

Highland Long/Short Equity Fund—Tax-Free Reorganization  
A Series of Highland Funds I

**We recommend that you read the enclosed Prospectus/Information Statement in its entirety; this information will help you understand the upcoming Reorganization.**

**Thank you for your continued support of the Highland Funds.**

Highland Long/Short Equity Fund (the “Fund” or “LSE”), a series of Highland Funds I, will be reorganized into Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund (“MAF”), a series of Highland Funds I on or about June 29, 2020 (the “Reorganization”). Please refer to the enclosed Prospectus/Information Statement as well as the highlighted information below for details about the Reorganization.

**Why has the Board of Trustees approved the Reorganization?**

- The Boards of Trustees of both MAF and LSE, including a majority of the “non-interested” trustees (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), approved the Reorganization because they believe that the Reorganization is in the best interests of each of MAF and LSE and their respective shareholders and that the interests of existing MAF and LSE shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. After the Reorganization, (i) shareholders of LSE will be invested in a fund with greater exposure to an asset class less correlated to equity markets; (ii) lower gross advisory fees; and (iii) a stronger historical performance record, although over a shorter period of time. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

**How will the Reorganization affect my investment?**

- The total net asset value of your investment will not change as a result of the Reorganization and you will not have to pay any sales charge in connection with the exchange of your shares. Pursuant to the Reorganization, MAF will acquire all or substantially all of the assets of LSE in exchange for shares of MAF as summarized in the following chart:

<u>Reorganizing Fund</u>	<u>Surviving Fund</u>
<i>Highland Long/Short Equity Fund</i>	<i>Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund</i>
<i>Class A Shares</i>	<i>Class A Shares</i>
<i>Class C Shares</i>	<i>Class C Shares</i>
<i>Class Z Shares</i>	<i>Class Z Shares</i>

- Although the fundamental investment restrictions of LSE and MAF are identical, the investment objectives and investment strategies of MAF are materially different than those of LSE as described below under “Summary—Comparison of Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks.”

**What are the tax consequences of the Reorganization?**

The Reorganization is expected to be a tax-free reorganization under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

LSE is expected to sell all securities that are inconsistent with MAF’s investment strategy and will distribute any undistributed income and realized capital gains accumulated prior to the Reorganization to its shareholders. These distributions, if any, will be taxable. LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors’ taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. Highland Capital Management Fund Advisers, L.P. (“HCMFA” or the “Adviser”) estimates any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective. Additional tax information is included below under “Tax Consequences.”

**When will the Reorganization occur?**

The Reorganization is currently expected to occur after the close of business on or about June 29, 2020.

**Who will pay for the Reorganization?**

MAF will pay the direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses, including mailing, processing and printing costs and expenses, as well as the cost associated with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements, as applicable, associated with the Reorganization. Given the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, the Adviser expects that the Adviser and its affiliates will indirectly pay some or all of the direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses that MAF is being asked to pay.

LSE is expected to incur brokerage expenses related to the sale of any assets or the purchase of replacement securities prior to the Reorganization. Approximately half of LSE securities are expected to be sold in connection with the Reorganization. These sales or purchases of assets will be necessary to align the portfolios of LSE and MAF and will be required prior to the Reorganization. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser.

Reorganization-related expenses are estimated at approximately \$125,000, of which an estimated \$55,212, or \$0.01 per share, will be paid by LSE and an estimated \$69,788, or \$0.0442 per share, will be paid by MAF. These expenses include:

- Registration fees for securities issued pursuant to the Reorganization estimated at \$5,000 will be paid by MAF on an as incurred basis;
- Direct and indirect expenses of the Reorganization (consisting primarily of legal and accounting fees) estimated at \$60,000 will be paid by MAF;
- Direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses (e.g., mailing, processing, tabulation and printing, as well as the cost associated with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements) associated with the Reorganization estimated at \$4,130 will be paid by MAF; and
- Brokerage expenses related to the repositioning of its portfolio securities prior to the Reorganization in the amount of \$55,212, will be paid by LSE. The actual amount of brokerage expenses may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser. Approximately half of LSE securities are expected to be sold in connection with the Reorganization to better align LSE's portfolio with MAF's portfolio.
- If the Reorganization is not consummated, LSE will not incur brokerage expenses in connection with repositioning, and all Reorganization-related expenses incurred shall be paid by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreements in place for MAF.

LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. We estimate any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective.

Due to the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, the net asset value impact to MAF of these Reorganization expenses is currently estimated to be \$0 per share. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to MAF within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided MAF's total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement.

#### **Will my current account options transfer over to my new account?**

Yes, these servicing features will transfer automatically to your MAF account. If you participate in automated or systematic account programs, these programs will continue in your new account with MAF. Shareholders wishing to modify, cancel, freeze or terminate such services must instruct the Fund or their financial representative, as applicable.

#### **What should I do in connection with the Reorganization?**

At the close of business on or about June 29, 2020, your shares will automatically be exchanged for shares of MAF. Please do not attempt to make the exchange into MAF yourself in advance of the Reorganization. Shareholders may continue to redeem or transfer out of the Fund prior to the Reorganization.

The Reorganization is not required to be approved by the shareholders of the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-8 of the 1940 Act. There are no differences in fundamental policies, advisory contracts, or distribution fees between the Funds that would require shareholder approval to change, and the Boards of Trustees of both MAF and LSE, including a majority of the "non-interested" trustees, approved the Reorganization because they believe that the Reorganization is in the best interests of each of MAF and LSE and their respective shareholders and that the interests of existing MAF and LSE shareholders will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. Accordingly, shareholders of LSE are not being asked to vote on or approve the Reorganization.

#### **Who is the Investment Adviser of the Funds?**

HCMFA serves as investment adviser to the Funds. HCMFA has been historically affiliated through common control with Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("HCMLP"), which is also an SEC-registered investment adviser. On October 16, 2019, HCMLP filed for

Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The case was subsequently transferred to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. On January 9, 2020, the bankruptcy court approved a change of control of HCMLP, which involved the resignation of James Dondero as the sole director of, and the appointment of an independent board to, HCMLP's general partner. Mr. Dondero will, however, remain as an employee of HCMLP and as portfolio manager for all funds and vehicles for which he currently holds such titles. Nevertheless, given Mr. Dondero's historic role with HCMLP and his continued ownership interest and roles with respect to the Highland platform as a whole, as well as the shared services agreements between HCMLP and our Adviser, we still treat HCMLP and its affiliates as our affiliates for purposes hereof. The Adviser is not a party to HCMLP's bankruptcy filing. The Adviser is a party to a shared services arrangement with HCMLP. Under this arrangement the Adviser may utilize employees from HCMLP in connection with various services such as human resources, accounting, tax, valuation, information technology services, office space, employees, compliance and legal. We do not expect HCMLP's bankruptcy filings to impact its provision of services to the Adviser at this time.

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**Whom do I call if I have questions about this Prospectus/Information Statement?**

Please don't hesitate to contact your Investment Professional or call us toll-free at **1-877-665-1287**.

**Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Highland Funds.**

After careful consideration, the Board of Trustees has unanimously approved this proposed Reorganization.  
The Board of Trustees recommends that you read the enclosed materials carefully.

**PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT**

**June 15, 2020**

**ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS OF  
HIGHLAND LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND**

**A Series of Highland Funds I**

Class A Shares

Class C Shares

Class Z Shares

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**By and in exchange for Shares of**

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This Prospectus/Information Statement is being furnished to shareholders of Highland Long/Short Equity Fund (“LSE” or the “Fund”), a Series of Highland Funds I, in connection with a reorganization (the “Reorganization”) pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) by and between LSE and Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund (“MAF”), a series of Highland Funds I.

Under the Plan, LSE will transfer all or substantially all of its assets to MAF, in exchange for Shares of MAF, and MAF will assume all of the liabilities of LSE. MAF is expected to be the accounting survivor in the Reorganization. Shares of MAF will be distributed pro rata by LSE to its shareholders in complete liquidation and dissolution/termination of LSE. As a result of the Reorganization, each shareholder holding Shares of LSE will become the shareholder of Shares of MAF, having a total net asset value (“NAV”) equal to the total NAV of the shareholder’s holdings in LSE on the date of the Reorganization (the “Closing Date”). For purposes of this Prospectus/Information Statement, LSE and MAF may be referred to collectively as, the “Funds.”

The Board of Trustees of Highland Funds I (the “Board”), including a majority of the “non-interested” trustees (as that term is defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”)), has determined that the Reorganization is in the best interest of the Funds and that interests of the existing shareholders of the Funds will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. Information on the rationale for the Reorganization is included in this Prospectus/Information Statement in the section entitled “Summary—Reasons for the Proposed Reorganization.”

The Reorganization is expected to be a tax-free reorganization for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). For information on the tax consequences of the Reorganization, see the sections entitled “Summary—Tax Consequences” and “Information about the Reorganization—Federal Income Tax Consequences” in this Prospectus/Information Statement.

The investment objective of LSE is to seek consistent, above-average total returns primarily through capital appreciation, while also attempting to preserve capital and mitigate risk through hedging activities. The investment objective of MAF is to generate positive absolute returns. For a more detailed comparison of the investment objectives, policies, limitations and risks of LSE with those of MAF,

see the section entitled “Summary—Comparison of Investment Objectives, Policies and Risks” in this Prospectus/Information Statement.

This Prospectus/Information Statement should be retained for future reference. It sets forth concisely the information about the Funds that a prospective investor should know before investing. This Prospectus/Information Statement is accompanied by the Prospectus for MAF, dated October 31, 2019, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) dated, June 15, 2020 relating to this Prospectus/Information Statement, contains additional information and has been filed by Highland Funds I, on behalf of MAF, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is incorporated herein by reference.

A prospectus and SAI for Highland Funds I (of which LSE and MAF are series), dated October 31, 2019 (File Nos. 333-132400 and 811-21866) have been filed with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference. In addition, the Annual Report for LSE and MAF dated June 30, 2019 (File No. 811-21866) is incorporated by reference (legally considered to be part of the Prospectus/Information Statement). In addition, the Semi Annual Report for LSE and MAF dated December 31, 2019 (File No. 811-21866) is incorporated by reference (legally considered to be part of the Prospectus/Information Statement).

Copies of these materials and other information about LSE and MAF may be obtained without charge by writing or calling the Funds at the addresses and telephone numbers shown on the previous pages. Reports and other information about LSE and MAF are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC’s Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request to the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Prospectus/Information Statement Materials:** This Prospectus/Information Statement is available on the Internet at [highlandfunds.com/literature](http://highlandfunds.com/literature). On this website, you also will be able to access any amendments or supplements to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to shareholders.

**SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO EFFECT THE REORGANIZATION. NO ACTION ON YOUR PART IS REQUIRED TO EFFECT THE REORGANIZATION.**

**THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION HAS NOT APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THESE SECURITIES, OR PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

**NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT AND IN THE MATERIALS EXPRESSLY INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE AND, IF GIVEN OR MADE, SUCH OTHER INFORMATION OR REPRESENTATIONS MUST NOT BE RELIED UPON AS HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE FUNDS.**

**SHARES OF THE FUNDS ARE NOT DEPOSITS OR OBLIGATIONS OF, OR GUARANTEED OR ENDORSED BY, ANY BANK. SHARES OF THE FUNDS ARE NOT FEDERALLY INSURED BY, GUARANTEED BY, OBLIGATIONS OF OR OTHERWISE SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUNDS INVOLVES INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING POSSIBLE LOSS OF PRINCIPAL AMOUNT INVESTED.**

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## SUMMARY

This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the additional information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus/Information Statement, or incorporated by reference into this Prospectus/Information Statement. A form of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) pursuant to which the Reorganization will be conducted is attached to this Prospectus/Information Statement as Annex A. The prospectus of MAF accompanies this Prospectus/Information Statement.

### **NO SHAREHOLDER VOTE IS REQUIRED FOR THE REORGANIZATION. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND US A PROXY**

Under the Plan, LSE will transfer all, or substantially all, of its assets to MAF in exchange for Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of MAF, and MAF will assume all of the liabilities of LSE. LSE will not transfer deferred or prepaid expenses to the extent that they do not have a continuing value to MAF, and which are not expected to be material in amount. If, after the Closing Date, additional cash in excess of accrued expenses recorded on LSE’s books on or before the Closing Date are received by or returned to LSE, such amounts would be remitted to MAF. Any amount impacting shareholders (i.e., that is not an expense accrual item) should be received by MAF as the surviving fund. MAF is expected to be the accounting survivor of the Reorganization. MAF’s Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares will be distributed pro rata by LSE to its shareholders in complete liquidation, dissolution and termination of LSE. As a result of the Reorganization, each shareholder of LSE’s Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares will become the shareholder of Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of MAF, respectively, having a total NAV equal to the total NAV of the shareholder’s holdings in LSE on the Closing Date.

### **REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION**

Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (“HCMFA” or the “Adviser”) serves as investment adviser to the Funds.

LSE’s investment objective is to seek consistent, above-average total returns primarily through capital appreciation, while also attempting to preserve capital and mitigate risk through hedging activities, whereas MAF’s investment objective is to generate positive absolute returns.

The Reorganization was recommended by the Adviser to the Board in light of the steadily decreasing asset base of LSE because it will provide LSE shareholders with increased exposure to the merger arbitrage strategy, which has historically had a return profile with little to no correlation to the equity markets (unlike LSE, whose returns are more correlated to the equity markets and uses a long-short strategy that is generally out of favor with investors), and will result in LSE’s shareholders being reorganized into a fund with greater exposure to an asset class less correlated to equity markets, a lower gross advisory fee and a stronger historical performance record, although over a shorter period of time. The Board considered that due to the steadily decreasing asset base in the long/short equity category and including LSE, the reorganization into MAF will provide LSE shareholders with a stronger asset base that will improve the potential for long-term growth by investing in a strategy that is more in favor with investors.

On the Closing Date, an LSE shareholder will become the owner of shares of MAF having a total net asset value equal to the total net asset value of his or her holdings in LSE. Additionally, the Adviser has agreed to keep MAF’s expense limitation agreement (“ELA”) in place for one year from the Closing Date. The ELA limits MAF’s total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by MAF pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, taxes, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, interest payments, acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses and dividend expense on short sales) to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of MAF. MAF’s net expenses may be higher after the end of the one-year period following consummation of the Reorganization, as the ELA will expire on the later of June 29, 2021 or one year following the close of the Reorganization and HCMFA may, but is under no obligation to, renew the expense limitation agreement at such time.

As of March 31, 2020, the total assets were \$57.3 million for LSE and \$30.3 million for MAF.

Although LSE outperformed each of MAF’s classes over the 1-year period ended December 31, 2019, MAF outperformed each of LSE’s classes over the 3- and 5-year periods ended December 31, 2019 and since MAF’s inception (January 2015). The performance information shown below will help you analyze LSE’s and MAF’s investment risks in light of their historical returns.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>1 year Return</b>	<b>3 year Annualized Return</b>	<b>5 year Annualized Return</b>	<b>10 year Annualized Return</b>	<b>Annualized Return Since Merger Arbitrage Inception</b>
Merger Arbitrage	7.56%	6.50%	6.89% <sup>1</sup>	-	6.85% <sup>1</sup>
Long/Short Equity	11.02%	4.57%	2.58%	3.98%	4.12%

<sup>1</sup> MAF is the successor to an unregistered private fund (the “Predecessor Fund”). On May 12, 2016, MAF acquired the assets of the Predecessor Fund. For periods prior to May 12, 2016, the performance provided above is that of the Predecessor Fund, adjusted to reflect the higher fees and expenses of Class Z shares of MAF. The investment policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions of MAF are substantially similar to those of the Predecessor Fund. In addition, the Predecessor Fund’s investment adviser is an affiliate of the current investment adviser of MAF.

The Adviser believes that the proposed Reorganization will result in LSE's shareholders receiving shares in a fund that has: (i) greater exposure to an asset class less correlated to equity markets; (ii) lower gross advisory fees; and (iii) a stronger historical performance record, although over a shorter period of time. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. There are no differences in fundamental policies, advisory contracts, or distribution fees between the Funds that would require shareholder approval to change.

In response to the lack of market demand and general net outflows of the Long/Short Equity category, including LSE, the Adviser believes the merger into MAF will provide LSE shareholders with an investment strategy which has historically had a return profile with little to no correlation to the equity markets. This contrasts with LSE, which provides returns that are more correlated to the equity markets and uses a long-short strategy that is generally out of favor with investors. This is demonstrated by each Fund's correlation to the S&P 500 Index (the "S&P 500"), a broad-based equity securities market index. MAF's correlation to the S&P 500 is 0.04, as compared to LSE's correlation of 0.69.

As a result, the Adviser believes that the proposed Reorganization is in the best interests of LSE's shareholders, and that the interests of the existing LSE shareholders would not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. In addition, MAF's investment objective, policies and strategies will not change as a result of the Reorganization.

Accordingly, the Reorganization is not required to be approved by the shareholders of the Funds pursuant to Rule 17a-8 of the 1940 Act.

In light of the above rationale and considerations, and the requirements of Rule 17a-8 under the 1940 Act, in considering the proposed Reorganization, the Board took into account all pertinent factors it deemed relevant in its business judgment, including: (1) LSE's higher gross advisory fee of 2.25%, such that after the Reorganization, LSE shareholders would be merged into a fund with a lower gross advisory fee of 1.20% (which will be further reduced to 1.00%, with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee, effective on the Closing Date); (2) the Reorganization is intended to be structured as a tax-free Reorganization; (3) the fact that MAF's investment strategy provides a return profile with little to no correlation to the equity markets; and (4) MAF's stronger historical performance track record compared to LSE, although over a shorter period of time. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. These factors are more fully described below under "Board Considerations Relating to the Reorganization."

Reorganization-related expenses are estimated at approximately \$125,000, of which an estimated \$55,212, or \$0.01 per share, will be paid by LSE and an estimated \$69,788, or \$0.0442 per share, will be paid by MAF. These expenses include:

- Registration fees for securities issued pursuant to the Reorganization estimated at \$5,000 will be paid by MAF on an as incurred basis;
- Direct and indirect expenses of the Reorganization (consisting primarily of legal and accounting fees) estimated at \$60,000 will be paid by MAF;
- Direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses (e.g., mailing, processing, tabulation and printing, as well as the cost associated with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements) associated with the Reorganization estimated at \$4,130 will be paid by MAF; and
- Brokerage expenses related to the repositioning of its portfolio securities prior to the Reorganization in the amount of \$55,212, will be paid by LSE. The actual amount of brokerage expenses may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser. Approximately half of LSE securities are expected to be sold in connection with the Reorganization to better align LSE's portfolio with MAF's portfolio.
- If the Reorganization is not consummated, LSE will not incur brokerage expenses in connection with repositioning, and all Reorganization-related expenses incurred shall be paid by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreements in place for MAF.

LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. We estimate any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective.

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There will be no dilution to shareholders as a result of the Reorganization, because each LSE shareholder will become the owner of shares of MAF having a total net asset value equal to the total net asset value of his or her holdings in LSE on the Closing Date.

In summary, LSE shareholders will be receiving shares in a fund with a lower gross advisory fee, a stronger historical performance record (although over a shorter period of time) and increased exposure to less-correlated alternative investments. Past performance is no guarantee of future results LSE shareholders also will be receiving shares of MAF in a Reorganization transaction that is intended to be tax-free and therefore will experience a more favorable tax result as compared to that resulting from a liquidation of LSE.

Based on information provided by the Adviser, the Board believes that the proposed Reorganization is in the best interest of LSE and MAF shareholders because it would provide an opportunity to benefit from improved potential for long-term growth that may be realized by combining the Funds' assets in the Reorganization, which could have the potential for greater efficiencies and the ability to spread fixed costs over a larger asset base. Following the Reorganization, it is expected that the pro forma gross and net expenses of MAF will be higher than those of LSE due to the higher expense line items "Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Fund" and "Dividend Expense on Short Sales" in the fee table. While these fees are higher for MAF, they represent trading costs related to the investment strategies of the Funds and reflect MAF's merger arbitrage strategy. Dividend Expense on Short Sales reflects dividends paid on stocks the Funds borrow in order to short. The Adviser considers Dividend Expense on Short Sales to be a trading cost and for this reason such expenses are excluded from MAF's contractual expense limitation.

By contrast, the Adviser and its affiliates will benefit from the Reorganization of LSE as a result of (i) the elimination of LSE's management fee waiver and (ii) the increase in the assets of MAF (which would increase asset-based fee revenue for HCMFA and its affiliates with respect to MAF, while retaining current LSE assets within the Highland complex). Except for these two benefits, the Adviser and its affiliates will not receive a monetary benefit from the Reorganization. In considering these benefits to the Adviser, the Adviser believes consideration should be given to the fact that, instead of the reorganization of LSE into MAF, which the Adviser believes will be more beneficial to LSE shareholders, the Adviser and its affiliates could have decided either to (A) allow the management fee waiver on LSE to expire without renewal (which could provide the Adviser with the first benefit noted above—the elimination of LSE's management fee waiver—) or (B) propose to liquidate LSE (which could also provide the Adviser with the first benefit noted above and which would be a taxable event to shareholders).

Given the above factors, the Adviser believes that the bulk of the benefits of the Reorganization favor LSE and its shareholders, as opposed to the Adviser and its affiliates, and that, in this instance, the proposed allocation of expenses is reasonable and appropriate, and does not result in unfair dilution nor does it result in LSE bearing the cost of a transaction where a greater benefit will accrue to another person (such as the Adviser and its affiliates).

