s or the Adviser’s Chief Compliance Officer.

**When You Need Medallion Signature Guarantees:** If you wish to change the bank or brokerage account that you have designated on your account, you may do so at any time by writing to the Fund with your signature guaranteed. A medallion signature guarantee assures that a signature is genuine and protects you from unauthorized account transfers. You will need your signature guaranteed if:

- you request a redemption to be made payable to a person not on record with the Fund;
- you request that a redemption be mailed to an address other than that on record with the Fund;
- the proceeds of a requested redemption exceed \$50,000;
- any redemption is transmitted to a bank other than the bank of record; or
- your address was changed within 30 days of your redemption request.

Signatures may be guaranteed by any eligible guarantor institution (including banks, brokers and dealers, credit unions, national securities exchanges, registered securities associations, clearing agencies and savings associations). Further documentation will be required to change the designated account if shares are held by a corporation, fiduciary or other organization. *A notary public cannot guarantee signatures.*

**Retirement Plans:** If you own an IRA or other retirement plan, you must indicate on your redemption request whether the Fund should withhold federal income tax. Unless you elect in your redemption request that you do not want to have federal tax withheld, the redemption will be subject to withholding.

**Low Balances:** If at any time your account balance in the Fund falls below \$250, the Fund may notify you that, unless the account is brought up to at least \$250 within 60 days of the notice; your account could be closed. After the notice period, the Fund may redeem all of your shares and close your account by sending you a check to the address of record. Your account will not be closed if the account balance drops below \$250 due to a decline in NAV.

## **FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF FUND SHARES**

The Fund discourages and does not accommodate market timing. Frequent trading into and out of the Fund can harm all Fund shareholders by disrupting the Fund's investment strategies, increasing Fund expenses, decreasing tax efficiency and diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. The Fund is designed for long-term investors and is not intended for market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Accordingly, the Board has approved policies that seek to curb these disruptive activities while recognizing that shareholders may have a legitimate need to adjust their Fund investments as their financial needs or circumstances change. The Fund currently uses several methods to reduce the risk of market timing, including:

- Committing staff to review, on a continuing basis, recent trading activity in order to identify trading activity that may be contrary to the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy;
- Rejecting or limiting specific purchase requests;
- Rejecting purchase requests from certain investors; and
- Assessing a 1.00% redemption fee for shares sold less than 90 days after purchase.

Though these methods involve judgments that are inherently subjective and involve some selectivity in their application, the Fund seeks to make judgments and applications that are consistent with the interests of the Fund's shareholders.

Based on the frequency of redemptions in your account, the Adviser or Transfer Agent may in its sole discretion determine that your trading activity is detrimental to the Fund as described in the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy and elect to (i) reject or limit the amount, number, frequency or method for requesting future purchases into the Fund and/or (ii) reject or limit the amount, number, frequency or method for requesting future exchanges or redemptions out of the Fund.

The Fund reserves the right to reject or restrict purchase requests for any reason, particularly when the shareholder's trading activity suggests that the shareholder may be engaged in market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Neither the Fund nor the Adviser will be liable for any losses resulting from rejected purchase orders. The Adviser may also bar an investor who has violated these policies (and the investor's financial advisor) from opening new accounts with the Fund.

Although the Fund attempts to limit disruptive trading activities, some investors use a variety of strategies to hide their identities and their trading practices. There can be no guarantee that the Fund will be able to identify or limit these activities. Omnibus account arrangements are common forms of holding shares of the Fund. While the Fund encourages financial intermediaries to apply the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy to their customers who invest indirectly in the Fund, the Fund is limited in its ability to monitor the trading activity or enforce the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy with respect to customers of financial intermediaries. For example, should it occur, the Fund may not be able to detect market timing that may be facilitated by financial intermediaries or made difficult to identify in the omnibus accounts used by those intermediaries for aggregated purchases, exchanges and redemptions on behalf of all their customers. More specifically, unless the financial intermediaries have the ability to apply the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy to their customers through such methods as implementing short-term trading limitations or restrictions and monitoring trading activity for what might be market timing, the Fund may not be able to determine whether trading by customers of financial intermediaries is contrary to the Fund's Market Timing Trading Policy. Brokers maintaining omnibus accounts with the Fund have agreed to provide shareholder transaction information to the extent known to the broker to the Fund upon request. If the Fund or its Transfer Agent or shareholder servicing agent suspects there is market timing activity in the account, the Fund will seek full cooperation from the service provider maintaining the account to identify the underlying participant. At the request of the Adviser, the service providers may take immediate action to stop any further short-term trading by such participants.