In consideration of the foregoing and other information in this Prospectus/Information Statement, the Board, including a majority of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" within the meaning of Section 2(a) (19) of the 1940 Act, has determined that participation in the Reorganization is in the best interests of LSE and the interests of the existing shareholders of LSE will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization. Therefore, the Board has unanimously approved the Reorganization of LSE into MAF.

## TAX CONSEQUENCES

### Tax-Free Reorganization Under The Code

As a non-waivable condition to the Reorganization, each Fund will receive an opinion of counsel that the Reorganization will be considered a tax-free “reorganization” under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), so that no gain or loss will be recognized directly as a result of the Reorganization by either Fund or by LSE’s shareholders. To qualify, MAF must acquire “substantially all” of the assets of LSE in exchange for MAF shares and the assumption of specified LSE liabilities (if any), LSE must liquidate completely as a result of the Reorganization and distribute MAF shares to LSE shareholders, and MAF must either (1) use a “significant portion” of LSE’s historic assets in a business (the “asset continuity” test), or (2) continue LSE’s “historic business” (the “business continuity” test). The Adviser intends to satisfy the requirements of the Code for tax-free reorganizations under the business continuity test. To satisfy the business continuity test, MAF must continue a significant historic business of LSE, which generally requires that, on the date of the Reorganization, at least one-third of LSE’s assets must meet MAF’s investment objectives, strategies, policies, risks and restrictions, and that LSE did not alter its portfolio in connection with the Reorganization to meet the one-third threshold. MAF may, but is not required to, retain a certain portion of LSE’s portfolio securities post-Reorganization. The aggregate tax basis of the shares of MAF received by the LSE shareholders will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of their shares in LSE. Prior to the Reorganization, LSE will distribute to shareholders any previously undistributed ordinary income and net capital gains accumulated prior to the Reorganization. Any such distributions will be taxable to LSE shareholders. For further discussion, see “Information About the Reorganization—Federal Income Tax Consequences.”

The Adviser believes that the Reorganization will qualify as a tax-free reorganization. To the extent that any transition of portfolio securities occurs in connection with the Reorganization, it is anticipated that LSE will incur transaction expenses associated with the disposition of portfolio securities. These brokerage costs, which will be borne by LSE, are currently estimated to be \$55,212 or \$0.01 per share, though the actual amount may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. LSE expects to replace a portion of its investments in common stock of publicly listed companies, ETFs and options or derivatives of public securities. To the extent that certain assets are purchased or sold short to more closely align with the portfolio of MAF, such investments would consist primarily of common stock in publicly listed companies, as well as options or derivatives of public securities, where the Adviser determines an attractive merger arbitrage investment. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE’s management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser. Prior to the Reorganization, LSE may dispose of portfolio securities in the ordinary course of business and in anticipation of the Reorganization to better align the portfolios of LSE and MAF. Such disposition of portfolio securities may result in the realization of net capital gains and may cause LSE to temporarily deviate from its stated investment objectives and strategies.

To the extent that LSE’s net capital gains as of the Closing Date (including the referenced disposition of portfolio securities) exceed any available capital loss carryforward, any capital gain distribution will be taxable to LSE shareholders. Due to LSE’s current significant capital loss position, the Adviser believes that any potential realized gains will have a minimal or near zero impact on shareholders from a tax perspective.

See the section entitled “Federal Income Tax Consequences” below for further information regarding the tax treatment of any capital gains realized from this disposition of securities.

The consummation of the Reorganization also is contingent upon the receipt of a tax opinion (to be issued by K&L Gates LLP) addressed to LSE and MAF to the effect that the Reorganization will constitute a “reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code and that MAF and LSE will each be a “party to a reorganization” within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code. The tax opinion will satisfy the requirements for such legal opinion set forth in the form of Agreement and Plan of Reorganization for the Reorganization.

### Distributions and the Treatment of Capital Loss Carryforwards and Realized Gains

As noted above, shareholders generally will not incur capital gains or losses on the exchange of shares of LSE for shares of MAF as a result of the Reorganization. However, shareholders will incur capital gains or losses if they sell their shares of LSE before the Reorganization becomes effective or sell/exchange their shares of MAF after the Reorganization becomes effective. Shareholders also will be responsible for tax obligations associated with monthly, periodic or other dividend or capital gains distributions that occur prior to and after the Reorganization.

For example, shareholders will be responsible for any taxes payable in connection with taxable distributions made, if any, by LSE immediately prior to the Reorganization. These distributions may include capital gains realized on dispositions of portfolio securities in the ordinary course of business or in connection with the Reorganization. At the time of the Reorganization, it is anticipated that LSE will transfer most, if not all, of its then existing portfolio to MAF pursuant to the Reorganization. As of the Closing Date, if any

such dispositions of portfolio securities from the portfolio of LSE result in LSE having a net capital gain, such capital gain will be distributed to shareholders as a taxable distribution prior to the Reorganization being consummated. As noted above, LSE expects to replace a portion of its investments in common stock of publicly listed companies, ETFs and options or derivatives of public securities with common stock in publicly listed companies, as well as options or derivatives of public securities, where the Adviser determines an attractive merger arbitrage investment. Consequently, brokerage costs incurred in connection with the Reorganization and the repositioning of LSE's portfolio are expected to be \$55,212, although the actual amount may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser.

A Fund's ability to carry forward capital losses, if any, and to use them to offset future gains may be limited as a result of the Reorganization. "Pre-acquisition losses" of either LSE or MAF (including capital loss carryforwards, net current-year capital losses, and unrealized losses that exceed certain thresholds) may become unavailable to offset gains of the combined Fund. Additionally, if one Fund has net unrecognized gains above a certain threshold as of the date of a Reorganization ("built-in gains"), the other Fund's pre-Reorganization losses cannot be used to offset such built-in gains if they are recognized during the five-year period beginning on the date of the Reorganization.

Generally, when ownership of a corporation with capital loss carryforwards changes for tax purposes in connection with a reorganization (as will be the case here), the Code imposes various limitations on the use of capital loss carryforwards following the change in ownership. The amount of such loss carryforwards that can be used each year to offset post-acquisition income would generally be determined by multiplying the "federal long-term tax-exempt rate" (the applicable rate as of November 2019 was 1.68%) by the value of the outstanding shares of LSE (possibly subject to adjustment for purposes of these rules) immediately prior to the Reorganization.

In addition, the Reorganization will result in the spreading of tax benefits and tax costs across the larger shareholder base of the combined Fund. On the one hand, the shareholders of LSE will receive a proportionate share of any "built-in" (unrealized) gains in MAF's assets, as well as any taxable gains realized by MAF but not distributed to its shareholders prior to the Reorganization, when such gains are eventually distributed by MAF. As a result, shareholders of LSE may receive larger taxable distributions than they would have had the Reorganization not occurred. Additionally, any pre-acquisition losses of LSE (whether realized or unrealized) remaining after the operation of the limitation rules described above will become available to offset post-Reorganization capital gains otherwise distributed to a broader group of shareholders than would have been the case absent such Reorganization, such that the benefit of those losses to LSE shareholders may be further reduced relative to what the benefit would have been had the Reorganization not occurred. On the other hand, any pre-acquisition losses of MAF remaining after the operation of the limitation rules described above will be available to offset capital gains of the combined Fund realized after the Reorganization other than LSE's built-in gains (as described above), potentially resulting in a tax benefit to LSE shareholders.

The amount of realized and unrealized gains and losses of each Fund, as well as the size of each Fund, at the time of the Reorganization will determine the extent to which the Funds' respective losses, both realized and unrealized, will be available to reduce gains realized by the combined Fund following the Reorganization, and consequently the extent to which the combined Fund may be required to distribute gains to its shareholders earlier than would have been the case absent the Reorganization. Thus the impact of the rules described above will depend on factors that are currently unknown, such that this impact cannot be calculated precisely prior to the Reorganization.

As of June 30, 2019, the last fiscal year end for which audited financial statements are available, neither Fund had capital loss carryforwards other than any post-October 2020 carryforwards. As of May 31, 2020, LSE's capital loss position was approximately \$7.8 million including a post-October loss of approximately \$5 million from the prior fiscal year. LSE estimated capital loss carryforward is not set to expire. MAF did not have a capital loss carryforward.

Shareholders of LSE should consult their tax advisors regarding the federal, state and local tax treatment and implications of the Reorganization in light of their individual circumstances.

## **COMPARISON OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND RISKS**

This section will help you compare the investment objectives, policies and risks of the Funds. The investment objectives, policies and risks of the Funds are materially different, although LSE typically gains exposure to merger arbitrage investments through its investment in MAF. LSE's non-fundamental investment objective is to seek consistent, above-average total returns primarily through capital appreciation, while also attempting to preserve capital and mitigate risk through hedging activities while MAF's non-fundamental objective is to generate positive absolute returns.



LSE pursues its investment objective primarily by taking long and short positions in equity securities in a manner that correlates to equity markets. MAF pursues its investment objective by investing in securities of companies that are involved in publicly-announced mergers (including mergers through takeovers and tender offers, so long as tender offers are being used to effect a merger) (“Merger Transactions”) or companies that the Adviser believes may be involved in Merger Transactions. The performance of MAF has historically had little to no correlation to the equity markets. This is demonstrated by each Fund’s correlation to the S&P 500, a broad-based equity securities market index. MAF’s correlation to the S&P 500 is 0.04, as compared to LSE’s correlation of 0.69. MAF also invests pursuant to its principal investment policies in the financial services sector, high yield debt securities (“junk securities”), and merger arbitrage securities, all as described in more detail below. After the Reorganization is consummated, MAF will continue to be operated in accordance with MAF’s investment objective and investment strategies.

The following chart summarizes the investment objectives and policies of LSE and MAF. Please be aware that the foregoing is only a summary, and this section is only a brief discussion. More complete information may be found in each Fund’s prospectus.

<b>INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES</b>	
<b>LSE (Reorganizing Fund)</b>	<b>MAF (Surviving Fund)</b>
The Fund’s non-fundamental investment objective is to seek consistent, above-average total returns primarily through capital appreciation, while also attempting to preserve capital and mitigate risk through hedging activities.	The Fund’s non-fundamental investment objective is to generate positive absolute returns.
The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 80% of the value of its total assets (net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) under normal circumstances in equity securities. Equity securities of U.S. or non-U.S. issuers in which the Fund may invest include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, depositary receipts, warrants to buy common stocks and derivatives on any of the foregoing securities.  The Fund may invest in equity securities of issuers of any market capitalization and the Fund may invest in securities issued by other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”).	The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of the value of its total assets (net assets plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of companies that are involved in publicly-announced mergers (including mergers through takeovers and tender offers, so long as tender offers are being used to effect a merger) (“Merger Transactions”) or companies that the Adviser believes may be involved in Merger Transactions. This investment policy is not fundamental and may be changed by the Fund without shareholder approval upon 60 days’ prior written notice to shareholders.
The Fund will generally take long and short positions in equity securities and the Adviser will vary the Fund’s long-short exposure over time based on its assessment of market conditions and other factors.  In addition, the Fund may invest up to 20% of the value of its assets in a wide variety of other U.S. and non-U.S. non-equity securities and financial instruments, including but not limited to bonds and other debt securities, money market instruments, illiquid securities, cash and cash equivalents. The Fund may invest up to 50% of the value of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including emerging market issuers. Such securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars, non-U.S. currencies or multinational currency units.	The Fund engages in risk arbitrage strategies, particularly merger arbitrage strategies, in order to achieve its investment objective. Merger arbitrage is a highly specialized investment approach generally designed to profit from the successful completion of Merger Transactions. Although a variety of strategies may be employed depending upon the nature of the reorganizations selected for investment, the simplest form of merger arbitrage activity involves purchasing the shares of an announced acquisition target at a discount to their expected value upon completion of the acquisition. The size of this discount, known as the arbitrage “spread,” may represent the Fund’s potential profit on such an investment. The merger arbitrage strategy is designed to provide performance that the Adviser believes will normally have relatively low correlation with the overall performance of stock markets.



<p>The Fund may invest without limitation in warrants and may also use derivatives, primarily swaps (including equity, variance and volatility swaps), options and futures contracts on securities, interest rates, non-physical commodities and/or currencies, as substitutes for direct investments the Fund can make. The Fund may also use derivatives such as swaps, options (including options on futures), futures, and foreign currency transactions (e.g., foreign currency swaps, futures and forwards) to any extent deemed by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund, and to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), to hedge various investments for risk management and speculative purposes.</p>	<p>The Fund may employ a variety of hedging strategies to protect against issuer-related risk or other risks, including selling short the securities of the company that proposes to acquire the acquisition target. The Fund may invest without limitation in warrants and may also use derivatives, primarily swaps (including equity, variance and volatility swaps), options and futures contracts on securities, interest rates, commodities and/or currencies, as substitutes for direct investments the Fund can make.</p> <p>The Fund may also use derivatives such as swaps, options (including options on futures), futures, and foreign currency transactions (e.g., foreign currency swaps, futures and forwards) to any extent deemed by the Adviser to be in the best interest of the Fund, and to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, to hedge various investments for risk management and speculative purposes.</p> <p>The Fund may employ currency hedges (either in the forward, futures or options markets) in certain circumstances to reduce currency risk on investments in assets denominated in foreign currencies.</p> <p>The Fund may invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). To the extent that the Fund invests in shares of another investment company or ETF, the Fund bears its proportionate share of the expenses of the underlying investment company or ETF and is subject to the risks of the underlying investment company’s or ETF’s investments.</p>
<p>The Fund may borrow an amount up to 33 1/3% (or such other percentage permitted by law) of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) less all liabilities other than borrowings. The Fund may borrow for investment purposes, to meet redemption requests and for temporary, extraordinary or emergency purposes. The use of borrowing for investment purposes (i.e., leverage) increases both investment opportunity and investment risk. The Fund may seek additional income by making secured loans on its portfolio securities.</p>	<p>The Fund may borrow an amount up to 33 1/3% (or such other percentage permitted by law) of its total assets (including the amount borrowed) less all liabilities other than borrowings. The Fund may borrow for investment purposes, to meet redemption requests, and for temporary, extraordinary or emergency purposes. The use of leverage for investment purposes increases both investment opportunity and investment risk. The Fund may seek additional income by making secured loans on its portfolio securities</p>

<p>The Fund’s investments may focus on the information technology, communication services, consumer discretionary and financials sectors. In addition to purchasing, or taking “long” positions in equity securities, the Fund’s investment strategy includes short selling, and may include investments in derivatives, ETFs, and/or fixed income securities.</p> <p>The Adviser may sell short securities of a company that the Adviser believes: (i) is overvalued relative to normalized business and industry fundamentals or to the expected growth that the Adviser believes the company will achieve; (ii) has a faulty business model; (iii) engages in questionable accounting practices; (iv) shows declining cash flow and/or liquidity; (v) has earnings estimates that the Adviser believes are too high; (vi) has weak competitive barriers to entry; (vii) suffers from deteriorating industry and/or business fundamentals; (viii) has a weak management team; (ix) will see multiple contraction; (x) is not adapting to changes in technological, regulatory or competitive environments; or (xi) provides a hedge against the Fund’s long exposure, such as a broad based market ETF. Technical analysis may be used to help in the decision making process.</p>	<p>The Adviser may invest the Fund’s assets in both negotiated, or “friendly,” reorganizations and non-negotiated, or “hostile,” takeover attempts, but in either case the Adviser’s primary considerations include the likelihood that the transaction will be successfully completed and its risk-adjusted profile. The Fund may also participate in other forms of arbitrage including, without limitation, share class arbitrage.</p> <p>The Fund may also short a company in an announced transaction in anticipation that the deal will be terminated or deal terms will be re-negotiated. The Fund may hold a significant portion of its assets in cash and money market instruments in anticipation of arbitrage opportunities, and investments in money market instruments will not be deemed violations of the 80% test above.</p>
	<p>Equity securities in which the Fund may invest include common stock, preferred stock, securities convertible into common stock, rights and warrants or securities or other instruments whose price is linked to the value of common stock. The Fund may invest in issuers of any market capitalization. Although the equity securities in which the Fund invests may be denominated in any currency and may be located in emerging markets without limit, the Fund will primarily invest in equity securities that are located in developed markets. Such investment may be denominated in U.S. dollars, non-U.S. currencies or multinational currency units. The Fund engages in active trading and may invest a portion of its assets to seek short-term capital appreciation.</p> <p>The Fund may also invest in debt securities of any kind, including debt securities of varying maturities, below investment grade securities or unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “high yield securities” or “junk securities”), debt securities paying a fixed or fluctuating rate of interest, inflation-indexed bonds, structured notes, loan assignments, loan participations, asset-backed securities, debt securities convertible into equity securities, and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities, by foreign governments or international agencies or supranational entities or by domestic or foreign private issuers.</p>

<p>The Adviser will make investments without regard to a company's level of capitalization or the expected tax consequences of the investment (short or long term capital gains).</p>	<p>The Fund generally invests in stocks of target companies in potential Merger Transactions based on the Adviser's expected risk adjusted return for the arbitrage transaction. In most cases, the Fund will buy the target's stock soon after the announcement of the Merger Transaction (or when one or more publicly disclosed events point toward the possibility of some type of Merger Transaction within a reasonable time) and may, but is not required to, hold the stock until the deal is completed. While the Fund will usually invest in the common stock of the target, it may also invest in other securities of the target such as convertible debentures, debt, American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), options, and bonds.</p>
<p>The Fund is a non-diversified fund as defined in the 1940 Act but it intends to adhere to the diversification requirements applicable to regulated investment companies ("RICs") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program.</p>	<p>The Fund is non-diversified as defined in the 1940 Act but it intends to adhere to the diversification requirements applicable to regulated investment companies ("RICs") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program.</p> <p>The Adviser normally allocates the Fund's investments across different industries and sectors, but the Adviser may invest a significant percentage of the Fund's assets in issuers in a single or small number of industries or sectors as a result of its merger arbitrage investment strategy. As a result, the Fund's investments may focus on the information technology and financials sectors.</p>
<p>The Adviser expects that the Fund's active or frequent trading of portfolio securities will result in a portfolio turnover rate in excess of 100% on an annual basis.</p>	<p>The Adviser expects that the Fund's active or frequent trading of portfolio securities will result in a portfolio turnover rate in excess of 100% on an annual basis.</p>

## COMPARISON OF RISKS

The principal investment risks of both Funds are provided in the chart below. Because each Fund has different investment objectives and certain different investment policies, certain of their principal risks will be different. In particular, the Funds have the same principal risks, except that LSE is also subject to Mid-Cap Company Risk and Small-Cap Company Risk, and MAF is subject to Financial Services Sector Risk, Fixed Income Market Risk, High Yield Debt Securities Risk, Merger Arbitrage and Event-Driven Risk, Regulatory Risk and Tax Risk. Accordingly, an investment in either Fund results in exposure to additional risks than would an investment in the other Fund. However, given its exposure to securities market risk, an investment in LSE will experience greater volatility.

These similarities and differences are outlined below. As with all mutual funds, there is no guarantee the Funds will achieve their investment objectives. All mutual funds take investment risks. Therefore, it is possible to lose money by investing in either Fund. An investment in any Fund is not insured or guaranteed by any bank or by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

LSE (Reorganizing Fund)	MAF (Surviving Fund)
<p><b>Industry Focus Risk</b> is the risk that the Fund may be particularly susceptible to economic, political or regulatory events affecting those industries in which the Fund focuses its investments. Because the Fund currently focuses its investments in the <u>information technology, communication services, consumer discretionary and financials sectors</u>, the Fund’s performance largely depends on the overall condition of these industries and the Fund is susceptible to economic, political and regulatory risks or other occurrences associated with these industries.</p>	<p><b>Same</b>, except the Fund only focuses its investments in information technology and financial sectors, and does not focus its investments in communication services and consumer discretionary sectors.</p> <p><b>Industry Focus Risk</b> is the risk that the Fund may be particularly susceptible to economic, political or regulatory events affecting those industries in which the Fund focuses its investments. Because the Fund currently focuses its investments in the <u>information technology and financials sectors</u>, the Fund’s performance largely depends on the overall condition of these industries and the Fund is susceptible to economic, political and regulatory risks or other occurrences associated with these industries.</p>
<p><b>Information Technology Sector Risk</b> is the risk that the Fund may be impacted by risks faced by companies in the information technology sector. Information technology companies face intense competition and potentially rapid product obsolescence. They are also heavily dependent on intellectual property rights and may be adversely affected by the loss or impairment of those rights. Companies in the software industry may be adversely affected by, among other things, the decline or fluctuation of subscription renewal rates for their products and services and actual or perceived vulnerabilities in their products or services.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Convertible Securities Risk</b> is the risk that the market value of convertible securities may fluctuate due to changes in, among other things, interest rates; other economic conditions; industry fundamentals; market sentiment; the issuer’s operating results, financial statements, and credit ratings; and the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Counterparty Risk</b> is the risk that a counterparty (the other party to a transaction or an agreement or the party with whom the Fund executes transactions) to a transaction with the Fund may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal, interest or settlement payments, or otherwise honor its obligations.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Credit Risk</b> is the risk that the issuers of certain securities or the counterparties of a derivatives contract or repurchase contract might be unable or unwilling (or perceived as being unable or unwilling) to make interest and/or principal payments when due, or to otherwise honor its obligations. Debt securities are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest and/or principal. Non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the obligation experiencing non-payment and a potential decrease in the net asset value (“NAV”) of the Fund.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Currency Risk</b> is the risk that fluctuations in exchange rates will adversely affect the value of the Fund’s foreign currency holdings and investments denominated in foreign currencies.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>

<p><b>Debt Securities Risk</b> is the risk associated with the fact that the value of debt securities typically changes in response to various factors, including, by way of example, market-related factors (such as changes in interest rates or changes in the risk appetite of investors generally) and changes in the actual or perceived ability of the issuer (or of issuers generally) to meet its (or their) obligations. During periods of rising interest rates, debt securities generally decline in value. Conversely, during periods of falling interest rates, debt securities generally rise in value. This kind of market risk is generally greater for funds investing in debt securities with longer maturities.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Derivatives Risk</b> is a combination of several risks, including the risks that: (1) an investment in a derivative instrument may not correlate well with the performance of the securities or asset class to which the Fund seeks exposure, (2) derivative contracts, including options, may expire worthless and the use of derivatives may result in losses to the Fund, (3) a derivative instrument entailing leverage may result in a loss greater than the principal amount invested, (4) derivatives not traded on an exchange may be subject to credit risk, for example, if the counterparty does not meet its obligations (see also “Counterparty Risk”), and (5) derivatives not traded on an exchange may be subject to liquidity risk and the related risk that the instrument is difficult or impossible to value accurately. As a general matter, when the Fund establishes certain derivative instrument positions, such as certain futures, options and forward contract positions, it will segregate liquid assets (such as cash, U.S. Treasury bonds or commercial paper) equivalent to the Fund’s outstanding obligations under the contract or in connection with the position. In addition, changes in laws or regulations may make the use of derivatives more costly, may limit the availability of derivatives, or may otherwise adversely affect the use, value or performance of derivatives. The Fund’s ability to pursue its investment strategy, including its strategy of investing in certain derivative instruments, may be limited to or adversely affected by the Fund’s intention to qualify as a RIC, and its strategy may bear adversely on its ability to so qualify.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Emerging Markets Risk</b> is the risk of investing in securities of issuers tied economically to emerging markets, which entails all of the risks of investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers detailed below under “Non-U.S. Securities Risk” to a heightened degree. These heightened risks include: (i) greater risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, nationalization, and less social, political and economic stability; (ii) the smaller size of the markets for such securities and a lower volume of trading, resulting in lack of liquidity and in price volatility; (iii) greater fluctuations in currency exchange rates; and (iv) certain national policies that may restrict the Fund’s investment opportunities, including restrictions on investing in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Equity Securities Risk</b> is the risk that stock prices will fall over short or long periods of time. In addition, common stocks represent a share of ownership in a company, and rank after bonds and preferred stock in their claim on the company’s assets in the event of bankruptcy.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>

<p><b>Exchange-Traded Funds (“ETF”) Risk</b> is the risk that the price movement of an ETF may not exactly track the underlying index and may result in a loss. In addition, shareholders bear both their proportionate share of the Fund’s expenses and similar expenses of the underlying investment company when the Fund invests in shares of another investment company.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>Financial Services Sector Risk</b> is the risk associated with investments in the financial services sector. Such investments may be subject to credit risk, interest rate risk, and regulatory risk, among others. Banks and other financial institutions can be affected by such factors as downturns in the U.S. and foreign economies and general economic cycles, fiscal and monetary policy, adverse developments in the real estate market, the deterioration or failure of other financial institutions, and changes in banking or securities regulations.</p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fixed Income Market Risk</b> is the risk that fixed income markets may, in response to governmental intervention, economic or market developments (including potentially a reduction in the number of broker-dealers willing to engage in market-making activity), or other factors, experience periods of increased volatility and reduced liquidity. During those periods, the Fund may experience increased levels of shareholder redemptions, and may have to sell securities at times when it would otherwise not do so, and at unfavorable prices. Fixed income securities may be difficult to value during such periods.</p>
<p><b>Hedging Risk</b> is the risk that, although intended to limit or reduce investment risk, hedging strategies may also limit or reduce the potential for profit. There is no assurance that hedging strategies will be successful.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>High Yield Debt Securities Risk</b> is the risk that below investment grade securities or unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “high yield securities” or “junk securities”) are more likely to default than higher rated securities. The Fund’s ability to invest in high-yield debt securities generally subjects the Fund to greater risk than securities with higher ratings. Such securities are regarded by the rating organizations as predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. The market value of these securities is generally more sensitive to corporate developments and economic conditions and can be volatile. Market conditions can diminish liquidity and make accurate valuations difficult to obtain.</p>
<p><b>Illiquid and Restricted Securities Risk</b> is the risk that the Adviser may not be able to sell illiquid or restricted securities, such as securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, at the price it would like or may have to sell them at a loss. Securities of non-U.S. issuers, and emerging or developing markets securities in particular, are subject to greater liquidity risk.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Interest Rate Risk</b> is the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of changes in interest rates. When interest rates decline, the value of fixed rate securities already held by the Fund can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of existing fixed rate portfolio securities can be expected to decline. A fund with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a fund with a shorter average portfolio duration.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>

<p><b>Leverage Risk</b> is the risk associated with the use of leverage for investment purposes to create opportunities for greater total returns. Any investment income or gains earned with respect to the amounts borrowed that are in excess of the interest that is due on the borrowing will augment the Fund's income. Conversely, if the investment performance with respect to the amounts borrowed fails to cover the interest on such borrowings, the value of the Fund's shares may decrease more quickly than would otherwise be the case. Interest payments and fees incurred in connection with such borrowings will reduce the amount of net income available for payment to Fund shareholders.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Liquidity Risk</b> is the risk that low trading volume, lack of a market maker, large position size, or legal restrictions (including daily price fluctuation limits or "circuit breakers") limits or prevents the Fund from selling particular securities or unwinding derivative positions at desirable prices. At times, a major portion of any portfolio security may be held by relatively few institutional purchasers. Even if the Fund considers such securities liquid because of the availability of an institutional market, such securities may become difficult to value or sell in adverse market or economic conditions.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Management Risk</b> is the risk associated with the fact that the Fund relies on the Adviser's ability to achieve its investment objective. The Adviser may be incorrect in its assessment of the intrinsic value of the companies whose securities the Fund holds, which may result in a decline in the value of Fund shares and failure to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's portfolio managers use qualitative analyses and/or models. Any imperfections or limitations in such analyses and models could affect the ability of the portfolio managers to implement strategies.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>Merger Arbitrage and Event-Driven Risk</b> is the risk that the Adviser's evaluation of the outcome of a proposed event, whether it be a merger, reorganization, regulatory issue or other event, will prove incorrect and that the Fund's return on the investment will be negative. Even if the Adviser's judgment regarding the likelihood of a specific outcome proves correct, the expected event may be delayed or completed on terms other than those originally proposed, which may cause the Fund to lose money. The Fund's expected gain on an individual arbitrage investment is normally considerably smaller than the possible loss should the transaction be unexpectedly terminated. The Fund's principal investment strategies are not specifically designed to benefit from general appreciation in the equity markets or general improvement in the economic conditions in the global economy. Accordingly, the Fund may underperform the broad equity markets under certain market conditions, such as during periods when there has been rapid appreciation in the equity markets.</p>
<p><b>Mid-Cap Company Risk</b> is the risk that investing in securities of mid-cap companies may entail greater risks than investments in larger, more established companies. Mid-cap companies tend to have more narrow product lines, more limited financial resources and a more limited trading market for their stocks, as compared with larger companies. As a result, their stock prices may decline significantly as market conditions change.</p>	<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>

<p><b>Non-Diversification Risk</b> is the risk that an investment in the Fund could fluctuate in value more than an investment in a diversified fund. As a non-diversified fund for purposes of the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest a larger portion of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than a diversified fund. The Fund’s investment in fewer issuers may result in the Fund’s shares being more sensitive to the economic results of those issuers. An investment in the Fund could fluctuate in value more than an investment in a diversified fund.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Non-U.S. Securities Risk</b> is the risk associated with investing in non-U.S. issuers. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers involve certain risks not involved in domestic investments (for example, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates (for non-U.S. securities not denominated in U.S. dollars); future foreign economic, financial, political and social developments; nationalization; exploration or confiscatory taxation; smaller markets; different trading and settlement practices; less governmental supervision; and different accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements) that may result in the Fund experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies. These risks are magnified for investments in issuers tied economically to emerging markets, the economies of which tend to be more volatile than the economies of developed markets. In addition, certain investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes on interest, dividends, capital gains or other income or proceeds. Those taxes will reduce the Fund’s yield on any such securities.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Operational and Technology Risk</b> is the risk that cyber-attacks, disruptions, or failures that affect the Fund’s service providers, counterparties, market participants, or issuers of securities held by the Fund may adversely affect the Fund and its shareholders, including by causing losses for the Fund or impairing Fund operations.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Options Risk</b> is the risk associated with investments in options. Options, such as covered calls and covered puts, are subject to the risk that significant differences between the securities and options markets could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Portfolio Turnover Risk</b> is the risk that the Fund’s high portfolio turnover will increase the Fund’s transaction costs and may result in increased realization of net short-term capital gains (which are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income when distributed to them), higher taxable distributions and lower after-tax performance. During the last two fiscal years, the Fund experienced a high portfolio turnover rate.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>Regulatory Risk</b> is the risk that to the extent that legislation or state or federal regulators impose additional requirements or restrictions with respect to the ability of financial institutions to make loans in connection with highly leveraged transactions, the availability of loan interests for investment by the Fund may be adversely affected.</p>



<p><b>Securities Lending Risk.</b> The Fund may make secured loans of its portfolio securities. Any decline in the value of a portfolio security that occurs while the security is out on loan is borne by the Fund, and will adversely affect performance. Also, there may be delays in recovery of securities loaned, losses in the investment of collateral, and loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially while holding the security.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Securities Market Risk</b> is the risk that the value of securities owned by the Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting particular companies or the securities markets generally. A general downturn in the securities market may cause multiple asset classes to decline in value simultaneously. Many factors can affect this value and you may lose money by investing in the Fund. An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in December 2019 and subsequently spread internationally. This coronavirus has resulted in closing borders, enhanced health screenings, healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus may be short term or may last for an extended period of time and result in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could negatively affect the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies and the market in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect a Fund’s performance, the performance of the securities in which the Fund invests and may lead to losses on your investment in the Fund.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Shareholder Concentration Risk</b> is the risk that large redemptions by a small number of large shareholders can harm remaining shareholders. Particularly large redemptions may affect asset allocation decisions and could adversely impact remaining Fund shareholders.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Short Sales Risk</b> is the risk of loss associated with any appreciation on the price of a security borrowed in connection with a short sale. The Fund may engage in short sales that are not made “against-the-box,” which means that the Fund may sell short securities even when they are not actually owned or otherwise covered at all times during the period the short position is open. Short sales that are not made “against-the-box” involve unlimited loss potential since the market price of securities sold short may continuously increase.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Small-Cap Company Risk</b> is the risk that investing in the securities of small-cap companies either directly or indirectly through investments in ETFs, closed-end funds or mutual funds (“Underlying Funds”) may pose greater market and liquidity risks than larger, more established companies, because of limited product lines and/or operating history, limited financial resources, limited trading markets, and the potential lack of management depth. In addition, the securities of such companies are typically more volatile than securities of larger capitalization companies.</p>	<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>

<p><b>Swaps Risk</b> involves both the risks associated with an investment in the underlying investments or instruments (including equity investments) and counterparty risk. In a standard over-the-counter (“OTC”) swap transaction, two parties agree to exchange the returns, differentials in rates of return or some other amount calculated based on the “notional amount” of predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. Swaps can involve greater risks than direct investments in securities, because swaps may be leveraged and OTC swaps are subject to counterparty risk (e.g., the risk of a counterparty’s defaulting on the obligation or bankruptcy), credit risk and pricing risk (i.e., swaps may be difficult to value). Swaps may also be considered illiquid. Certain swap transactions, including interest rate swaps and index credit default swaps, may be subject to mandatory clearing and exchange trading, although the swaps in which the Fund will invest are not currently subject to mandatory clearing and exchange trading. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity which involves investment techniques, risk analyses and tax planning different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. The value of swaps, like many other derivatives, may move in unexpected ways and may result in losses for the Fund.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><i>No corresponding risk factor.</i></p>	<p><b>Tax Risk</b> is the risk that the U.S. income tax rules may be uncertain when applied to specific arbitrage transactions, including identifying deferred losses from wash sales or realized gains from constructive sales, among other issues. Such uncertainty may cause the Fund to be exposed to unexpected tax liability.</p>

## COMPARISON OF INVESTMENT LIMITATIONS

Each Fund has fundamental investment limitations which cannot be changed without shareholder approval. Each Fund also has non-fundamental investment limitations which may be changed by the relevant Fund’s Board without shareholder approval.

The fundamental and non-fundamental investment limitations of the Funds are nearly identical, with the exception of non-substantive differences in the way the two Funds describe their concentration policies and the non-fundamental investment limitations related to repurchase agreements. LSE’s repurchase agreement limitation provides that it will not acquire debt securities or enter into repurchase agreements if, as a result thereof, more than 20% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in debt securities or repurchase agreements. In contrast, MAF’s repurchase agreement limitation provides that it may not enter into repurchase agreements if, as a result thereof, more than 33 1/3% of the Fund’s total assets would be invested in repurchase agreements.

The following chart compares the fundamental and non-fundamental investment limitations of LSE and MAF.

<b>FUNDAMENTAL POLICIES</b>	
<b>LSE (Reorganizing Fund)</b>	<b>MAF (Surviving Fund)</b>
<p><b>Concentration</b> The Fund may not purchase any security that would cause it to concentrate (invest 25% or more of its total assets) in securities of issuers primarily engaged in any particular industry (other than securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or any of its agencies or instrumentalities).</p>	<p><b>Concentration</b> The Fund will not concentrate its investments within the meaning of the 1940 Act.</p>
<p><b>Borrowing Money and Senior Securities</b> The Fund will not issue senior securities (including borrowing money, including on margin if margin securities are owned, and through entering into reverse repurchase agreements) in excess of 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amount of senior securities issued, but excluding any liabilities and indebtedness not constituting senior securities), except that the Fund may borrow up to an additional 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes; or pledge its assets other than to secure such issuances or in connection with hedging transactions, short sales, securities lending, when-issued and forward commitment transactions and similar investment strategies. The Fund's obligations under the foregoing types of transactions and investment strategies are not treated as senior securities.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Underwriting</b> The Fund may not underwrite securities of other issuers, except to the extent that such Fund, in disposing of Fund securities, may be deemed an underwriter within the meaning of the 1933 Act.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Investing in Commodities</b> The Fund may not purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts, but this shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing, selling and entering into financial futures contracts (including futures contracts on indices of securities, interest rates and currencies), options on financial futures contracts (including futures contracts on indices of securities, interest rates and currencies), warrants, swaps, forward contracts, foreign currency spot and forward contracts or other derivative instruments that are not related to physical commodities.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Investing in Real Estate</b> The Fund may not purchase or sell real estate, except that the Fund may (a) invest in securities or other instruments directly or indirectly secured by real estate, (b) invest in securities or other instruments issued by issuers that invest in real estate, and (c) hold for prompt sale, real estate or interests in real estate to which it may gain an ownership interest through the forfeiture of collateral securing loans or debt securities held by it.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Lending</b> The Fund may not lend any property or make any loan if, as a result, more than 33 1/3% of its total assets would be loaned to other parties, but this limitation does not apply to the purchase of debt securities or to repurchase agreements.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p>* Under the 1940 Act, a Fund may not issue senior securities or borrow in excess of 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (after giving effect to any such borrowing), which amount excludes borrowing for temporary purposes and in an amount not more than 5% of the Fund's total assets at the time borrowing is made.</p>	

**NON-FUNDAMENTAL POLICIES**

<p><b>Repurchase Agreements</b></p> <p>As an operating policy and notwithstanding the fundamental investment restriction on lending, the Fund may not acquire debt securities or enter into repurchase agreements if, as a result thereof, more than 20% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in debt securities or repurchase agreements.</p>	<p><b>Repurchase Agreements</b></p> <p>The Fund may not enter into repurchase agreements if, as a result thereof, more than 33 1/3% of such Fund's total assets would be invested in repurchase agreements.</p>
<p><b>Illiquid Securities</b></p> <p>The Fund may not acquire any illiquid securities, such as repurchase agreements with more than seven calendar days to maturity or fixed time deposits with a duration of over seven calendar days, if, as a result thereof, more than 15% of the market value of such Fund's net assets would be in investments that are illiquid.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Investing in Other Investment Companies</b></p> <p>The Fund may not acquire securities of investment companies that are not part of the same group of investment companies ("other investment companies"), except as permitted by applicable law (currently under the 1940 Act, in addition to any investments permitted by exemptive relief, a Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in the aggregate in shares of other investment companies and up to 5% of its total assets in any one other investment company, provided that any investment does not result in a Fund owning more than 3% of the voting stock of the acquired investment company at the time such shares are purchased).</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Borrow on Margin</b></p> <p>The Fund may not borrow on margin, notwithstanding fundamental investment restriction on borrowing, unless such activity is permitted by applicable law.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>
<p><b>Investing in Registered Investment Companies or Registered Unit Investment Trusts</b></p> <p>In the case of a Fund that is invested in by another series of the Trust or by a series of Highland Funds II, the Fund may not acquire securities of registered open-end investment companies or registered unit investment trusts in reliance on Sections 12(d)(1)(F) or 12(d)(1)(G) of the 1940 Act.</p>	<p><b>Same.</b></p>

## **Other Information.**

The following commentary is intended to help investors better understand the meaning of the Fund's fundamental policies by briefly describing limitations, if any, imposed by the 1940 Act. References to the 1940 Act below may encompass rules, regulations or orders issued by the SEC and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the Fund, interpretations and guidance provided by the SEC staff. These descriptions are intended as brief summaries of such limitations as of the date of this SAI; they are not comprehensive and they are qualified in all cases by reference to the 1940 Act (including any rules, regulations or orders issued by the SEC and any relevant interpretations and guidance provided by the SEC staff). These descriptions are subject to change based on evolving guidance by the appropriate regulatory authority and are not part of the Fund's fundamental policies.

The 1940 Act currently permits an open-end investment company to borrow money from a bank so long as immediately after any such borrowing the ratio that the value of the total assets of the investment company (including the amount of any such borrowing), less the amount of all liabilities and indebtedness (other than such borrowing) of the investment company, bears to the amount of such borrowing is at least 300%. A lender to a Fund may require that the Fund pledge its assets as collateral. If a Fund were to default on a loan secured by pledged assets, the lender would be entitled to foreclose on and dispose of the pledged assets, but the lender could retain only the amount of assets (or the disposition proceeds of such assets) necessary to pay off the defaulted loan.

Under the 1940 Act, a fund may not issue senior securities or borrow in excess of 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (after giving effect to any such borrowing), which amount excludes borrowing for temporary purposes and in an amount not more than 5% of the Fund's total assets at the time the borrowing for temporary purposes is made.

The percentage limitations in the restriction listed above apply at the time of purchases of securities and a later increase or decrease in percentage resulting from a change in value of net assets, or in any ratings, will not be deemed to result in a violation of the restriction. For purposes of the fundamental investment restriction on concentration above, the Adviser will, on behalf of each Fund, make reasonable determinations as to the appropriate industry classification to assign to each issuer of securities in which the Fund invests. As a general matter, the Adviser relies on the industry classifications provided by the Morgan Stanley Capital International/Standard & Poor's Global Industry Classification Standard. An industry is considered to be a group of companies whose principal activities, products or services offered give them a similar economic risk profile vis à vis issuers active in other sectors of the economy. The definition of what constitutes a particular industry is therefore an evolving one. Some issuers could reasonably fall within more than one industry category. To the extent that the Global Industry Classification Standard classifications are so broad that the primary economic characteristics in a single class are materially different, each Fund may further classify issuers in accordance with industry classifications as published by the SEC or relevant SEC staff interpretations. Each Fund may change any source used for determining industry classifications without prior shareholder notice or approval.

For purposes of non-fundamental investment restriction on illiquid securities above, illiquid securities are securities that a Fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment.

For purposes of non-fundamental investment restriction on borrowing on margin above, the purchase of Senior Loans, corporate debt securities, and other investment assets with the proceeds of a permitted borrowing, as well as margin payments or other arrangements in connection with transactions in short sales, futures contracts, options, and other financial instruments are not considered to constitute the purchase of securities on margin.

## **PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASING, REDEEMING AND EXCHANGING SHARES**

The procedures for purchasing, redeeming and exchanging shares of LSE are identical to those for purchasing, redeeming and exchanging shares of MAF. See the section entitled "Purchase, Redemption and Exchange Procedures" below for more information regarding these procedures.

## **COMPARATIVE FEE TABLES**

Like all mutual funds, each Fund incurs certain expenses in its operations. These expenses include management fees, as well as the cost of maintaining accounts, administration, providing shareholder liaison and distribution services and other activities.

You will not pay any sales charges in connection with the Reorganization. Future transactions in MAF will be subject to applicable sales charges.

Set forth in the tables below is information regarding the fees and expenses incurred by the Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of MAF and LSE, and the anticipated *pro forma* fees for the Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of MAF after giving effect to the Reorganization. It is anticipated that MAF will be the accounting survivor after the Reorganization.

While the gross advisory fees of MAF are lower than those of LSE, LSE's gross and net operating expenses are lower than those of MAF and, on a *pro forma* basis after giving effect to the Reorganization, MAF's gross and net operating expenses will be higher than those of LSE due to the higher expense line items "Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Fund" and "Dividend Expense on Short Sales" in the fee table. While these fees are higher for MAF, they represent trading costs related to the investment strategies of the Funds and reflect MAF's merger arbitrage strategy. Dividend Expense on Short Sales reflects dividends paid on stocks the Funds borrow in order to short. The Adviser considers Dividend Expense on Short Sales to be a trading cost and for this reason such expenses are excluded from MAF's contractual expense limitation.