## **TAX STATUS, DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

Any sale or exchange of the Fund's shares may generate tax liability (unless you are a tax-exempt investor or your investment is in a qualified retirement account). When you redeem your shares you may realize a taxable gain or loss. This is measured by the difference between the proceeds of the sale and the tax basis for the shares you sold. (To aid in computing your tax basis, you generally should retain your account statements for the period that you hold shares in the Fund.)

The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income quarterly and net capital gains annually in December. The Fund may distribute such income dividends and capital gains more frequently, if necessary, in order to reduce or eliminate federal excise or income taxes on the Fund. Both distributions will be reinvested in shares of the Fund unless you elect to receive cash. Dividends from net investment income (including any excess of net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss) are taxable to investors as ordinary income, while distributions of net capital gain (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) are generally taxable as long-term capital gain, regardless of your holding period for the shares. Any dividends or capital gain distributions you receive from the Fund will normally be taxable to you when made, regardless of whether you reinvest dividends or capital gain distributions or receive them in cash. Certain dividends or distributions declared in October, November or December will be taxed to shareholders as if received in December if they are paid during the following January. Each year the Fund will inform you of the amount and type of your distributions. IRAs and other qualified retirement plans are exempt from federal income taxation until retirement proceeds are paid out to the participant.

Your redemptions, including exchanges, may result in a capital gain or loss for federal tax purposes. A capital gain or loss on your investment is the difference between the cost of your shares, including any sales charges, and the amount you receive when you sell them.

The Fund must report to the IRS and furnish to shareholders the cost basis information for shares purchased and sold. The Fund has chosen average cost as its standing (default) tax lot identification method for all shareholders, which means the Fund uses this method to determine which specific shares are deemed to be sold when there are multiple purchases on different dates at differing NAVs, and the entire position is not sold at one time. Shareholders may, however, choose a method other than the Fund's standing method at the time of their purchase or upon sale of covered shares. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the best IRS-accepted cost basis method for their tax situation and to obtain more information about how cost basis reporting applies to them. Shareholders also should carefully review the cost basis information provided to them by the Fund and make any additional basis, holding period or other adjustments that are required when reporting these amounts on their federal income tax returns.

On the account application, you will be asked to certify that your social security number or taxpayer identification number is correct and that you are not subject to backup withholding for failing to report income to the IRS. If you are subject to backup withholding or you did not certify your taxpayer identification number, the IRS requires the Fund to withhold a percentage of any dividend, redemption or exchange proceeds. The Fund reserves the right to reject any application that does not include a certified social security or taxpayer identification number. If you do not have a social security number, you should indicate on the purchase form that your application to obtain a number is pending. The Fund is required to withhold taxes if a number is not delivered to the Fund within seven days.

This summary is not intended to be and should not be construed to be legal or tax advice. You should consult your own tax advisors to determine the tax consequences of owning the Fund's shares.

## **DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES**

**Distributor:** Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100, Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474, is the distributor for the shares of the Fund. The Distributor is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). Shares of the Fund are offered on a continuous basis.

**Distribution Fees:** The Trust, on behalf of the Fund, has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan for Class A shares pursuant to Rule 12b-1 (the "Plan") under Rule 12b-1, pursuant to which the Fund pays the Fund's Distributor an annual fee for distribution and shareholder servicing expenses of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Class A shares. Class I shares are not subject to a 12b-1 plan. Because these fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

The Distributor and other entities are paid under the Plan for services provided and the expenses borne by the Distributor and others in the distribution of Fund shares, including the payment of commissions for sales of the shares and incentive compensation to and expenses of dealers and others who engage in or support distribution of shares or who service shareholder accounts, including overhead and telephone expenses; printing and distribution of prospectuses and reports used in connection with the offering of the Fund's shares to other than current shareholders; and preparation, printing and distribution of sales literature and advertising materials. In addition, the Distributor or other entities may utilize fees paid pursuant to the Plan to compensate dealers or other entities for their opportunity costs in advancing such amounts, which compensation would be in the form of a carrying charge on any un-reimbursed expenses.