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HIGHLAND LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND CLASS A SHARES**

**Fees and Expenses**

This table describes: (1) current actual fees and expenses of Class A Shares (A) of MAF as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; (2) current actual fees and expenses of Class A Shares (A) of LSE as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; and (3) the *pro forma* fees and expenses of the Class A Shares (A) of MAF on a combined basis after giving effect to the Reorganization.

<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (Fees Paid Directly From Your Investment)	<b>LSE–A</b>	<b>MAF–A</b>	<b>MAF-A Pro Forma Combined</b>
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a % of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, as applicable)	1.00% <sup>6</sup>	1.00%	1.00%
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (and other Distributions) (as a % of offering price)	None	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed, if applicable)	None	None	None
Exchange Fee	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (Expenses That You Pay Each Year as a % of the Value of Your Investment)			
Management Fee	2.25%	1.20%	1.20% <sup>1</sup>
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.35% <sup>2</sup>	0.35% <sup>2</sup>	0.35% <sup>2</sup>
Other Expenses:	1.91%	3.37%	3.37%
Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Funds	0.37%	1.80%	1.80%
Dividend Expense on Short Sales	0.38%	0.57%	0.57%
Remainder of Other Expenses	1.16%	1.00%	1.00%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.03%	0.01%	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	4.54% <sup>3</sup>	4.93%	4.95%
Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	-1.43% <sup>5</sup>	-0.63% <sup>4</sup>	-0.70% <sup>4</sup>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	3.11%	4.30%	4.25%

<sup>1</sup> Subject to, and upon the closing of this Reorganization, MAF’s advisory fee will be reduced from 1.20% to 1.00% (with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee).

<sup>2</sup> Each Fund has adopted a Distribution (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which the Class A shares may incur or charge a Distribution (12b-1) fee of up to a maximum amount of 0.35%.

<sup>3</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses differ from the ratios of expenses to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights, which reflect the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

<sup>4</sup> The Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by MAF pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, taxes, dividend expenses on short sales, interest payments, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses (collectively, the “Excluded Expenses”)) of the Fund to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of the Fund (the “Expense Cap”). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2020 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to the Fund within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided the Fund’s total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement. Upon the consummation of the Reorganization, the Expense Cap will be extended to continue through at least June 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

<sup>5</sup> HCMFA has contractually agreed to waive 1.25% of the Fund’s management fee. This fee waiver will continue through October 31, 2020, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. The Adviser has elected to waive an additional 0.18% related to affiliated investments.

<sup>6</sup> Class A Shares bought without an initial sales charge in accounts aggregating \$500,000 or more at the time of purchase are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”) if the shares are sold within 18 months of purchase.

## Example

This Example helps you compare the cost of investing in the Fund to the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that (i) you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell or redeem all your shares at the end of those periods, (ii) your investment has a 5% return each year, and (iii) operating expenses remain the same. Only the first year of each period in the Example takes into account the expense reimbursement and waivers described above. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
<b>MAF – Class A Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 958	\$1,898	\$2,838	\$ 5,196
<b>MAF – Class A Shares assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 958	\$1,898	\$2,838	\$ 5,196
<b>LSE – Class A Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 847	\$1,726	\$2,613	\$ 4,867
<b>LSE – Class A Shares assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 847	\$1,726	\$2,613	\$ 4,867
<b>MAF – Class A Shares, <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming redemption</b>	\$ 953	\$1,896	\$2,839	\$ 5,203
<b>MAF – Class A Shares, <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 953	\$1,896	\$2,839	\$ 5,203



**HIGHLAND MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND CLASS C SHARES–  
HIGHLAND LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND CLASS C SHARES**

**Fees and Expenses**

This table describes: (1) current actual fees and expenses of Class C Shares (C) of MAF as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; (2) current actual fees and expenses of Class C Shares (C) of LSE as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; and (3) the pro forma fees and expenses of the Class C Shares (C) of MAF on a combined basis after giving effect to the Reorganization.

	LSE-C	MAF-C	MAF-C Pro Forma Combined
<b>Shareholder Fees (Fees Paid Directly From Your Investment)</b>			
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a % of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, as applicable)	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (and other Distributions) (as a % of offering price)	None	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed, if applicable)	None	None	None
Exchange Fee	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses (Expenses That You Pay Each Year as a % of the Value of Your Investment)</b>			
Management Fee	2.25%	1.20%	1.20% <sup>1</sup>
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	1.00% <sup>2</sup>	1.00% <sup>2</sup>	1.00% <sup>2</sup>
Other Expenses:	1.87%	3.43%	3.43%
Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Funds	0.37%	1.80%	1.80%
Dividend Expense on Short Sales	0.38%	0.57%	0.57%
Remainder of Other Expenses	1.12%	1.06%	1.06%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.03%	0.01%	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	5.15% <sup>3</sup>	5.64%	5.66%
Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	-1.41% <sup>5</sup>	-0.62% <sup>4</sup>	-0.76% <sup>4</sup>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	3.74%	5.02%	4.90%

<sup>1</sup> Subject to, and upon the closing of this Reorganization, MAF’s advisory fee will be reduced from 1.20% to 1.00% (with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee).

<sup>2</sup> Each Fund has adopted a Distribution (12b-1) Plan pursuant to which the Class A shares may incur or charge a Distribution (12b-1) fee of up to a maximum amount of 1.00%.

<sup>3</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses differ from the ratios of expenses to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights, which reflect the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

<sup>4</sup> The Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by MAF pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, taxes, dividend expenses on short sales, interest payments, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses (collectively, the “Excluded Expenses”)) of the Fund to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of the Fund (the “Expense Cap”). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2020 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to the Fund within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided the Fund’s total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement. Upon the consummation of the Reorganization, the Expense Cap will be extended to continue through at least June 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

<sup>5</sup> HCMFA has contractually agreed to waive 1.25% of the Fund’s management fee. This fee waiver will continue through October 31, 2020, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

## EXAMPLE

This Example helps you compare the cost of investing in the Fund to the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that (i) you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell or redeem all your shares at the end of those periods, (ii) your investment has a 5% return each year, and (iii) operating expenses remain the same. Only the first year of each period in the Example takes into account the expense reimbursement and waivers described above. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
<b>MAF – Class C Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 601	\$1,623	\$2,729	\$ 5,435
<b>MAF – Class C Shares assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 501	\$1,623	\$2,729	\$ 5,435
<b>LSE – Class C Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 477	\$1,419	\$2,458	\$ 5,042
<b>LSE – Class C Shares assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 377	\$1,419	\$2,458	\$ 5,042
<b>MAF – <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming redemption</b>	\$ 590	\$1,615	\$2,726	\$ 5,439
<b>MAF – <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 490	\$1,615	\$2,726	\$ 5,439

**HIGHLAND MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND CLASS Z SHARES–  
HIGHLAND LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND CLASS Z SHARES**

**Fees and Expenses**

This table describes: (1) current actual fees and expenses of Class Z Shares (Z) of MAF as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; (2) current actual fees and expenses of Class Z Shares (Z) of LSE as disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report dated December 31, 2019; and (3) the *pro forma* fees and expenses of the Class Z Shares (Z) of MAF on a combined basis after giving effect to the Reorganization.

	LSE-Z	MAF-Z	MAF-Z Pro Forma Combined
<b>Shareholder Fees (Fees Paid Directly From Your Investment)</b>			
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a % of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, as applicable)	None	None	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (and other Distributions) (as a % of offering price)	None	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a % of amount redeemed, if applicable)	None	None	None
Exchange Fee	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses (Expenses That You Pay Each Year as a % of the Value of Your Investment)</b>			
Management Fee	2.25%	1.20%	1.20% <sup>1</sup>
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	None	None	None
Other Expenses:	1.83%	3.41%	3.41%
Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Funds	0.37%	1.80%	1.80%
Dividend Expense on Short Sales	0.38%	0.57%	0.57%
Remainder of Other Expenses	1.08%	1.04%	1.04%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.03%	0.01%	0.03%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	4.11% <sup>2</sup>	4.62%	4.64%
Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	-1.41% <sup>4</sup>	-0.62% <sup>3</sup>	-0.74% <sup>3</sup>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements	2.70%	4.00%	3.90%

<sup>1</sup> Subject to, and upon the closing of this Reorganization, MAF’s advisory fee will be reduced from 1.20% to 1.00% (with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee).

<sup>2</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses differ from the ratios of expenses to average net assets shown in the Financial Highlights, which reflect the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses.

<sup>3</sup> The Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by MAF pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, taxes, dividend expenses on short sales, interest payments, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses (collectively, the “Excluded Expenses”)) of the Fund to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of the Fund (the “Expense Cap”). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2020 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to the Fund within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided the Fund’s total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement. Upon the consummation of the Reorganization, the Expense Cap will be extended to continue through at least June 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

<sup>4</sup> HCMFA has contractually agreed to waive 1.25% of the Fund’s management fee. This fee waiver will continue through October 31, 2020, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

## EXAMPLE

This Example helps you compare the cost of investing in the Fund to the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that (i) you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then sell or redeem all your shares at the end of those periods, (ii) your investment has a 5% return each year, and (iii) operating expenses remain the same. Only the first year of each period in the Example takes into account the expense reimbursement and waivers described above. Your actual costs may be higher or lower.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
<b>MAF – Class Z Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 402	\$1,340	\$2,284	\$ 4,677
<b>MAF – Class Z Shares assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 402	\$1,340	\$2,284	\$ 4,677
<b>LSE – Class Z Shares assuming redemption</b>	\$ 274	\$1,123	\$1,987	\$ 4,216
<b>LSE – Class Z Share assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 274	\$1,123	\$1,987	\$ 4,216
<b>MAF – Class Z Shares, <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming redemption</b>	\$ 392	\$1,333	\$2,281	\$ 4,682
<b>MAF – Class Z Shares, <i>Pro Forma</i> Combined assuming no redemption</b>	\$ 392	\$1,333	\$2,281	\$ 4,682

## PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

Each Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate 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 each Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year for which audited financial information is available, MAF’s portfolio turnover rate was 712% and LSE’s portfolio turnover rate was 252% of the average value of each Fund’s respective portfolio.

## COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The performance information below is provided for the last ten full calendar years for LSE (inception December 2006) and since inception for MAF (inception January 2015).

Although LSE outperformed each of MAF’s classes over the 1-year period ended December 31, 2019, MAF outperformed each of LSE’s classes over the 3- and 5-year periods ended December 31, 2019 and since MAF’s inception (January 2015). The performance information shown below will help you analyze LSE’s and MAF’s investment risks in light of their historical returns.

Fund	1 year Return	3 year Annualized Return	5 year Annualized Return	10 year Annualized Return	Annualized Return Since Merger Arbitrage Inception
Merger Arbitrage	7.56%	6.50%	6.89% <sup>1</sup>	—	6.85% <sup>1</sup>
Long/Short Equity	11.02%	4.57%	2.58%	3.98%	4.12%

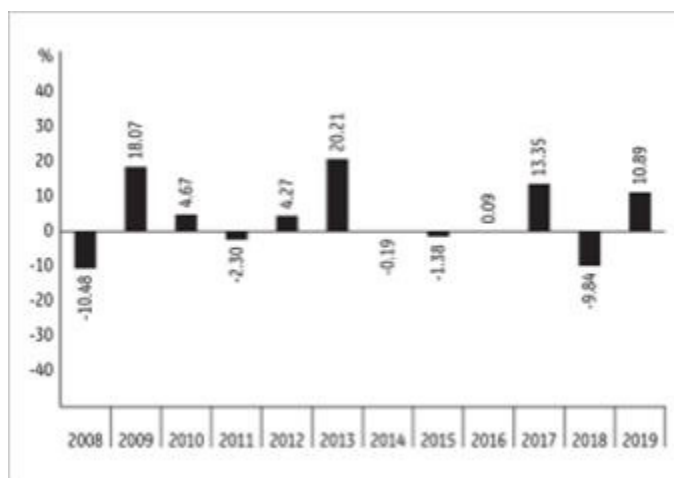
<sup>1</sup> MAF is the successor to an unregistered private fund (the “Predecessor Fund”). On May 12, 2016, MAF acquired the assets of the Predecessor Fund. For periods prior to May 12, 2016, the performance provided above is that of the Predecessor Fund, adjusted to reflect the higher fees and expenses of Class Z shares of MAF. The investment policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions of MAF are substantially similar to those of the Predecessor Fund. In addition, the Predecessor Fund’s investment adviser is an affiliate of the current investment adviser of MAF.

## Highland Long/Short Equity Fund

### Risk/Return Bar Chart

The bar chart and the Average Annual Total Returns table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the performance of the Fund’s Class A Shares for each full calendar year and by showing how the Fund’s average annual returns compare with the returns of a broad-based securities market index or indices. As with all mutual funds, the Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Fund will perform in the future. The Fund’s performance reflects applicable fee waivers and/or expense limitations in effect during the periods presented, without which returns would have been lower. Both the chart and the table assume the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The bar chart does not reflect the deduction of applicable sales charges for Class A Shares. If sales charges had been reflected, the returns for Class A Shares would be less than those shown below. The returns of Class C and Class Z Shares would have substantially similar returns as Class A because the classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the annual returns would differ only to the extent that the classes have different expenses. Updated information on the Fund’s performance can be obtained by visiting <https://highlandfunds.com/funds/> or by calling 1-877-665-1287.





The bar chart shows the performance of the Fund’s Class A shares for the years ended as of December 31. The highest calendar quarter total return for Class A Shares of the Fund was 10.42% for the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and the lowest calendar quarter total return was -13.50% for the quarter ended December 31, 2018.

### Average Annual Total Return Table

After-tax returns in the table above are shown for Class A Shares only and after-tax returns for other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are 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. For example, after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

In some cases, average annual return after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares may be higher than the average annual return after taxes on distributions because of realized losses that would have been sustained upon the sale of fund shares immediately after the relevant periods. The calculations assume that an investor holds the shares in a taxable account, is in the actual historical highest individual federal marginal income tax bracket for each year and would have been able to immediately utilize the full realized loss to reduce his or her federal tax liability. However, actual individual tax results may vary and investors should consult their tax advisers regarding their personal tax situations.

(For the periods ended December 31, 2019)

Share Class	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>A:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	4.82%	1.12%	3.06%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	4.35%	(0.18)%	1.76%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	3.19%	0.38%	1.89%
<b>C:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	9.19%	1.62%	3.02%
<b>Z:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	11.02%	2.58%	3.98%
<b>Standard &amp; Poor’s 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes) (inception 12/5/06)</b>	31.48%	11.68%	13.54%

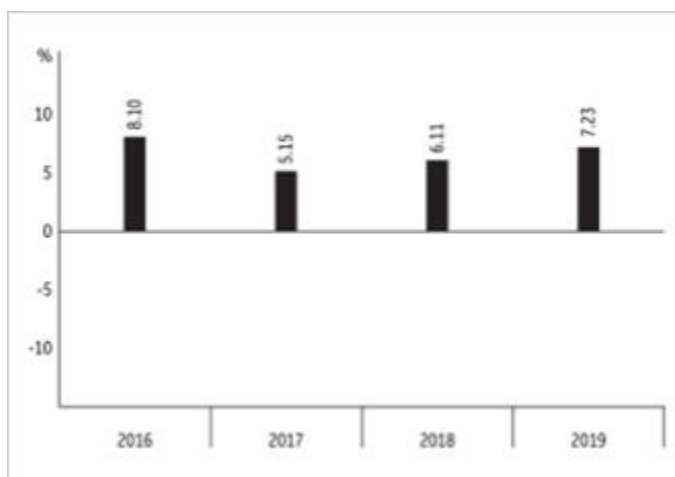
## Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund

### Risk/Return Bar Chart

The bar chart and the Average Annual Total Returns table below provide some indication of the risks of investing in MAF by showing changes in the performance of MAF's Class A for each full calendar year and by showing how MAF's average annual returns compare to those of a broad-based securities market index. As with all mutual funds, MAF's past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how MAF will perform in the future. Both the chart and the table assume the reinvestment of dividends and distributions.

MAF is the successor to an unregistered private fund (the "Predecessor Fund"). On May 12, 2016, MAF acquired the assets of the Predecessor Fund. For periods prior to May 12, 2016, the performance provided in the bar chart and Average Annual Total Returns table below is that of the Predecessor Fund, adjusted to reflect the higher fees and expenses of Class Z shares of MAF. The investment policies, objectives, guidelines and restrictions of MAF are substantially similar to those of the Predecessor Fund. In addition, the Predecessor Fund's investment adviser is an affiliate of the current investment adviser of MAF. As a mutual fund registered under the 1940 Act, MAF is subject to certain restrictions under the 1940 Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") to which the Predecessor Fund was not subject. Had the Predecessor Fund been registered under the 1940 Act and been subject to the provisions of the 1940 Act and the Code, its investment performance could have been adversely affected, but these restrictions are not expected to have a material effect on MAF's investment program. The Predecessor Fund was an unregistered Delaware limited partnership and did not qualify as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes.

Effective August 19, 2016, MAF registered as an open-end investment company under the 1940 Act. For periods prior to August 19, 2016, the performance provided in the Average Annual Total Returns table for Class A and Class C shares is the performance of Class Z shares, adjusted to take into account differences in sales loads and class specific operating expenses (such as Rule 12b-1 fees) applicable to Class A and Class C shares. Class A and Class C Shares would have substantially similar returns as Class Z because the classes are invested in the same portfolio of securities and the annual returns would differ only to the extent that the classes have different expenses. Updated information on the Fund's performance can be obtained by visiting <https://highlandfunds.com/funds/> or by calling 1-877-665-1287.



The bar chart shows the performance of the Fund's Class A shares for the years ended as of December 31. The highest calendar quarter total return for Class A Shares of the Fund was 4.72% for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 and the lowest calendar quarter total return was -1.18% for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

### Average Annual Total Return Table

After-tax returns in the table above are shown for Class A Shares only and after-tax returns for other share classes will vary. After-tax returns are 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. For example, after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-advantaged arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

In some cases, average annual return after taxes on distributions and sale of fund shares may be higher than the average annual return after taxes on distributions because of realized losses that would have been sustained upon the sale of fund shares immediately after the relevant periods. The calculations assume that an investor holds the shares in a taxable account, is in the actual historical highest

individual federal marginal income tax bracket for each year and would have been able to immediately utilize the full realized loss to reduce his or her federal tax liability. However, actual individual tax results may vary and investors should consult their tax advisers regarding their personal tax situations.



(For the periods ended December 31, 2019)

<u>Share Class</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>Since Inception</u>
<b>A:</b>		
Return Before Taxes	1.33%	5.45%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	1.21%	3.46%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	0.80%	3.35%
<b>C:</b>		
Return Before Taxes	5.53%	6.09%
<b>Z:</b>		
Return Before Taxes	7.56%	6.85%
<b>Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)</b>	<b>8.73%</b>	<b>2.79%</b>

\* The Fund is the successor to the Predecessor Fund which commenced operations on January 20, 2015.

### Financial Highlights

The Financial Highlights for LSE and MAF are included as Annex B to this Prospectus/Information Statement. The Financial Highlights will help you understand each Fund's financial performance for its past five fiscal years, or since inception if the Fund has been operational for a shorter period of time. Some of the information is presented on a per-share basis. Total returns represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in a Fund, assuming reinvestment of any dividends and capital gains.

As of August 14, 2019, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC"), an independent registered public accounting firm located at 2121 N. Pearl Street, Suite 2000, Dallas, TX 75201, serves as independent registered accounting firm to the Funds. The independent registered public accounting firm audits and reports on the annual financial statements, reviews certain regulatory reports and U.S. federal income tax returns, and performs other professional accounting, auditing and tax services when approved to do so by the Audit Committee. This information for the years ended June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2015 has been audited by PwC. Certain information for the years ended June 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016, has been audited and reported on by another independent registered public accounting firm.

Effective August 19, 2016, MAF registered as an open-end investment company under the 1940 Act. Financial Highlights are therefore not available for periods prior to August 19, 2016.

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Board of Highland Funds I governs each Fund. The Board selects and oversees LSE's and MAF's adviser, Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (the "Adviser" or "HCMFA"). HCMFA manages the Fund's assets, including buying and selling portfolio securities. The Adviser's address is 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201.

HCMFA and affiliates advise approximately 20 registered investment vehicles, including mutual funds, exchange traded funds, listed closed-end funds, interval funds and a closed-end fund which has elected to be regulated as a business development company, totaling approximately \$10.4 billion in assets as of December 31, 2019.

Our Adviser, HCMFA, has been historically affiliated through common control with Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("HCMLP"), an SEC-registered investment adviser. On October 16, 2019, HCMLP filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The case was subsequently transferred to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas. On January 9, 2020, the bankruptcy court approved a change of control of HCMLP, which involved the resignation of James Dondero as the sole director of, and the appointment of an independent board to, HCMLP's general partner. Mr. Dondero will, however, remain as an employee of HCMLP and as portfolio manager for all funds and vehicles for which he currently holds such titles. Nevertheless, given Mr. Dondero's historic role with HCMLP and his continued ownership interest and roles with respect to the Highland platform as a whole, as well as the shared services agreements between HCMLP and our Adviser, we still treat HCMLP and its affiliates as our affiliates for purposes hereof. The Adviser is not a party to HCMLP's bankruptcy filing. The Adviser is a party to a shared services arrangement with HCMLP. Under this arrangement the Adviser may utilize employees from HCMLP in connection with various services such as human resources, accounting, tax, valuation, information technology services, office space, employees, compliance and legal. We do not expect HCMLP's bankruptcy filings to impact its provision of services to the Adviser at this time.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

### Portfolio Managers

#### James Dondero

James Dondero, CFA, Portfolio Manager, has been a portfolio manager of MAF since January 2015 and a portfolio manager of LSE since December 2018. Mr. Dondero will continue to have joint responsibility for the day-to-day management of MAF with co-portfolio managers, Brad Heiss and Eric Fritz.

Mr. Dondero is a co-founder of HCMLP. Formerly, Mr. Dondero served as Chief Investment Officer of Protective Life's GIC subsidiary and helped grow the business from concept to over \$2 billion between 1989 and 1993. His portfolio management experience includes investments in mortgage-backed securities, investment grade corporate bonds, leveraged bank loans, emerging markets, derivatives, preferred stocks and common stocks. From 1985 to 1989, he managed approximately \$1 billion in fixed income funds for American Express. Prior to American Express, he completed his financial training at Morgan Guaranty Trust Company. Mr. Dondero is a Beta Gamma Sigma graduate of the University of Virginia (1984) with degrees in Accounting and Finance. Mr. Dondero has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. Mr. Dondero is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Management Accountant. Mr. Dondero currently serves as Chairman for NexBank and serves on the Board of Directors of NexPoint Residential Trust, Inc., NexPoint Hospitality Trust, NexPoint Real Estate Finance, Inc., Jernigan Capital, Inc., Texmark Timber Treasury, L.P., Cornerstone Healthcare Group, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and SeaOne Holdings, LLC.

#### Brad Heiss

Brad Heiss, CFA, Portfolio Manager, has been a portfolio manager of MAF since December 2018 and a portfolio manager of LSE since March 2018. Mr. Heiss will continue to have joint responsibility for the day-to-day management of MAF with co-portfolio managers, James Dondero and Eric Fritz.

Mr. Heiss is a Managing Director at HCMFA. Prior to his current position, he served as a Director of equity investments. Before joining HCMLP in July 2013, Mr. Heiss spent three years as a Senior Analyst and Partner at Varna Capital where he was a Generalist covering multiple sectors for the long/short equity hedge fund. Prior to Varna, Mr. Heiss spent three years as an Analyst at Maverick Capital where he covered the U.S. Financial Services sector for the \$10 billion long/short equity hedge fund. Mr. Heiss began his career at Goldman Sachs in New York, first as a Senior Analyst in the Finance Division and later as an Investment Banking Analyst in the Financial Institutions Group. Mr. Heiss holds a B.B.A. in Finance from the University of Miami and has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

#### Eric Fritz

Eric Fritz has managed MAF since December 2018.

Mr. Fritz is a Director, Equity Investments at HCMFA. Prior to his current position, he served as an equity associate. Before joining HCMLP in July 2013, Mr. Fritz worked as an investment banking analyst for Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("Citi"). While at Citi, Mr. Fritz advised on and executed merger and acquisition transactions in the industrials sector including cross-border deals and hostile transactions. His transaction experience also includes bank and high-yield financing as well as corporate restructuring. Mr. Fritz received a B.B.A. in Finance and Mathematics from the University of Notre Dame and has passed Level II of the CFA Program.

### Additional Portfolio Manager Information

Each Fund's SAI provides information about each Fund's Portfolio Managers' compensation, management of other accounts and ownership of securities in each of the Funds.

### ADVISORY FEES, SERVICE FEES, SHAREHOLDER FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

LSE and MAF pay certain affiliated and non-affiliated service providers fees as described below. The Funds and their affiliated service providers may also pay fees as described below to certain affiliates or to financial intermediaries (such as broker-dealers, banks, investment adviser or third-party administrators) whose customers are shareholders of the Funds. For additional information regarding the fees paid by the Funds, please see the section entitled "Summary-Comparative Fee Tables" in this Prospectus/Information Statement.

## Investment Advisory Fees

MAF's investment advisory contract provides for payment to HCMFA of an annual investment advisory fee of 1.20% of MAF's average daily managed assets. "Average Daily Managed Assets" means the average daily value of the total assets of the Fund, less all accrued liabilities of the Fund (other than the aggregate amount of any outstanding borrowings constituting financial leverage). Effective on the Closing Date, MAF's advisory fee will be reduced from 1.20% to 1.00% (with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee).

HCMFA may voluntarily waive a portion of its fee or reimburse MAF for certain operating expenses. HCMFA currently limits MAF's total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by the Fund pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, taxes, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, interest payments, acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses and dividend expense on short sales) to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of the Fund. This expense cap will continue through at least October 31, 2020, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the consent of the Fund's Board. Upon the consummation of the Reorganization, the Expense Cap will be extended to continue through at least June 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

LSE's investment advisory contract provides for payment to HCMFA of an annual investment advisory fee of 2.25% of LSE's Average Daily Managed Assets. HCMFA may voluntarily waive a portion of its fee or reimburse MAF for certain operating expenses. HCMFA currently waives 1.25% of LSE's manage fee. This fee waiver will continue through at least October 31, 2020, and may not be terminated prior to this date without the consent of the Fund's Board.

A discussion of the Board's review of each Fund's investment advisory contract is available in each Fund's shareholder reports as they are produced.

## Administrative Fees

MAF has entered into an administration agreement with SEI Investments Global Funds Services ("SEI") for a monthly administration fee which amounted to approximately 0.25% in 2019. Effective on the Closing Date, (i) MAF will terminate the administration agreement with SEI, (ii) MAF will enter into an administration agreement with HCMFA pursuant to which MAF will pay to HCMFA a 0.20% monthly administration fee and (iii) HCMFA will amend the sub-administration agreement in place with SEI on behalf of other series of Highland Funds I to add MAF. As a result of this amendment and the reduction of the advisory fee discussed above (from 1.20% to 1.00%), the total advisory and administrative fees paid to HCMFA will be 1.20%. LSE is party to the administration agreement with HCMFA and the sub-administration agreement with SEI referenced above.

## Front End Sales Charge Reallowances (Class A Shares)

Class A Shares may be appropriate for long-term investors who compensate their investment professionals for the services they provide with traditional front-end sales charges and for investors who qualify for quantity discounts or waivers. Your purchases of Class A Shares are made at the public offering price for these shares, that is, the NAV per share for Class A Shares plus a front-end sales charge that is based on the amount of your initial investment when you open your account. The front-end sales charge you pay on an additional investment is based on your total net investment in the Fund, including the amount of your additional purchase. Shares you purchase with reinvested dividends or other distributions are not subject to a sales charge. As shown in the table below, a portion of the sales charge is paid as a commission to your Financial Advisor on the sale of Class A Shares. The total amount of the sales charge, if any, differs depending on the amount you invest as shown in the table below.

Amount Invested	Sales Charge		
	As a % of the Public Offering Price	As a % of Your Net Investment	% of Offering Price Paid to Financial Advisor
Less than \$50,000	5.50%	5.82%	4.75%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	4.25%	4.44%	3.75%
\$100,000 to \$249,999	3.25%	3.36%	2.75%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	2.25%	2.30%	1.75%
\$500,000 or more*	None	None	**

- \* Class A Shares bought without an initial sales charge in accounts aggregating \$500,000 or more at the time of purchase are subject to a 1.00% CDSC if the shares are sold within 18 months of purchase. Subsequent Class A Share purchases that bring your account value above \$500,000 are not subject to a front-end sales charge, but are subject to a CDSC if redeemed within 18 months of purchase. The 18-month period begins on the day the purchase is made. The CDSC does not apply to load waived shares purchased for certain retirement plans or other eligible fee-based programs.
- \*\* For Class A Share purchases of \$500,000 or more, Financial Advisors receive a cumulative commission from the Underwriter as follows:

<u>Amount Purchased</u>	<u>% Offering Price Paid to Financial Advisor</u>
Less than \$5 million	1.00%
\$5 million to less than \$25 million	0.40%
\$25 million or more	0.25%

### Reduced Sales Charges for Class A Shares

You may pay a lower sales charge when purchasing Class A Shares through Rights of Accumulation, which work as follows: if the combined value (determined at the current public offering price) of your accounts in all classes of shares of a Fund and other Participating Funds (as defined below) maintained by you, your spouse or domestic partner or your minor children, together with the value (also determined at the current public offering price) of your current purchase, reaches a sales charge discount level (according to the above chart), your current purchase will receive the lower sales charge, provided that you have notified the Fund’s Underwriter or the Fund and your Financial Advisor, if any, in writing of the identity of such other accounts and your relationship to the other account holders and submitted information (such as account statements) sufficient to substantiate your eligibility for a reduced sales charge. Such reduced sales charge will be applied upon confirmation of such shareholders’ holdings by the Transfer Agent. A Fund may terminate or amend this Right of Accumulation at any time without notice. As used herein, “Participating Funds” refers to any series of Highland Funds I (except for the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF) and Highland Funds II (each as defined below under “Exchange of Shares”) and registered, open-end investment companies advised by the Adviser and distributed by the Underwriters and as otherwise permitted from time to time by the Board of Trustees.

You may also pay a lower sales charge when purchasing Class A Shares and shares of other Participating Funds by signing a Letter of Intent within 90 days of your purchase. By doing so, you would be able to pay the lower sales charge on all purchases by agreeing to invest a total of at least \$100,000 within 13 months. If your Letter of Intent purchases are not completed within 13 months, your account will be adjusted by redemption of the amount of shares needed to pay the higher initial sales charge level for the amount actually purchased. Upon your request, a Letter of Intent may reflect purchases within the previous 90 days. See the SAI for additional information about this privilege. More information regarding reduced sales charges is available, free of charge, at: <http://highlandfunds.com/literature>.

In addition, certain investors may purchase shares at no sales charge or at a reduced sales charge. For example, Class A Shares are offered at no sales charge to investors who are clients of financial intermediaries who have entered into an agreement with the Underwriter to offer Fund shares through self-directed investment brokerage accounts that do not charge transaction fees to their clients or through other platforms. 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. See the SAI for a description of this and other situations in which sales charges are reduced or waived.

Any sales charge discounts described herein do not apply to investors purchasing shares of the Funds through any Specified Intermediary as detailed in the Appendix to the Funds’ Prospectus. Please refer to the Appendix to the Funds’ Prospectus for the sales charge discounts that are applicable to each Specified Intermediary.

### Class C Shares

Purchases of Class C Shares are made at the NAV per share for Class C Shares. Although Class C Shares have no front-end sales charge, they carry a CDSC of 1.00% that is applied to shares sold within the first year after they are purchased. After holding Class C Shares for one year, shareholders may sell them at any time without paying a CDSC. Shares purchase with reinvested dividends or other distributions are not subject to a sales charge.

## **Class Z Shares**

Purchases of Class Z Shares are made at NAV without a sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. Class Z Shares are only available to eligible investors.

## **Eligible Investors**

The Funds offer Class Z Shares exclusively to certain institutional and other eligible investors. Eligible investors are as follows:

- Clients of broker-dealers or registered investment advisers that both recommend the purchase of Fund shares and charge clients an asset-based fee;
- A retirement plan (or the custodian for such plan) with aggregate plan assets of at least \$5 million at the time of purchase and that purchases shares directly from the Fund or through a third party broker-dealer;
- Any insurance company, trust company or bank purchasing shares for its own account;
- Any endowment, investment company or foundation; and
- Any trustee of the Fund, any employee of HCMFA and any family member of any such trustee or employee.

Each Fund reserves the right to change the criteria for eligible investors. Each Fund also reserves the right to refuse a purchase order for any reason, including if it believes that doing so would be in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

## **Contingent Deferred Sales Charges**

As described above, certain investments in Class A and Class C Shares are subject to a CDSC. You will pay the CDSC only on shares you redeem within the prescribed amount of time after purchase. The CDSC is applied to the NAV at the time of purchase or redemption, whichever is lower. For purposes of calculating the CDSC, the start of the holding period is the date on which the purchase is made. Shares you purchase with reinvested dividends or capital gains are not subject to a CDSC. When shares are redeemed, the Funds will automatically redeem those shares (if any) not subject to a CDSC and then those you have held the longest. In certain circumstances, CDSCs may be waived, as described in the SAI.

## **Availability of Information**

Information regarding sales charges of the Funds and the applicability and availability of discounts from sales charges is available free of charge through the Funds' website at <http://highlandfunds.com>, which provides links to the Prospectus and SAI containing the relevant information.

## **Distribution (Rule 12b-1) and Shareholder Service Fees**

NexPoint Securities, Inc. ("NSI" or the "Distributor"), an affiliate of the Adviser, is the principal distributor for shares of both Funds.

Each Fund is authorized under a distribution plan (each a "Plan" and collectively the "Plans") to use the assets attributable to such Fund's Class A and Class C Shares, as applicable, to finance certain activities relating to the distribution of shares to investors and maintenance of shareholder accounts. These activities include marketing and other activities to support the distribution of the Class A and Class C Shares and the services provided to you by your Financial Advisor. The Plan operates in a manner consistent with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, which regulates the manner in which an open-end investment company may directly or indirectly bear the expenses of distributing its shares.

Under the Plans, distribution and service fees paid by each Fund to the Underwriter will be at the rates shown in the table below. The Underwriter may pay all or a portion of these fees to Financial Advisors whose clients own shares of the Funds. In addition, these fees may include reimbursements to HCMFA for certain distribution- and service-related expenses actually incurred by HCMFA on behalf of the Funds, pursuant to reimbursement guidelines approved by the Board, and to the extent consistent with the Plans and the 1940 Act. The Underwriter may also make payments from the distribution and service fees they receive from the Funds to NexBank Securities, Inc., a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") member broker-dealer that is an affiliate of the Adviser. Because the distribution and service fees are payable regardless of the Underwriter's expenses, the Underwriter may realize a profit from the fees. The Plans authorize any other payments by the Funds to the Underwriter and its affiliates to the extent that such payments might be construed to be indirect financing of the distribution of shares of the Funds. Because these fees are paid out of a Fund's assets on an ongoing basis, these fees will increase the cost of your investment in the Fund. By purchasing a class of shares subject to higher distribution fees and service fees, you may pay more over time than on a class of shares with other types of sales charge arrangements.

Long-term shareholders may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charges permitted by the rules of FINRA.

The Plans will continue in effect from year to year so long as continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a vote of the Board, including a majority of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Funds and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plans or in any agreements related to the Plans (the “Independent Trustees”), cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on the Plans. The Plans may not be amended to increase the fees materially without approval by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the relevant class of shares, and all material amendments of the Plans must be approved by the Trustees in the manner provided in the foregoing sentence. The Plans may be terminated with respect to a class at any time by a vote of a majority of the Independent Trustees or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the relevant class of shares.

In addition to payments under the Plans, a Fund may from time to time pay account-based service fees to intermediaries such as broker-dealers, financial advisers, or other financial institutions. These payments are sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing.” Certain firms that sell shares of the Funds receive one or more types of these cash payments. The types of payments that the Underwriter provides to firms are described below. These categories are not mutually exclusive and the Underwriter may make additional types of revenue sharing payments in the future. The same firms may receive payments under more than one or all categories. These payments assist in the Underwriter’s efforts to promote the sale of the Funds’ shares. Not all firms receive additional compensation and the amount of compensation varies. These payments could be significant to a firm and are an important factor in a firm’s willingness to support the sale of the Funds through its distribution system. To the extent firms receiving such payments purchase shares of the Funds on behalf of their clients, HCMFA and/or the Underwriter benefit from increased management and other fees with respect to those assets. The services provided vary by financial intermediary and according to distribution channel and may include sub-accounting, sub-transfer agency, participant recordkeeping, shareholder or participant reporting, shareholder or participant transaction processing, shareholder or participant tax monitoring and reporting, maintenance of shareholder records, preparation of account statements and provision of customer service, and are not intended to include services that are primarily intended to result in the sale of Fund shares. These additional fees paid by a Fund to intermediaries may take three forms: (i) basis point payments on net assets; (ii) fixed dollar amount payments per shareholder account; and/or (iii) a combination of basis point payments on net assets and fixed dollar amount payments per shareholder account. These may include payments for 401(K) sub-accounting services, networking fees, and omnibus account servicing fees.

In addition, HCMFA and/or the Underwriter may, from time to time, at their own expense out of the revenues they receive from the Funds and/or their own financial resources, make cash payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries (directly and not as an expense of a Fund) as an incentive to sell shares of the Funds and/or to promote retention of their customers’ assets in the Funds. Such cash payments may be calculated on sales of shares of the Funds (“Sales-Based Payments”) or on the average daily net assets of the Funds attributable to that particular broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (“Asset-Based Payments”). Each of HCMFA and/or the Underwriter may agree to make such cash payments to a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary in the form of either or both Sales-Based Payments and Asset-Based Payments.

HCMFA and/or the Underwriter may also make other cash payments to broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries in addition to or in lieu of Sales-Based Payments and Asset-Based Payments, in the form of payment for travel expenses, including lodging, incurred in connection with trips taken by qualifying registered representatives of those broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries and their families to places within or outside the United States; meeting fees; entertainment; transaction processing and transmission charges; advertising or other promotional expenses; allocable portions, based on shares of the Funds sold, of salaries and bonuses of registered representatives of an affiliated broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that is a Financial Advisor; or other expenses as determined in HCMFA’s or the Underwriter’s discretion, as applicable. In certain cases these other payments could be significant to the broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries. Any payments described above will not change the price paid by investors for the purchase of the shares of the Funds, the amount that the Funds will receive as proceeds from such sales, or the amounts payable under the Plans.

Each of HCMFA and/or the Underwriter determines the cash payments described above in its discretion in response to requests from broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries, based on factors it deems relevant. Broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries may not use sales of the Funds’ shares to qualify for any incentives to the extent that such incentives may be prohibited by law. Amounts paid by HCMFA and/or the Underwriter to any broker-dealer or other financial intermediary in connection with the distribution of any shares of the Funds will count towards the maximum imposed by FINRA on underwriter compensation in connection with the public offering of securities. In addition, HCMFA may utilize its own resources to compensate the Underwriter for distribution or service activities on behalf of the Funds. These payments are not reflected in the “Annual Fund Operating Expenses” table for the Funds.

## Distribution and Shareholder Service Fee Rates

	<u>Distribution Fee</u>	<u>Service Fee</u>
Class A	0.10%	0.25%
Class C	0.75%	0.25%
Class Z	None	None

These distribution and service fees may be voluntarily reduced on a temporary basis for certain share classes, and may be returned to their stated levels, at any time, without prior notice.

The provision of these additional payments, the varying fee structures and the basis on which a firm compensates its registered representatives or salespersons creates an incentive for a particular firm, registered representative, or salesperson to highlight, feature or recommend funds, including the Funds, or other investments based, at least in part, on the level of compensation paid. Additionally, if one mutual fund sponsor makes greater payments than another, a firm has an incentive to recommend one fund complex over another. Similarly, if a firm receives greater compensation for one share class versus another, that firm has an incentive to recommend the share class with the greater compensation. Shareholders should consider whether such incentives exist when evaluating any recommendations from a firm to purchase or sell shares of the Funds and when considering which share class is most appropriate. Shareholders should ask their salesperson or visit their firm's website for more information about the additional payments they receive and any potential conflicts of interest, as well as for information regarding any fees and/or commissions the firm charges. Firms may categorize and disclose these arrangements differently than the Underwriter and its affiliates.

As of December 31, 2019, the following member firms of FINRA have arrangements in effect with the Underwriter or the Adviser pursuant to which the firm is entitled to a revenue sharing payment:

- Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC
- Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- LPL Financial LLC

## PURCHASE, REDEMPTION AND EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

### How to Buy Shares

You can purchase shares of the Funds on any day that the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for business (see "Net Asset Value"). You can purchase shares of the Funds from any financial advisor, broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that has entered into an agreement with the Underwriter or the Funds with respect to the sale of shares of the Funds (a "Financial Advisor"), or DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., 430 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 219424, Kansas City, Missouri 64105-1407, the Funds' transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"). Your Financial Advisor can help you establish an appropriate investment portfolio, buy shares, and monitor your investments. The Funds have authorized Financial Advisors to receive purchase and redemption orders on their behalf. Financial Advisors are authorized to designate other intermediaries to receive purchase and redemption orders on the Funds' behalf. The Funds will be deemed to have received a purchase or redemption order when a Financial Advisor or its authorized designee receives the order in "good order." The specific requirements for "good order" depend on the type of transaction and method of purchase. Contact the Adviser if you have questions about your circumstances. Generally, "good order" means that you placed your order with your Financial Advisor or its authorized designee or your payment (made in accordance with any of the methods set forth in the table below) has been received and your application is complete, including all necessary documentation and signatures. Customer orders will be priced at a Fund's NAV per share next computed after the orders are

received by a Financial Advisor or its authorized designee in good order. Investors may be charged a fee by their Financial Advisors, payable to the Financial Advisor and not a Fund, if investors effect a transaction in Fund shares through either a Financial Advisor or its authorized designee.

The availability of certain sales charge waivers and discounts will depend on whether you purchase your shares directly from a Fund or through a financial intermediary. Intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales charge waivers or contingent deferred (back-end) sales charge ("CDSC") waivers, which are discussed below. In all instances, it is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Fund or the purchaser's financial intermediary at the time of purchase of any relationship or other facts qualifying the purchaser for sales charge waivers or discounts. **For waivers and discounts not available through a particular intermediary, shareholders will have to purchase Fund shares directly from a Fund or through another intermediary to receive these waivers or discounts. Shares purchased through certain financial intermediaries (a "Specified Intermediary") may be subject to different initial sales charges or the initial sales charge or CDSC may be waived in certain**



**circumstances. Please refer to the Appendix to the Fund's Prospectus for the sales charge or CDSC waivers that are applicable to each Specified Intermediary.**

<b>Investment Minimums*</b>	
Initial Investment	\$2,500
Subsequent Investments	\$ 50
Automatic Investment Plan**	\$ 50

\* For retirement plans, the investment minimum is \$50 for each of the initial investment, subsequent investments and the automatic investment plan.