**Additional Compensation to Financial Intermediaries:** The Distributor, its affiliates, and the Adviser and its affiliates may, at their own expense and out of their own assets including their legitimate profits from Fund-related activities, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Fund or assist in the marketing of the Fund. Financial intermediaries include brokers, financial planners, banks, insurance companies, retirement or 401(k) plan administrators and others. These payments may be in addition to the Rule 12b-1 fees and any sales charges that are disclosed elsewhere in this Prospectus. These payments are generally made to financial intermediaries that provide shareholder or administrative services, or marketing support. Marketing support may include access to sales meetings, sales representatives and financial intermediary management representatives, inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, or other sales programs. These payments also may be made as an expense reimbursement in cases where the financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Fund shareholders. The Distributor may, from time to time, provide promotional incentives to certain investment firms. Such incentives may, at the Distributor's discretion, be limited to investment firms who allow their individual selling representatives to participate in such additional compensation.

**Householding:** To reduce expenses, the Fund mails only one copy of a Prospectus and each annual and semi-annual report to those addresses shared by accounts that have elected to receive paper copies of these documents. If you wish to receive individual copies of these documents, please call the Fund at 1-855-525-2151 on days the Fund is open for business or contact your financial institution. The Fund will begin sending you individual copies thirty days after receiving your request.

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years of the Fund's operations. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been derived from the financial statements audited by Cohen & Company, Ltd., the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements which are incorporated by reference into the SAI, are available at no charge upon request. The information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 has been derived from financial statements audited by the Fund's prior auditor.

### ***The Covered Bridge Fund - Class A*** **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

*Per share data and ratios for a share of beneficial interest throughout each year presented.*

	<b>For the Year Ended September 30, 2024</b>	<b>For the Year Ended September 30, 2023</b>	<b>For the Year Ended September 30, 2022</b>	<b>For the Year Ended September 30, 2021</b>	<b>For the Year Ended September 30, 2020</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 8.57	\$ 8.42	\$ 9.82	\$ 7.71	\$ 9.48
Increase (Decrease) From Operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.16	0.16	0.12	0.12	0.13
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on Investments	1.22	0.76	(0.80)	2.64	(1.40)
Total from operations	1.38	0.92	(0.68)	2.76	(1.27)
Less Distributions:					
From net investment income	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.09)
From net realized gain	(0.58)	(0.62)	(0.60)	(0.54)	(0.30)
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	(0.11)
Total Distributions	(0.74)	(0.77)	(0.72)	(0.65)	(0.50)
Paid in capital from redemption fees <sup>(1),(3)</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 9.21</b>	<b>\$ 8.57</b>	<b>\$ 8.42</b>	<b>\$ 9.82</b>	<b>\$ 7.71</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>16.65%</b>	<b>10.74%</b>	<b>(7.61)%</b>	<b>35.96%</b>	<b>(13.71)%</b>
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Net assets, end of year (in 000's)	\$ 10,452	\$ 14,874	\$ 14,730	\$ 16,009	\$ 11,313
Ratio of expenses to average net assets:					
before reimbursement <sup>(4)</sup>	1.80%	1.76%	1.67%	1.73%	1.79%
net of reimbursement	1.73%	1.71%	1.67%	1.69%	1.70%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets, excluding interest expense:					
before reimbursement <sup>(4)</sup>	1.72%	1.70%	1.65%	1.69%	1.74%
net of reimbursement	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%	1.65%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	1.80%	1.74%	1.18%	1.20%	1.49%
Portfolio turnover rate	125%	154%	147%	232%	204%

(1) Per share amounts are calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the year.

(2) Total returns are historical in nature and assume changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions, if any, and exclude the effect of sales loads and redemptions fees. Had the adviser not absorbed a portion of Fund expenses, total returns would have been lower.