\*\* Your account must already be established and satisfy the initial investment minimum.

Each Fund reserves the right to change or waive the investment minimums and reserves the right to liquidate a shareholder's account if the value of shares held in the account is less than the minimum account size. Each Fund also reserves the right to reject for any reason, or cancel as permitted or required by law, any purchase order. In addition, without notice, a Fund may stop offering shares completely, or may offer shares only on a limited basis, for a period of time or permanently.

## **Redemption of Shares**

Each Fund redeems its shares based on the NAV next determined after the Transfer Agent or Financial Advisor receives your redemption request in good order. Each Fund reserves the right to reject any redemption request that is not in good order. The specific requirements for good order depend on the type of account and transaction and the method of redemption. Contact HCMFA if you have any questions about your particular circumstances. Generally, "good order" means that the redemption request meets all applicable requirements described in this Prospectus. See "Net Asset Value" for a description of the calculation of NAV per share.

You can redeem shares of a Fund on any day that the NYSE is open for business. Each Fund, however, may suspend the right of redemption and postpone payment for more than seven days: (i) during periods when trading on the NYSE is closed on days other than weekdays or holidays; (ii) during periods when trading on the NYSE is restricted; (iii) during any emergency which makes it impractical for a Fund to dispose of its securities or fairly determine the NAV of the Fund; and (iv) during any other period permitted by the SEC for your protection.

The Funds typically expect that it will take one to three days following the receipt of your redemption request to pay out redemption proceeds; however, while not expected, payment of redemption proceeds may take up to seven days. The Funds typically expect that it will hold cash or cash equivalents or use proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities to meet redemption requests. The Funds expect to use these sources to meet redemptions under normal market conditions and may also use them under stressed market conditions. Generally, all redemptions will be for cash, although each Fund reserves the right to redeem in-kind as described below. Redemptions in-kind are typically used to meet redemption requests that represent a large percentage of a fund's net assets, and may be used in the event that a substantial portion of a fund's assets is represented by one or more illiquid assets, in order to minimize the effect of large redemptions on the fund and its remaining shareholders. Redemptions in-kind may be used under normal market conditions and under stressed market conditions. You may experience a delay in converting illiquid securities to cash. If payment is made in securities, the fund will value the securities selected in the same manner in which it computes its NAV. If you receive securities when redeeming your account, the securities will be subject to market fluctuation and you may incur tax and transaction costs if you sell the securities.

The Funds are meant for long-term investing. They are not meant for "market timing" or other types of frequent or short-term trading ("disruptive trading"). Disruptive trading can adversely affect Fund performance and the interests of long-term investors by, among other things, interfering with the efficient management of the Fund's investment portfolio. Accordingly, the Funds have adopted, and the Board has approved, policies and procedures reasonably designed to monitor Fund trading activity and, where disruptive trading is detected, to take action to stop such activity. The Funds reserve the right to amend these policies and procedures at any time without prior notice to investors or Financial Advisor.

**Direct Investor Accounts.** An investor that redeems or exchanges out of (or purchases) a particular Fund within 30 days of a purchase or exchange into (or redemption out of) that same Fund may be restricted from further investing in any series of Highland Funds I or Highland Funds II or exchanging between Participating Funds, as defined in this Prospectus, subject to the exceptions described below, all without prior notice to the investor. The Funds may also restrict investments and exchanges by investors that are believed to have engaged in a pattern of disruptive trading. In addition, the Funds may reject purchase orders or terminate or restrict the exchange privileges of any account associated with a broker-dealer representative, branch office, or firm that the Funds have determined to be a source or facilitator of disruptive trading, even if no disruptive trading has occurred in that particular account. Exchanges and purchases may be permitted again for restricted investors under certain circumstances in the sole discretion of HCMFA. The foregoing restrictions apply to direct investor accounts and do not apply to shares held on the books of Financial Advisors through omnibus accounts with the Funds. The restrictions applicable to omnibus accounts with Financial Advisors are discussed below.



The restrictions described above do not apply to (1) systematic withdrawals (e.g., regular periodic automatic redemptions, dividend and capital gain distributions, and systematic share class conversions); (2) systematic purchases (e.g., regular periodic automatic purchases, payroll contributions, and dividend reinvestments) where the entity maintaining the shareholder account is able to identify the transaction as a systematic withdrawal or purchase; (3) transactions by fund-of-funds advised by HCMFA; (4) transactions initiated by the trustee or adviser to a donor advised charitable fund; and (5) certain transactions (plan contributions, plan benefit payments, plan expenses and portfolio rebalancing) by defined benefit plans that receive asset allocation services from HCMFA. The Funds may also exclude small transactions less than an amount set from time to time under the Funds' policies.

*Omnibus Accounts with Financial Advisors.* The Funds are also offered through Financial Advisors that may establish an "omnibus" account with the Funds. Because the Funds may not receive information on the trading activity of the underlying individual investors, it may be difficult or impossible for the Funds to detect or stop disruptive trading in omnibus accounts. The difficulty may be even greater if there are multiple tiers of Financial Advisors or if omnibus accounts are used to hide disruptive trading within the trading activity of a large number of underlying investors.

In deciding whether to establish an omnibus account with a Financial Advisor, the Funds will consider whether the Financial Advisor has its own disruptive trading policies and procedures (which policies and procedures may differ materially from those applied by the Fund to direct accounts). If the Financial Advisor has its own disruptive trading policies and procedures, the Funds will seek assurance from the Financial Advisor that such policies and procedures will be effectively enforced. If the Financial Advisor does not have its own disruptive trading policies and procedures, the Funds will seek to obtain the Financial Advisor's cooperation in enforcing the Funds' disruptive trading policies and procedures to the extent feasible. Such cooperation may include periodically providing the Funds with the trading activity of its underlying investors and, if disruptive trading is detected by the Funds, making efforts to stop it. There are a number of existing omnibus accounts with Financial Advisors that were established prior to the adoption of the foregoing policies and procedures. These Financial Advisors may not have their own disruptive trading policies and procedures and/or the Funds may not have obtained their cooperation in enforcing the Funds' disruptive trading policies and procedures. The Funds will continue to make reasonable efforts to work with these Financial Advisors to implement the policies and procedures described above, although there is no guarantee that such efforts will be successful.

*Defined Contribution Plans.* Participants in certain defined contribution plans that exchange out of any Fund may be restricted from further exchanging back into that same Fund for a period of at least 30 days. This restriction does not affect the participant's ability to exchange into any investment option that has not been restricted or the participant's ability to continue contributions into the participant's defined contribution plan (including that same Fund). This restriction also does not apply to certain withdrawals (such as distributions, hardship withdrawals and plan loans), systematic rebalancing or loan repayments. Ask your plan administrator or visit your plan administrator's website for more information.

*Reservation of Rights to Reject Purchase or Exchange Orders.* The Funds reserve the right to reject any purchase or exchange order at any time for any reason without prior notice to the investor or Financial Advisor.

*Limitations on Ability to Prevent Disruptive Trading.* Despite the efforts of the Funds and the Underwriter to protect the Funds from harm caused by disruptive trading, there is no guarantee that the Fund's disruptive trading policies and procedures will be effective. As discussed above, it may be difficult or impossible for the Funds to detect or stop disruptive trading in certain omnibus accounts with Financial Advisors. Regardless of whether those Financial Advisors have their own disruptive trading policies and procedures or cooperate in enforcing the Funds' policies and procedures to the extent feasible, there is no guarantee that they will be effective and they may differ materially from those applied by the Funds to direct accounts. In addition, investors that purposely engage in disruptive trading may employ strategies to avoid detection. Consequently, the Funds may not be able to detect or stop disruptive trading until harm to the Funds has already occurred.

*Risks of Disruptive Trading.* Disruptive trading, especially involving large dollar amounts, may adversely affect Fund performance and the interests of long-term investors by interfering with efficient portfolio management and the implementation of long-term investment strategies. In particular, disruptive trading may: (1) require a Fund to keep more assets in cash or other liquid holdings than it would otherwise consider appropriate, causing the Fund to miss out on gains in a rising market; (2) require a Fund to sell some of its investments sooner than it would otherwise consider appropriate in order to honor redemptions; and (3) increase brokerage commissions and other portfolio transaction expenses by causing the Fund to buy and sell securities more frequently as assets move in and out.

Funds that invest in foreign securities may be particularly susceptible to disruptive trading because of investors attempting to engage in “time-zone arbitrage,” a trading strategy that exploits the fact that the closing prices of foreign securities owned by the Fund are established some time before the Fund calculates its own share price (which typically occurs at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time). Funds that invest significantly in high-yield securities or small-cap equity securities may be particularly susceptible to disruptive trading because of investors attempting to engage in “liquidity arbitrage,” a trading strategy that exploits knowledge of the value of securities and the fact that they are often infrequently traded. Such disruptive trading strategies may interfere with the efficient management of a Fund’s portfolio to an even greater degree than other types of disruptive trading and may dilute the value of Fund shares held by other investors.

Financial Advisors may impose short-term trading restrictions that differ from those of the Funds. Any shareholder purchasing shares of a Fund through a Financial Advisor should check with the Financial Advisor or the Fund to determine whether the shares will be subject to a short-term trading fee.

Each Fund reserves all rights, including the right to refuse any purchase request (including requests to purchase by exchange) from any person or group who, in the Fund’s view, is likely to engage in excessive trading or if such purchase or exchange is not in the best interests of the Fund and to limit, delay or impose other conditions on purchases or exchanges. Each Fund has adopted a policy of seeking to minimize short-term trading in its shares and monitors purchase, exchange and redemption activities to assist in minimizing short-term trading.

You may redeem shares of a Fund through your Financial Advisor or its authorized designee or directly from the Fund through the Transfer Agent. If you hold your shares in an individual retirement account (“IRA”), you should consult a tax adviser concerning the current tax rules applicable to IRAs. Outlined below are various methods for redeeming shares:

<b>Method</b>	<b>Instructions</b>
By letter	You may mail a letter requesting redemption of shares to: “Highland Funds I – (Fund Name),” P.O. Box 219424, Kansas City, MO 64121-9424. Your letter should state the name of the Fund, the share class, the dollar amount or number of shares you are redeeming and your account number. You must sign the letter in exactly the same way the account is registered. If there is more than one owner of shares, all must sign. A Medallion signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a Medallion signature guarantee from financial institutions, such as commercial banks, brokers, dealers and savings associations. A notary public cannot provide a Medallion signature guarantee. If the account is registered to a corporation, trust or other entity, additional documentation may be needed. Please call 1-877-665-1287 for further details.
By telephone or internet	Unless you have requested that telephone redemptions from your account not be permitted, you may redeem your shares in an account (excluding an IRA) directly registered with the Transfer Agent by calling 1-877-665-1287. If the Transfer Agent acts on telephone or Internet instructions after following reasonable procedures to protect against unauthorized transactions, neither the Transfer Agent nor the Fund will be responsible for any losses due to unauthorized telephone transactions and instead you would be responsible. You may request that proceeds from telephone redemptions be mailed to you by check (if your address has not changed in the prior 30 days) or forwarded to you by bank wire. If you would like to request that such proceeds be invested in shares of other Highland funds or other registered, open-end investment companies advised by the Adviser and distributed by the Underwriters, please see “Exchange of Shares” below. Among the procedures the Transfer Agent may use are passwords or verification of personal information. The Funds may impose limitations from time to time on telephone redemptions.
Proceeds by check	The Funds will make checks payable to the name(s) in which the account is registered and normally will mail the check to the address of record within seven days.
Proceeds by bank wire	The Funds accept telephone or Internet requests for wire redemption in amounts of at least \$1,000. The Funds will send a wire to either a bank designated on your new account application or on a subsequent letter in good order as described above under the instructions for redeeming shares “By letter.” The proceeds are normally wired on the next business day.

### **Automatic Cash Withdrawal Plan**

You may automatically redeem shares on a monthly basis if you have at least \$10,000 in your account and if your account is directly registered with the Transfer Agent. Call 1-877-665-1287 or visit <http://highlandfunds.com/literature> for more information about this plan.

## **Involuntary Redemption**

A Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA) if their aggregate value falls below \$2,500 as a result of redemptions (but not as a result of a decline in NAV). You will be notified in writing if a Fund initiates such action and allowed 30 days to increase the value of your account to at least \$2,500.

## **Redemption Proceeds**

A redemption request received by a Fund will be effected at the NAV per share next determined after the Fund receives the request in good order. If you request redemption proceeds by check, the Fund will normally mail the check to you within seven days after receipt of your redemption request. If, however, you purchased your Fund shares by check or ACH transaction, and unless you have documentation satisfactory to the Fund that your transaction has cleared, the Fund may hold proceeds for shares purchased by check or ACH until the purchase amount has been deemed collected, which is eight business days from the date of purchase for checks and five business days from the date of purchase for ACH transactions. While the Fund will delay the processing of the payment until the check clears, your shares will be valued at the NAV per share next determined after receipt by the Transfer Agent or your Financial Advisor of your redemption request in good order.

The Funds may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Payments would be made in portfolio securities, which may include illiquid securities, only if the Adviser or the Trustees believes that it would be in a Fund's best interests not to pay redemption proceeds in cash. If a Fund pays your redemption proceeds in portfolio securities, you will be exposed to market risk until you convert these portfolio securities into cash, and you will likely pay commissions upon any such conversion. If you receive illiquid securities, you could find it more difficult to sell such securities and may not be able to sell such securities at prices that reflect the Adviser's or your assessment of their fair value or the amount paid for them by the Funds. Illiquidity may result from the absence of an established market for such securities as well as legal, contractual or other restrictions on their resale and other factors. Unless you are a tax-exempt investor or investing through a tax-deferred retirement plan or other tax-advantaged arrangement, a redemption of shares is generally a taxable event, and you may realize a gain or a loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes (see "Taxation" below).

## *Exchange of Shares*

Shareholders of a Fund may exchange their Fund shares on any business day for shares of the same share class of any series of Highland Funds I (except for the Highland/iBoxx Senior Loan ETF) and Highland Funds II and such exchanges will be effected at the relative daily NAVs per share, plus any applicable redemption/exchange fee with respect to the exchanged shares (see "Redemption of Shares"). If you do not currently have an account in the fund into which you wish to exchange your shares, you will need to exchange enough Fund shares to satisfy such fund's current minimum investment account requirement. Call 1-877-665-1287 for the applicable prospectus, including applicable minimums, and read it carefully before investing.

Shareholders of the Funds may exchange their shares in a class of a Fund daily for shares of a different class of the same Fund, provided that such shareholder is eligible to purchase shares of the requested class (a "Same-Fund Exchange").

If the shares of the Funds or any Participating Fund that you are exchanging (the "Exchanged Shares") are subject to a CDSC, you will not be charged that CDSC upon the exchange. However, when you sell the shares acquired through the exchange (the "Acquired Shares"), the shares sold may be subject to a CDSC, depending upon when you originally purchased the Exchanged Shares. For purposes of determining the applicability of a CDSC, the length of time you own your shares will be computed from the date of your original purchase of the Exchanged Shares (and includes the period during which the Acquired Shares were held), and the applicable CDSC will be based on the CDSC schedule of the Exchanged Shares.

Your exchange privilege will be revoked if the exchange activity is considered excessive. In addition, the Participating Funds may reject any exchange request for any reason, including if they do not think that the exchange is in the best interests of the Participating Funds and/or their shareholders. The Participating Funds may also terminate your exchange privilege if the Adviser determines that your exchange activity is likely to adversely impact its ability to manage the Participating Funds or if the Participating Funds otherwise determine that your exchange activity is contrary to their short-term trading policies and procedures.

Unless you are a tax-exempt investor or investing through a tax-deferred retirement plan or other tax-advantaged arrangement, an exchange, other than a Same-Fund Exchange, is generally a taxable event, and you may realize a gain or a loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A Same-Fund Exchange is not expected to result in your realization of a gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See "Taxation" below.

To exchange via the Internet, visit the Funds' website at <http://www.highlandfunds.com>. To exchange by telephone, call 1-877-665-1287. Please have your account number and taxpayer identification number available when calling.

### **Cost Basis Reporting**

Upon the redemption or exchange of your shares in a Fund, the Fund or, if you purchase your shares through a Financial Advisor, your Financial Advisor, generally will be required to provide you and the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") with cost basis and certain other related tax information about the Fund shares you redeemed or exchanged. This cost basis reporting requirement is effective for shares purchased, including through dividend reinvestment, on or after January 1, 2012. Please contact the Funds at 1-877-665-1287 or consult your Financial Advisor, as appropriate, for more information regarding available methods for cost basis reporting and how to select a particular method. Please consult your tax adviser to determine which available cost basis method is best for you.

### **Net Asset Value (NAV)**

The NAV per share of each class of shares of each Fund is calculated as of 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on each day that the NYSE is open for business, except on days on which regular trading on the NYSE is scheduled to close before 4:00 p.m., when each Fund calculates NAV as of the scheduled close of regular trading. The NYSE is open Monday through Friday, but currently is scheduled to be closed on New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day or on the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday when a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, respectively.

The NAV per share of each class of shares of a Fund is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets (*i.e.*, the value of its securities and other assets less its liabilities, including expenses payable or accrued but excluding capital stock and surplus) attributable to the class of shares by the total number of shares of the class outstanding at the time the determination is made. The price of a particular class of a Fund's shares for the purpose of purchase and redemption orders will be based upon the calculation of NAV per share of the Fund next made after the purchase or redemption order is received in good order. The value of a Fund's portfolio assets may change on days the Fund is closed and on which you are not able to purchase or sell your shares.

Each Fund's portfolio securities are valued in accordance with the Fund's valuation policies approved by the Board. The value of the Funds' investments is generally determined as follows:

- Portfolio securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their current market value.
- Foreign securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued based on quotations from the primary market in which they are traded and are translated from the local currency into U.S. dollars using current exchange rates. Foreign securities may trade on weekends or other days when a Fund does not calculate NAV. As a result, the market value of these investments may change on days when you cannot buy or redeem shares of a Fund.
- Investments by a Fund in any other mutual fund are valued at their respective NAVs as determined by those mutual funds each business day. The prospectuses for those mutual funds explain the circumstances under which those funds will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.
- All other portfolio securities, including derivatives and cases where market quotations are not readily available, or when the market price is determined to be unreliable, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the Board subject to approval or ratification by the Board at its next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Pursuant to the Funds' pricing procedures, securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the market price is determined to be unreliable, may include, but are not limited to, securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, securities for which no or limited trading activity has occurred for a period of time, or securities that are otherwise deemed to be illiquid (*i.e.*, securities that cannot be disposed of within seven days at approximately the price at which the security is currently priced by the Fund which holds the security). Market quotations may also be not "readily available" if a significant event occurs after the close of the principal exchange on which a portfolio security trades (but before the time for calculation of a Fund's NAV) if that event affects or is likely to affect (more than minimally) the NAV per share of a Fund. In determining the fair value price of a security, HCMFA may use a number of other methodologies, including those based on discounted cash flows, multiples, recovery rates, yield to maturity or discounts to public comparables.
- Fair value pricing involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact; as a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will reflect actual market value, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security will be materially different from the value that actually could be or is realized upon the sale of that asset.

## DIVIDENDS AND OTHER DISTRIBUTIONS

The Funds declare and pay dividends of their net investment income and any net realized capital gains according to the schedule below. Unless you instruct a Fund to pay dividends of net investment income and dividends of net realized capital gains to you in a check mailed to you, they will automatically be reinvested in your account. There are no fees or charges to reinvest dividends or other distributions. Dividends are generally taxable to you in the manner described below even if they are reinvested in additional shares of the Funds.

The Funds are generally subject to a 4% excise tax on net investment income and net realized capital gains that are not distributed on a calendar-year basis. To avoid this tax or Fund-level U.S. federal income taxes, the Funds may pay dividends of net investment income and net realized capital gains more frequently than shown in the schedule below. See “Taxation” below.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Distribution Schedule</u>
Long/Short Equity Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dividends of investment income are typically declared and paid annually.</li><li>• Dividends of short-term and long-term capital gains, if any, are typically declared and paid annually.</li></ul>
Merger Arbitrage Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dividends of investment income are typically declared and paid at least annually.</li><li>• Dividends of short-term and long-term capital gains, if any, are typically declared and paid annually.</li></ul>

The following discussion is a summary of some of the important U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to an investment in a Fund. Your investment may have other tax implications. The discussion reflects provisions of the Code, existing Treasury regulations, rulings published by the IRS, and other applicable authorities, as of the date of this Prospectus. These authorities may be changed, possibly with retroactive effect, or subject to new legislative, administrative or judicial interpretations. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax law concerns affecting the Funds and their shareholders, or to address all aspects of taxation that may apply to individual shareholders or to specific types of shareholders, such as foreign persons, that may qualify for special treatment under U.S. federal income tax laws. The discussion set forth herein does not constitute tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor about foreign, federal, state, local or other tax laws applicable to you in light of your particular circumstances. For more information, including for a summary of certain tax consequences to foreign investors of investing in a Fund, please see “Income Tax Considerations” in the SAI.

## TAXATION OF THE FUNDS

Each Fund has elected to be treated and intends to qualify annually for treatment as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Code, including by complying with the applicable qualifying income and diversification requirements. If a Fund so qualifies and satisfies certain distribution requirements, the Fund generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on income and gains that the Fund distributes to its shareholders in a timely manner in the form of dividends, including capital gain dividends (as defined below). As described in “Dividends and Other Distributions “ above, each Fund intends to distribute at least annually all or substantially all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains. A Fund will be subject to a Fund-level income tax at regular corporate income tax rates on any taxable income or gains that it does not distribute to its shareholders.

Amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement will be subject to a nondeductible 4% U.S. federal excise tax at the Fund level. To avoid the tax, a Fund must distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of its capital gains in excess of its capital losses (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one-year period ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (iii) any undistributed amounts described in (i) and (ii) above from the prior year on which the Fund paid no U.S. federal income tax. While each Fund intends to distribute any income and capital gain in the manner necessary to minimize imposition of the 4% U.S. federal excise tax, there can be no assurance that sufficient amounts of a Fund’s taxable income and capital gain will be distributed to avoid entirely the imposition of the tax. In that event, a Fund will be liable for the excise tax only on the amount by which it does not meet the foregoing distribution requirement.

Additionally, if for any taxable year a Fund were not to qualify as a RIC, and were ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure, all of its taxable income and gain would be subject to a Fund-level tax at regular corporate income tax rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders. This treatment would reduce the Fund’s net income available for investment or distribution to its shareholders. In addition, all distributions from earnings and profits, including any net long-term capital gains, would be taxable to shareholders as ordinary income. Some portions of such distributions might be eligible for the dividends-received deduction in the case



of corporate shareholders or to be treated as “qualified dividend income” in the case of individual shareholders. The Fund also could be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest and make substantial distributions before requalifying as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment.

The tax rules applicable to certain derivative instruments in which a Fund may invest are uncertain under current law, including the provisions applicable to RICs under Subchapter M of the Code. For instance, the timing and character of income or gains arising from certain derivatives can be uncertain, including for purposes of the RIC qualification requirements under Subchapter M. Accordingly, while each Fund intends to account for such transactions in a manner it deems to be appropriate, an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to one or more of these rules (which determination or guidance could be retroactive) may adversely affect a Fund's ability to meet one or more of the relevant requirements to maintain its qualification as a RIC, as well as to avoid Fund-level taxes.

Certain of a Fund's investment practices, including entering into futures, options and other derivative transactions, short sales, and its hedging activities, generally, as well as a Fund's investments in certain types of securities, including certain preferred stock, debt obligations issued or purchased at a discount and foreign debt securities may be subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things: (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions; (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gain or "qualified dividend income" into higher taxed short-term capital gain or ordinary income; (iii) accelerate the recognition of income; (iv) convert short-term losses into long-term losses; (v) cause the Fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash; (vi) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or other securities is deemed to occur; (vii) cause adjustments in the holding periods of the Fund's securities; or (viii) otherwise adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions. These U.S. federal income tax provisions could therefore affect the amount, timing and/or character of distributions to Fund shareholders. Each Fund intends to monitor its transactions, may make certain tax elections, and may be required to, among other things, dispose of securities (including at a time when it is not advantageous to do so) to mitigate the effect of these provisions, prevent the Fund's disqualification as a RIC, or avoid incurring Fund-level U.S. federal income and/or excise tax.

Investments in below investment grade loans and other debt obligations that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues for a Fund. Tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as whether and to what extent a Fund should recognize market discount on a distressed debt obligation, when a Fund may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount or market discount, when and to what extent a Fund may take deductions for bad debts or worthless securities and how a Fund should allocate payments received on obligations in default between principal and income. These and other related issues will be addressed by each Fund as necessary, in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its status as a RIC and that it does not become subject to Fund-level U.S. federal income and/or excise taxes.

Special tax rules may change the treatment of gains and losses recognized by a Fund when the Fund invests in certain foreign debt securities or engages in certain foreign currency transactions. The application of these special rules may also affect the timing, amount or character of distributions made by a Fund. Interest and other income, as well as gain or proceeds received by the Fund from investments in foreign securities may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by foreign countries. Tax treaties between the U.S. and other countries may reduce or eliminate such taxes. Foreign withholding and other taxes paid by a Fund will reduce the return from the Fund's investments. Under some circumstances, a Fund may be eligible to make a special election that generally will require you to include in income your share of any foreign income taxes paid by the Fund or by certain underlying investment companies in which the Fund invests. You may be able either to deduct this amount from your income or claim it as a foreign tax credit. There is no assurance that a Fund will make this special election for a taxable year even if it is eligible to do so. LSE does not expect that it will be eligible to elect to treat any foreign taxes it has paid as paid by its shareholders, who therefore will not be entitled to credits or deductions for such taxes on their own returns.

Dividends paid to you by a Fund from net capital gain realized by the Fund (that is, the excess of any net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss, in each case with reference to any loss carryforwards) that the Fund properly reports as capital gain dividends ("capital gain dividends") generally are treated as long-term capital gain includible in net capital gain and taxable to individuals at reduced rates, regardless of how long you have held your shares. Distributions of investment income reported by a Fund as derived from "qualified dividend income" will be taxed in the hands of individuals at the rates applicable to net capital gains, provided holding periods and other requirements are met at both the shareholder and Fund level. All other dividends paid to you by a Fund (including dividends from short-term capital gain (that is, the excess of any net short-term capital gain over any net long-term capital loss)) from its current or accumulated earnings and profits generally are taxable to you as ordinary income.

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax is imposed on the net investment income of certain individuals, trusts and estates to the extent their income exceeds certain threshold amounts. Net investment income generally includes for this purpose dividends paid by a Fund, including any capital gain dividends, and net gains recognized on the taxable sale, redemption or exchange of shares of a Fund. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this additional tax on their investment in a Fund.

To the extent that the amount of a Fund's total distributions exceed the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits for a taxable year, the excess will generally be treated as a tax-free return of capital up to the amount of your tax basis in the shares. The amount treated as a tax-free return of capital will reduce your tax basis in the shares, thereby increasing the amount of gain or reducing the amount of loss on a subsequent sale of the shares. Any amounts distributed to you in excess of your tax basis in the shares will be taxable to you as capital gain. Any such capital gain will be long-term capital gain includible in net capital gain if you have held the applicable Fund shares for more than one year.

Dividends and other taxable distributions are taxable to you as described herein, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares. Dividends and other distributions paid by a Fund generally are treated as received by you at the time the dividend or distribution is made. If, however, a Fund pays you a dividend in January that was declared in the previous October, November or December and you were a shareholder of record on a specified record date in one of those months, then such dividend will be treated for tax purposes as having been paid by the Fund and received by you on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

The price of shares purchased at any time may reflect the amount of a forthcoming dividend or other distribution. If you purchase shares just prior to a dividend, you may receive a distribution that is taxable to you even though it represents in part a return of your invested capital.

Each Fund (or your broker or other financial intermediary through which you own your shares) will send you information after the end of each calendar year setting forth the amount and tax status of any dividends or other distributions paid to you by the Fund. Dividends and other distributions may also be subject to state, local and other taxes.

If you sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of any of your shares of a Fund (including (i) exchanging them for shares of another eligible fund (but not for shares of another class of the same Fund in a Same-Fund Exchange) as described in "Exchange of Shares" above or (ii) through a redemption) you will generally recognize a gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between your tax basis in such shares of the Fund and the amount you receive upon disposition of such shares. If you hold your shares as capital assets, any such gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held (or are treated as having held) such shares for more than one year at the time of sale. All or a portion of any loss you realize on a taxable sale or exchange of your shares of a Fund will be disallowed if you acquire other shares of the same Fund (whether through the automatic reinvestment of dividends or otherwise) within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after your sale or exchange of the shares. In such case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

In addition, any loss realized upon a taxable sale or exchange of Fund shares held (or deemed held) by you for six months or less will be treated as long-term, rather than short-term, to the extent of any capital gain dividends received (or deemed received) by you with respect to those shares. Present law taxes both long-term and short-term capital gains of corporations at the rates applicable to ordinary income.

A Fund (or, if Fund shares are purchased through a Financial Advisor, the Financial Advisor) may be required to withhold, for U.S. federal backup withholding tax purposes, a portion of the dividends, distributions and redemption proceeds payable to you if: (i) you fail to provide the Fund (or Financial Advisor) with your correct taxpayer identification number (in the case of an individual, generally, such individual's social security number) or to make the required certification; or (ii) the Fund (or Financial Advisor) has been notified by the IRS that you are subject to backup withholding. Certain shareholders are exempt from backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amount withheld may be refunded or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that you furnish the required information to the IRS.

THE FOREGOING IS A GENERAL AND ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE AND THE TREASURY REGULATIONS IN EFFECT AS THEY DIRECTLY GOVERN THE TAXATION OF EACH FUND AND ITS SHAREHOLDERS. THESE PROVISIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY LEGISLATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, AND ANY SUCH CHANGE MAY BE RETROACTIVE. A MORE COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE TAX RULES APPLICABLE TO EACH FUND CAN BE FOUND IN THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WHICH IS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS. SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISERS REGARDING SPECIFIC QUESTIONS AS TO U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN INCOME OR OTHER TAXES.

## DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

The Funds have adopted policies and procedures to protect the Funds' portfolio information and to prevent the misuse of that information by a third party. A description of the Funds' policies and procedures relating to the disclosure of portfolio holdings is available in the Funds' SAI on the Funds' website ([www.highlandfunds.com](http://www.highlandfunds.com)).

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE REORGANIZATION

### DESCRIPTION OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

The Plan provides for the Reorganization to occur on the Closing date, which is expected to be on or about June 29, 2020. On the Closing date, all or substantially all of the assets of LSE will be transferred to MAF, and MAF will assume all of the liabilities of LSE. In exchange for the transfer of these assets, MAF will simultaneously issue to LSE a number of full and fractional Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares, (as applicable) of MAF equal in value to the aggregate NAV of the Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares of LSE, as applicable, calculated as of 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on the Closing Date.

The value of LSE's assets to be acquired by MAF shall be the value of such assets at the Closing Date of the Reorganization using the valuation procedures set forth in Highland Funds I's Declaration of Trust and its current Prospectuses and SAI, or such other valuation procedures as LSE and MAF shall mutually agree. There are no differences between the valuation procedures of LSE and MAF. Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and asked quotations. Over-the-counter derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by various pricing services approved by the Board.

Shares of other mutual funds are valued based upon their reported NAVs. The prospectuses for these mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing. If a Fund cannot obtain a price or price evaluation from a pricing service for an investment, the Fund may attempt to value the investment based upon the mean of bid and asked quotations, or fair value the investment based on price evaluations, from one or more dealers. If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, each Fund uses the fair value of the investment determined in accordance with each Fund's fair valuation procedures described in the Funds' Prospectuses and SAI.

LSE will not transfer deferred or prepaid expenses, which are not expected to be material in amount, to the extent that they do not have a continuing value to MAF. If, after the Closing Date, additional cash in excess of accrued expenses recorded on LSE's books on or before the Closing Date are received by or returned to LSE, such excess funds will be remitted to MAF. Any amount impacting shareholders (i.e., that is not an expense accrual item) should be received by MAF as the surviving fund.

Following the transfer of its assets in exchange for Shares of MAF, LSE will distribute Shares of MAF pro rata to LSE shareholders of record of Shares in complete liquidation of LSE. Shareholders of LSE owning shares on the Closing Date of the Reorganization will receive that number of Shares of MAF which have the same aggregate value as the shareholder had in LSE immediately before the Reorganization. This distribution will be accomplished by the establishment of accounts in the names of LSE's shareholders on the share records of MAF's transfer agent. MAF does not issue share certificates to shareholders. Following the consummation of the Reorganization, LSE will then be dissolved.

The transfer of shareholder accounts from LSE to MAF will occur automatically. It is not necessary for LSE shareholders to take any action to effect the transfer. **Please do not attempt to make the transfer yourself in advance of the Reorganization. If you do so, you may disrupt the management of the Funds' portfolios.** Nevertheless, shareholders may continue to redeem or transfer out of the Fund prior to the Reorganization.

The Plan contains customary representations, warranties and conditions. The Plan provides that the consummation of the Reorganization is conditioned upon, among other things, the receipt by LSE and MAF of an opinion to the effect that the Reorganization will be tax-free to LSE, its shareholders and MAF. The Plan may be terminated if, before the Closing Date, any of the required conditions have not been met, the representations and warranties are not true or the Funds' Board determines that the Reorganization is not in the best interests of the shareholders of LSE or MAF, respectively.

## Board Considerations Relating to the Reorganization

### **NO SHAREHOLDER VOTE IS REQUIRED FOR THE REORGANIZATION. WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU FOR A PROXY AND YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SEND US A PROXY**

The Board considered the Reorganization at meetings held on September 19-20, 2019, November 7, 2019, December 6, 2019, February 6, 2020 and May 15, 2020 and took action to approve the Reorganization on November 19, 2019 and on February 6, 2020. In advance of the meetings, the Board reviewed detailed information regarding the Reorganization, including written and oral presentations from the Adviser.

In determining whether to approve the Reorganization, the Board inquired into a number of matters and considered, with respect to the Reorganization, the following factors, among others: (1) the compatibility of the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of LSE and MAF; (2) the comparative historical performance of the Funds; (3) any advantages to shareholders of MAF of investing in a larger post-Reorganization asset pool; (4) the prospects for growth, and for achieving economies of scale, of the combined Fund subsequent to the Reorganization; (5) the expense ratios and available information regarding the fees and expenses of the Funds; (6) the investment experience, expertise and financial resources of, and the nature and quality of the services provided by the Adviser of MAF; (7) the terms and conditions of the Reorganization and whether the Reorganization would result in dilution of shareholder interests; (8) any direct and indirect costs to be incurred by LSE as a result of the Reorganization; (9) any direct or indirect benefits to the Adviser or its affiliates to be realized as a result of the Reorganization; (10) the tax consequences of the Reorganization on shareholders; and (11) possible alternatives to the Reorganization, including liquidation of LSE.

After reviewing and evaluating this information, including the factors summarized below and other information in this Prospectus/Information Statement, the Board, including all of the Trustees who are not “interested persons” (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Funds (the “Independent Trustees”), unanimously approved the Reorganization. In approving the Reorganization, the Board, including all of the Independent Trustees, determined that the interests of the shareholders of each Fund would not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization, and that the Reorganization was in the best interests of each Fund. The determinations were made on the basis of each Trustee’s judgment after consideration of all of the factors taken as a whole, though individual Trustees may have attributed different weights to various factors. The Board considered all factors it deemed pertinent in its business judgment, including, but not limited to, the following:

- The steadily decreasing asset base of LSE and that the Reorganization would provide LSE shareholders with a stronger asset base that is potentially capable of achieving economies of scale in an investment strategy which has historically had little or no correlation to the equity markets, thereby reducing volatility related to equity market exposure, and that is currently more in favor with investors.
- The historical performance of both Funds relative to each other and their benchmarks, including that MAF had better performance than LSE for the 3- and 5- year periods ended December 31, 2019 and since MAF’s inception, although MAF has a shorter historical performance record (and past performance is no guarantee of future results).
- The Reorganization would provide an opportunity for LSE and MAF to benefit from improved potential for long-term growth that may be realized by combining the Funds’ assets in the Reorganization, which could have the potential for greater efficiencies and the ability to spread fixed costs over a larger asset base.
- LSE shareholders would be merged into a fund with a lower gross advisory fee of 1.20% (which will be further reduced to 1.00%, with the addition of a 0.20% administrative fee, effective on the Closing Date) as compared to LSE’s higher gross advisory fee of 2.25%.
- MAF’s advisory fee and administration fee of 1.00% and 0.20%, respectively (which will be effective as of the Closing Date) is in line with MAF’s competitors and would result in no changes to the overall management fees (advisory and administration fee) as compared to the management fees paid to the Adviser by LSE.
- The expense ratios of MAF and LSE both before the Reorganization and the pro-forma expense ratio of the combined Fund following the Reorganization. Upon completion of the Reorganization, the *pro forma* gross and net expense ratios of each class of MAF are expected to be higher than those of the corresponding classes of LSE as a result of the higher Dividend Expense on Short Sales applicable to MAF. Dividend Expense on Short Sales reflects dividends paid on stocks the Funds borrow in order to short. The Adviser considers Dividend Expense on Short Sales to be a trading cost and excluded from MAF’s contractual expense limitation.
- The Reorganization is intended to be structured as a tax-free Reorganization under Section 368(a)(1)(D) of the IRC and is a preferable tax result for shareholders as compared to a liquidation of LSE (which would be a fully taxable redemption).
- There is no anticipated decline in services to LSE shareholders as a result of the Reorganization and LSE shareholders will benefit from the addition of portfolio manager Eric Fritz.



- Alternatives to the Reorganization, such as liquidation of LSE, and the Adviser's belief that the Reorganization provides a better resolution for LSE than the alternatives.
- The terms and conditions of the Plan, as presented to the Board.
- MAF is expected to be the accounting survivor of the Reorganization for performance purposes.
- MAF is smaller than LSE (approximately \$30.3 million in assets versus approximately \$57.3 million in assets for LSE, as of March 31, 2020).
- MAF will pay the indirect and direct expenses, associated with the Reorganization. Given the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, it is expected that the Adviser and its affiliates will indirectly pay some or all of the direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses that MAF is being asked to pay.
- Brokerage expenses related to the repositioning of its portfolio securities prior to the Reorganization and LSE's current significant capital loss position, and the Adviser's belief that as a result, any potential realized gains will have a minimal or near zero impact on shareholders from a tax perspective.
- The share purchase and redemption provisions for the Funds are the same.
- The share class structure of LSE is identical to that of MAF.
- The Reorganization may result in some potential benefits to the Adviser and its affiliates, including cost savings resulting from managing one combined Fund rather than two separate Funds.

After careful consideration, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Reorganization with respect to each of the Funds.

### **Cost of the Reorganization**

Reorganization expenses include, without limitation: (a) expenses associated with the preparation and filing of this Prospectus/Information Statement; (b) postage; printing; accounting fees; legal fees incurred by each Fund; and (c) other related administrative or operational costs. MAF will pay registration fees with respect to securities issued pursuant to the Reorganization on an as incurred basis and legal expenses associated with the preparation and filing of the registration materials, accounting and other remaining expenses related to the Reorganization. Given the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, the Adviser expects that the Adviser and its affiliates will indirectly pay some or all of the Reorganization-related expenses that MAF is being asked to pay.

Reorganization-related expenses are estimated at approximately \$125,000, of which an estimated \$55,212, or \$0.01 per share, will be paid by LSE and an estimated \$69,788, or \$0.0442 per share, will be paid by MAF. These expenses include:

- Registration fees for securities issued pursuant to the Reorganization estimated at \$5,000 will be paid by MAF on an as incurred basis;
- Direct and indirect expenses of the Reorganization (consisting primarily of legal and accounting fees) estimated at \$60,000 will be paid by MAF;
- Direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses (e.g., mailing, processing, tabulation and printing, as well as the cost associated with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements) associated with the Reorganization estimated at \$4,130 will be paid by MAF; and
- Brokerage expenses related to the repositioning of its portfolio securities prior to the Reorganization in the amount of \$55,212, will be paid by LSE. The actual amount of brokerage expenses may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser. Approximately half of LSE securities are expected to be sold in connection with the Reorganization to better align LSE's portfolio with MAF's portfolio.
- If the Reorganization is not consummated, LSE will not incur brokerage expenses in connection with repositioning, and all Reorganization-related expenses incurred shall be paid by the Adviser due to the expense limitation agreements in place for MAF.

LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. We estimate any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective.

Due to the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, the net asset value impact to MAF of these Reorganization expenses is currently estimated to be \$0 per share. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to MAF within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided MAF's total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement.

The foregoing brief summary of the Plan summarizes all material terms and provisions of the Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Annex A and incorporated herein by reference.

## DESCRIPTION OF MAF'S SHARE CLASSES AND CAPITALIZATION

This section is for informational purposes only. If the reorganization is consummated, the capitalizations are likely to be different on the closing date as a result of daily share purchase and redemption activities in MAF and changes in NAV.

The Shares of MAF to be issued to the shareholders of LSE's Shares under the Plan will be fully paid and non-assessable when issued, transferable without restriction and will have no preemptive or conversion rights. Reference is hereby made to the Prospectus of MAF provided herewith for additional information about Shares of MAF.

The following table sets forth the unaudited capitalization of LSE into MAF as of December 31, 2019.