(3) Amount is less than \$.01 per share.

(4) Represents the ratio of expenses to average net assets absent fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the adviser.

**The Covered Bridge Fund - Class I**  
**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

*Per share data and ratios for a share of beneficial interest throughout each year presented.*

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2024	For the Year Ended September 30, 2023	For the Year Ended September 30, 2022	For the Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Year Ended September 30, 2020
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.37	\$ 9.77	\$ 7.68	\$ 9.44
Increase (Decrease) From Operations:					
Net investment income <sup>(1)</sup>	0.18	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.15
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on Investments	1.21	0.75	(0.80)	2.63	(1.38)
Total from operations	1.39	0.93	(0.66)	2.77	(1.23)
Less Distributions:					
From net investment income	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.12)
From net realized gain	(0.58)	(0.62)	(0.60)	(0.54)	(0.30)
From return of capital	—	—	—	—	(0.11)
Total Distributions	(0.76)	(0.79)	(0.74)	(0.68)	(0.53)
Paid in capital from redemption fees <sup>(1),(3)</sup>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Year</b>	\$ 9.14	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.37	\$ 9.77	\$ 7.68
<b>Total Return<sup>(2)</sup></b>	16.97%	10.96%	(7.40)%	36.23%	(13.42)%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>					
Net assets, end of year (in 000's)	\$ 99,713	\$ 103,837	\$ 91,064	\$ 89,352	\$ 70,696
Ratio of expenses to average net assets:					
before reimbursement <sup>(4)</sup>	1.55%	1.51%	1.42%	1.48%	1.54%
net of reimbursement	1.48%	1.46%	1.42%	1.44%	1.45%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets, excluding interest expense:					
before reimbursement <sup>(4)</sup>	1.47%	1.45%	1.40%	1.44%	1.49%
net of reimbursement	1.40%	1.40%	1.40%	1.40%	1.40%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	2.03%	1.99%	1.43%	1.46%	1.74%
Portfolio turnover rate	125%	154%	147%	232%	204%

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

### **FACTS** WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST III DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

**Why?** Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

**What?** The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number
- Assets
- Retirement Assets
- Transaction History
- Checking Account Information
- Purchase History
- Account Balances
- Account Transactions
- Wire Transfer Instructions

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

**How?** All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Northern Lights Fund Trust III chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Northern Lights Fund Trust III share?	Can you limit this sharing?
<b>For our everyday business purposes –</b> such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
<b>For our marketing purposes –</b> to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your transactions and experiences	No	We don't share
<b>For our affiliates' everyday business purposes –</b> information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
<b>For nonaffiliates to market to you</b>	No	We don't share

**Questions?** Call (631) 490-4300

## Who we are

**Who is providing this notice?** Northern Lights Fund Trust III

## What we do

**How does Northern Lights Fund Trust III protect my personal information?** To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.

Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.

**How does Northern Lights Fund Trust III collect my personal information?** We collect your personal information, for example, when you

- Open an account
- Provide account information
- Give us your contact information
- Make deposits or withdrawals from your account
- Make a wire transfer
- Tell us where to send the money
- Tells us who receives the money
- Show your government-issued ID
- Show your driver's license

We also collect your personal information from other companies.

**Why can't I limit all sharing?**

Federal law gives you the right to limit only

- Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness
- Affiliates from using your information to market to you
- Sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you

State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

## Definitions

**Affiliates** Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III does not share with our affiliates.*

**Nonaffiliates** Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.*

**Joint marketing** A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.

- *Northern Lights Fund Trust III doesn't jointly market.*

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# THE COVERED BRIDGE FUND

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Additional information about the Fund is included in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") dated February 1, 2025. The SAI is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference (i.e., legally made a part of this Prospectus). The SAI provides more details about the Fund's policies and management. Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Fund's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

To obtain a free copy of the SAI and/or the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders, or for other information about the Fund, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Fund, please call 1-855-525-2151 or visit [www.thecoveredbridgefund.com](http://www.thecoveredbridgefund.com). You may also write to:

**THE COVERED BRIDGE FUND**  
c/o Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC  
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Reports and other information about the Fund are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following E-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

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