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Net Asset Value Per Share</b>
Highland Long/Short Equity Fund—Class A Shares	13,080,585	1,200,652	\$ 10.89
Reorganization expenses – LSE <sup>1</sup>	(7,580)		(0.01)
Reorganization expenses – MAF <sup>1</sup>	(9,581)		(0.16)
Share Adjustment <sup>2</sup>		(522,160)	
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund—Class A Shares	1,127,966	58,508	\$ 19.28
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Pro Forma Combined—Class A Shares	14,191,390	737,000	\$ 19.26

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total Net Assets<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Net Asset Value Per Share</b>
Highland Long/Short Equity Fund—Class C Shares	8,106,396	823,280	\$ 9.85
Reorganization expenses – LSE <sup>1</sup>	(4,911)		(0.01)
Reorganization expenses – MAF <sup>1</sup>	(6,208)		(0.11)
Share Adjustment <sup>2</sup>		(398,366)	
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund—Class C Shares	1,100,210	57,670	\$ 19.08
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Pro Forma Combined—Class C Shares	9,195,486	482,583	\$ 19.05

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total Net Assets<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Shares Outstanding</b>	<b>Net Asset Value Per Share</b>
Highland Long/Short Equity Fund—Class Z Shares	51,601,634	4,495,006	\$ 11.48
Reorganization expenses – LSE <sup>1</sup>	(42,721)		(0.01)
Reorganization expenses – MAF <sup>1</sup>	(53,999)		(0.04)
Share Adjustment <sup>2</sup>		(1,845,217)	
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund—Class Z Shares	28,478,764	1,462,410	\$ 19.47
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Pro Forma Combined—Class Z Shares	79,983,678	4,112,200	\$ 19.45



- <sup>1</sup> *Reorganization costs to be paid by MAF in the amount of \$69,788 (or \$0.0442 per share) while LSE will incur approximately \$55,212 (or \$0.01 per share) in brokerage commissions, which amounts may vary depending upon the amount of the number of transactions executed. The effect on the net asset value of MAF as a result of the payment of these expenses is currently estimated to be \$0 per share after reimbursement from the Advisor. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to MAF within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided MAF's total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement.*
- <sup>2</sup> *Share adjustment necessary to reflect shares to be issued based on the net assets of LSE and MAF NAV.*

## **FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

As a non-waivable condition to the Reorganization, each Fund will receive an opinion of counsel to the effect that, on the basis of the existing provisions of the Code, current administrative rules and court decisions, for federal income tax purposes:

- the Reorganization as set forth in the Plan will constitute a tax-free reorganization under section 368(a) of the Code, and LSE and MAF each will be a “party to a reorganization” within the meaning of section 368(b) of the Code;
- no gain or loss will be recognized by MAF upon its receipt of LSE’s assets in exchange for Shares of MAF;
- no gain or loss will be recognized by LSE upon transfer of its assets to MAF solely in exchange for the Shares of MAF or upon the distribution of MAF Shares to LSE’s shareholders in exchange for their LSE Shares;
- no gain or loss will be recognized by shareholders of LSE upon exchange of their LSE Shares for MAF Shares;
- the tax basis of the assets of LSE in the hands of MAF will be the same as the tax basis of such assets to LSE immediately prior to the Reorganization;
- the aggregate tax basis of MAF Shares received by each shareholder of LSE pursuant to the Reorganization will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the Shares of LSE held by such shareholder immediately prior to the Reorganization;
- the holding period of MAF’s Shares received by each shareholder of LSE will include the period during which LSE’s Shares exchanged therefore were held by such shareholder, provided the Shares of LSE were held as capital assets on the date of the Reorganization; and
- the holding period of the assets of LSE in the hands of MAF will include the period during which those assets were held by LSE.

The opinion provided in connection with the Reorganization shall be based on customary assumptions and such representations as tax counsel may reasonably request and each Fund will cooperate to make and certify the accuracy of such representations. The opinion may state that no opinion is expressed as to the effect of the Reorganization on LSE, MAF or any shareholder of LSE with respect to any asset as to which unrealized gain or loss is required to be recognized for federal income tax purposes at the end of a taxable year (or on the termination or transfer thereof) under a mark-to-market system of accounting. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the requirement that the above-described opinion be provided in connection with the Reorganization cannot be waived by either Fund.

Opinions of counsel are not binding upon the Internal Revenue Service or the courts. If the Reorganization is consummated but does not qualify as a tax-free reorganization under the Code, a shareholder of LSE would recognize a taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between his or her tax basis in his or her LSE shares and the fair market value of MAF shares received in exchange therefore.

Prior to the Reorganization, LSE may dispose of portfolio securities in the ordinary course of business, and in anticipation of the Reorganization (which may result in the realization of net capital gains). Before the Reorganization, LSE will distribute any ordinary income and net capital gains to shareholders. Any such distributions will be taxable to shareholders. LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors’ taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. The Adviser estimates any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective.

To the extent that LSE would be in a net capital gain position prior to the Reorganization, LSE would make distributions of the capital gains (as well as any other required distributions) prior to the Reorganization being consummated.

See the discussion entitled “Summary—Tax Consequences” in this Prospectus/Information Statement for further information regarding the tax consequences of the Reorganization. Shareholders of LSE should consult their tax advisors regarding the effect, if any, of the Reorganization in light of their individual circumstances. In addition, because the foregoing discussion only relates to the federal

income tax consequences of the Reorganization, those shareholders also should consult their tax advisors about state and local tax consequences, if any, of the Reorganization.

## INFORMATION ON SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS

Both Funds are open-end, management investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, which continuously offer to sell shares at their current NAV. LSE and MAF are series of Highland Funds I (the “Trust”), a Delaware statutory trust. The Funds are governed by the Trust’s Declaration of Trust, Bylaws and Board, in addition to applicable state and federal law. The rights of shareholders of MAF and LSE are identical and are set forth in the Trust’s Declaration of Trust and Bylaws.

## INFORMATION ABOUT LSE AND MAF

### WHERE TO FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information about LSE and MAF is included in its Prospectus and SAI dated October 31, 2019, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Prospectus for MAF accompanies this Prospectus/Information Statement. Copies of the SAI of MAF, the Prospectus and SAI of LSE dated October 31, 2019, and the SAI dated June 15, 2020 relating to this Prospectus/Information Statement, all of which have been filed with the SEC, may be obtained without charge by contacting the Funds at 1-877-665-1287 or by writing to Highland Funds I, 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. The Prospectuses and SAIs of LSE and MAF are also available electronically from the Fund’s website at <http://highlandfunds.com/literature>.

LSE and MAF are each subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the 1940 Act, and in accordance therewith file reports and other information with the SEC. Reports, proxy and information statements, and other information filed by Highland Funds I on behalf of the Funds can be obtained by calling or writing to the Funds. Copies of such material can be obtained electronically from the EDGAR database on the SEC’s website <http://www.sec.gov>. You can purchase copies of this information by contacting the SEC by email at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

## ABOUT THE PROSPECTUS/INFORMATION STATEMENT

This Prospectus/Information Statement is expected to be mailed on or about June 17, 2020, to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 22, 2020 (the “Record Date”).

The Funds’ Annual Report, which includes audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and the Funds’ Semi-Annual Report, which includes unaudited financial statements for the six-months ended December 31, 2019, were previously mailed to shareholders of LSE and MAF. LSE and MAF will promptly provide, without charge and upon request, to each person to whom this Prospectus/Information Statement is delivered a copy of their Annual Report or Semi-Annual Report, which may be requested by writing to the Funds’ principal executive officers or by calling the Fund. The principal executive office of each Fund is located at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201. This document, as well as additional information about the Funds (including portfolio holdings, performance, and distributions), is also available on the website for each Fund. The website for each Fund is <http://highlandfunds.com/>. The toll-free telephone number for both Funds is 1-877-665-1287.

## SHARE OWNERSHIP OF THE FUNDS

As of March 31, 2020, LSE had the following numbers of outstanding shares of beneficial interest:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Share Class</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares</u>
Highland Long/Short Equity Fund	Class A Shares	1,200,652
	Class C Shares	823,279
	Class Z Shares	4,495,006

Each share is entitled to one vote and fractional shares have proportionate voting rights.

To the knowledge of LSE management, as of March 31, 2020, the following entities held beneficially or of record 5% or more of LSE's outstanding share classes.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares Held</u>	<u>Percentage of Class (%)</u>
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS A</b> MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY, LLC FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CUSTOMER 1 NEW YORK PLZ, FL 12 NEW YORK, NY 10004-1901	242,383.47	24.46%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS A</b> RAYMOND JAMES OMNIBUS FOR MUTUAL FUNDS HOUSE ACCT FIRM 92500015 ATTN: COURTNEY WALLER 880 CARILLON PKWY SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33716-1102	145,374.62	14.67%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS A</b> WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC SPECIAL CUSTODY ACCT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CUSTOMER 2801 MARKET STREET ST LOUIS, MO 63103-2523	111,352.42	11.24%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS A</b> NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC FOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF OUR CUSTOMERS 499 WASHINGTON BLVD. ATTN: MUTUAL FUNDS DEPT, 4TH FLOOR JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310-1995	74,229.17	7.49%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS A</b> MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF ITS CUSTOMERS ATTN: FUND ADMINISTRATION #97425 4800 DEER LAKE DR E FL 2 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246-6484	60,584.27	6.11%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C</b> WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC SPECIAL CUSTODY ACCT FOR THE EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CUSTOMER 2801 MARKET STREET ST LOUIS, MO 63103-2523	177,941.97	27.77%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C</b> CHARLES SCHWAB & CO INC CUST ATTN: MUTUAL FUNDS DEPT 211 MAIN STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105-1905	106,062.69	16.55%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C</b> MERRILL LYNCH PIERCE FENNER & SMITH FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF ITS CUSTOMERS ATTN: FUND ADMINISTRATION #97425 4800 DEER LAKE DR E FL 2 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246-6484	84,187.07	13.14%
<b>LONG/SHORT EQUITY – CLASS C</b> NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC	49,396.95	7.71%

FOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF OUR CUSTOMERS  
 499 WASHINGTON BLVD.  
 ATTN: MUTUAL FUNDS DEPT, 4TH FLOOR  
 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07310-1995

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C** 49,121.29 7.67%

RAYMOND JAMES  
 OMNIBUS FOR MUTUAL FUNDS HOUSE ACCT FIRM  
 92500015

ATTN: COURTNEY WALLER  
 880 CARILLON PKWY  
 SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33716-1102

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C** 37,937.32 5.92%

LPL FINANCIAL  
 OMNIBUS CUSTOMER ACCOUNT  
 ATTN MUTUAL FUND TRADING  
 4707 EXECUTIVE DR  
 SAN DIEGO CA 92121-3091

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS C** 35,215.29 5.50%

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY, LLC  
 1 NEW YORK PLZ, FL 12  
 NEW YORK, NY 10004-1901

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS Z** 955,862.67 27.30%

WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC  
 SPECIAL CUSTODY ACCT FOR THE  
 EXCLUSIVE BENEFIT OF CUSTOMER  
 2801 MARKET STREET  
 ST LOUIS, MO 63103-2523

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS Z** 700,845.85 20.02%

BAND & CO  
 C/O U.S. BANK N.A.  
 P.O. BOX 1787  
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53201-1787

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS Z** 674,411.40 19.26%

MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY, LLC  
 1 NEW YORK PLAZA, FLOOR 12  
 NEW YORK, NY 10004-1965

**LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND – CLASS Z** 256,708.08 7.33%

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO INC SPECIAL CUSTODY A/C FBO CUSTOMERS  
 ATTN: MUTUAL FUNDS  
 211 MAIN STREET  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105-1905

Officers and Trustees of LSE own less than 1% of each class of LSE's outstanding shares.

As of March 31, 2020, MAF had the following numbers of outstanding shares of beneficial interest:

<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Share Class</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares</u>
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund	Class A Shares	58,508
	Class C Shares	57,670
	Class Z Shares	1,462,410

To the knowledge of MAF's management, as of March 31, 2020, the following entities held beneficially or of record 5% or more of MAF's outstanding share classes.

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Outstanding Shares Held</u>	<u>Percentage of Class (%)</u>
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS A</b> CHARLES SCHWAB & CO INC CUST ATTN: MUTUAL FUNDS DEPT 101 MONTGOMERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104-4151	47,074.33	74.29%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS A</b> PERSHING LLC 1 PERSHING PLZ JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399-0001	8,706.01	13.74%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS C</b> PERSHING LLC 1 PERSHING PLZ JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399-0001	29,747.17	60.03%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS Z</b> HIGHLAND GLOBAL ALLOCATION FUND 200 CRESCENT CT STE 700 DALLAS TX 75201-2116	546,382.26	40.52%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS Z</b> HIGHLAND LONG SHORT EQUITY FUND 200 CRESCENT CT STE 700 DALLAS TX 75201-2116	375,558.40	27.85%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS Z</b> HIGHLAND PREMIER GROWTH EQUITY FUND 200 CRESCENT CT STE 700 DALLAS TX 75201-2116	221,701.38	16.44%
<b>MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND – CLASS Z</b> PERSHING LLC PO BOX 2052 JERSEY CITY, NJ 07399-0001	182,124.60	13.51%

Officers and Trustees of MAF own less than 1% of each class of MAF's outstanding shares.

Shareholders owning 25% or more of outstanding shares may be in control of the Fund of which they are a shareholder and be able to affect the outcome of certain matters presented for a vote of shareholders.

### **Compensation Structure – HCMFA**

HCMFA's financial arrangements with its portfolio managers, its competitive compensation and its career path emphasis at all levels reflect the value senior management places on key resources. Compensation may include a variety of components and may vary from year to year based on a number of factors, including the pre-tax relative performance of a portfolio manager's underlying account, the pre-tax combined performance of the portfolio manager's underlying accounts, and the pre-tax relative performance of the portfolio manager's underlying accounts measured against other employees. The principal components of compensation include a base salary, a discretionary bonus and various retirement benefits. Portfolio managers are compensated generally based on their investment performance. The portfolio managers and other investment professionals are ranked based on the alpha generated by their portfolio versus their target index benchmark. Their investment performance is evaluated both versus a target index benchmark return and also compared to the returns of their peers at HCMFA and its affiliates. Other attributes which may be considered in the evaluation process are communication, teamwork, attitude and leadership.

Compensation of the Funds' portfolio managers may also be based, in part, on the one and three-year performance of each Fund relative to its applicable market index or category: with respect to the LSE, the Morningstar Long/Short Equity Category and with respect to the MAF, the Morningstar Market Neutral Category.

HCMFA is owned by Highland Capital Management Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("HCM Services") and its general partner, Strand Advisors XVI, Inc., of which Mr. James Dondero is the sole stockholder. HCM Services is controlled by Mr. Dondero and Mr. Mark Okada by virtue of their respective share ownership. Mr. Okada does not receive compensation based upon and of the Funds' investment performance, instead he shares in the profits of HCMFA. Mr. Dondero does not receive compensation based upon investment performance of MAF, both of which he serves as portfolio manager and instead shares in the profits of HCMFA.

*Base compensation.* Generally, portfolio managers receive base compensation based on their seniority and/or their position with HCMFA, which may include the amount of assets supervised and other management roles within HCMFA. Base compensation is determined by taking into account current industry norms and market data to ensure that HCMFA pays a competitive base compensation.

*Discretionary compensation.* In addition to base compensation, portfolio managers may receive discretionary compensation, which can be a substantial portion of total compensation. Discretionary compensation can include a discretionary cash bonus paid to recognize specific business contributions and to ensure that the total level of compensation is competitive with the market.

Because each person's compensation is based on his or her individual performance, HCMFA does not have a typical percentage split among base salary, bonus and other compensation. Senior portfolio managers who perform additional management functions may receive additional compensation in these other capacities. Compensation is structured such that key professionals benefit from remaining with HCMFA.

By Order of the Board of Trustees,

/s/ Lauren Thedford

Lauren Thedford  
Secretary

June 15, 2020

## ANNEX A—AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

### AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION (the “Agreement”) is made as of this [\_\_\_\_\_] day of June, 2020 by and among Highland Funds I, a Delaware statutory trust, with its principal place of business at 300 Crescent Court, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75201 (in this capacity, the “Acquiring Fund Registrant”), on behalf of its series Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund (the “Acquiring Fund”), and Highland Funds I (in this capacity, the “Acquired Fund Registrant” and when referred to collectively with the Acquiring Fund Registrant, the “Registrant”) on behalf of its series Highland Long/Short Equity Fund (the “Acquired Fund” and, collectively with the Acquiring Fund, the “Funds”).

This Agreement is intended to be, and is adopted as, a plan of reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. The reorganization will consist of: (i) the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Acquired Fund (which offers Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares) (the “Acquired Fund Shares”) in exchange solely for shares (Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares, respectively), no par value per share, of the Acquiring Fund (“Acquiring Fund Shares”); (ii) the distribution of the Acquiring Fund Shares (Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares) to the holders of the outstanding shares of the Acquired Fund (Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares, respectively), and (iii) the liquidation and dissolution of the Acquired Fund as provided herein, all upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (the “Reorganization”).

WHEREAS, the Acquiring Fund and the Acquired Fund are separate series of the Acquiring Fund Registrant and the Acquired Fund Registrant, respectively, the Registrant is an open-end, registered management investment company, and the Acquired Fund owns securities that generally are assets of the character in which the Acquiring Fund is permitted to invest;

WHEREAS, the Funds are authorized to issue their shares of beneficial interests;

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Acquired Fund Registrant have determined that the Reorganization, with respect to the Acquired Fund, is in the best interests of the Acquired Fund and that the interests of the existing shareholders of the Acquired Fund will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization;

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Acquiring Fund have determined that the Reorganization, with respect to the Acquiring Fund, is in the best interests of the Acquiring Fund and that the interests of the existing shareholders of the Acquiring Fund will not be diluted as a result of the Reorganization;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:



## ARTICLE I

### **TRANSFER OF ASSETS OF THE ACQUIRED FUND IN EXCHANGE FOR ACQUIRING FUND SHARES AND LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ACQUIRED FUND**

1.1 THE EXCHANGE. Subject to the terms and conditions contained herein and on the basis of the representations and warranties contained herein, the Acquired Fund agrees to transfer all or substantially all of its assets, as set forth in paragraph 1.2, to the Acquiring Fund. In exchange, the Acquiring Fund agrees to deliver to the Acquired Fund the number of full and fractional shares of each class of Acquiring Fund Shares determined by multiplying (a) the outstanding shares of each class of the Acquired Fund Shares by (b) the ratio computed by dividing (x) the net asset value per share of such class of the Acquired Fund Shares by (y) the net asset value per share of the corresponding class of Acquiring Fund Shares computed in the manner and as of the time and date set forth in paragraph 2.2. Holders of the Acquired Fund Shares will receive the corresponding class of Acquiring Fund Shares in exchange for their Acquired Fund Shares. Such transactions shall take place at the closing on the Closing Date provided for in paragraph 3.1.

1.2 ASSETS TO BE ACQUIRED AND LIABILITIES TO BE ASSUMED. The assets of the Acquired Fund to be acquired by the Acquiring Fund shall consist of property having a value equal to the total net assets of the Acquired Fund, including, without limitation, cash, securities, commodities, interests in futures and dividends or interest receivable, owned by the Acquired Fund. The assets to be acquired by the Acquiring Fund shall not include any deferred or prepaid expenses shown as an asset on the books of the Acquired Fund on the Closing Date, to the extent that they do not have continuing value to the Acquiring Fund.

The Acquired Fund has provided the Acquiring Fund with its most recent audited financial statements, which contain a list of all of the Acquired Fund's assets as of the date of such statements. The Acquired Fund hereby represents that as of the date of the execution of this Agreement, there have been no changes in its financial position as reflected in such financial statements other than those occurring in the ordinary course of business in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, the issuance and redemption of Acquired Fund Shares and the payment of normal operating expenses, dividends and capital gains distributions.

The Reorganization is to occur on the Closing Date, which is expected to be on or after June 29, 2020. On the Closing Date, substantially all of the assets of the Acquired Fund (except for deferred or prepaid expenses) will be transferred to the Acquiring Fund, and the Acquiring Fund will assume all of the liabilities of the Acquired Fund. In exchange for the transfer of these assets, the Acquiring Fund will simultaneously issue to the Acquired Fund a number of full and fractional Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares (as applicable) of the Acquiring Fund equal in value to the aggregate NAV of the Class A, Class C and Class Z Shares of the Acquired Fund, as applicable, calculated as of 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, on the Closing Date.

Following the Closing Date, if additional cash in excess of accrued expenses recorded on the Acquired Fund's books on or before the Closing Date are received by or returned to the Acquired Fund, such excess funds will be remitted to the Acquiring Fund.

1.3 LIQUIDATION AND DISTRIBUTION. On or as soon after the Closing Date as is conveniently practicable: (a) the Acquired Fund will distribute in complete liquidation of the Acquired Fund, *pro rata* to its shareholders of record, determined as of the close of business on the Closing Date (the "Acquired Fund Shareholders"), all of the Acquiring Fund Shares received by the Acquired Fund pursuant to paragraph 1.1; and (b) the Acquired Fund will thereupon proceed to dissolve and terminate as set forth in paragraph 1.7 below. Such distribution will be accomplished by the transfer of Acquiring Fund Shares credited to the account of the Acquired Fund on the books of the Acquiring Fund to open accounts on the share records of the Acquiring Fund in the name of the Acquired Fund Shareholders, and representing the respective *pro rata* number of Acquiring Fund Shares due such shareholders. All issued and outstanding Acquired Fund Shares will simultaneously be canceled on the books of the Acquired Fund. The Acquiring Fund shall not issue certificates representing Acquiring Fund Shares in connection with such transfer. After the Closing Date, the Acquired Fund shall not conduct any business except in connection with its dissolution and termination.

1.4 OWNERSHIP OF SHARES. Ownership of Acquiring Fund Shares will be shown on the books of the Acquiring Fund's transfer agent. Acquiring Fund Shares will be issued simultaneously to the Acquired Fund, in an amount equal in value to the aggregate net asset value of the Acquired Fund Shares, to be distributed to Acquired Fund Shareholders.

1.5 TRANSFER TAXES. Any transfer taxes payable upon the issuance of Acquiring Fund Shares in a name other than the registered holder of the Acquired Fund Shares on the books of the Acquired Fund as of that time shall, as a condition of such issuance and transfer, be paid by the person to whom such Acquiring Fund Shares are to be issued and transferred.

1.6 REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY. Any reporting responsibility of the Acquired Fund is and shall remain the responsibility of the Acquired Fund.

1.7 TERMINATION. The Acquired Fund shall be dissolved and terminated promptly following the Closing Date and the making of all distributions pursuant to paragraph 1.3.

1.8 BOOKS AND RECORDS. All books and records of the Acquired Fund, including all books and records required to be maintained under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and the rules and regulations thereunder, shall be available to the Acquiring Fund from and after the Closing Date and shall be turned over to the Acquiring Fund as soon as practicable following the Closing Date.

1.9 OTHER REORGANIZATION-SPECIFIC ITEMS.

In connection with the Reorganization, any minimum investment amounts applicable to initial investments in the Acquiring Fund Shares shall be waived with respect to the Acquired Fund Shareholders’ initial receipt of Acquiring Fund Shares as part of the Reorganization.

In connection with the Reorganization, an Acquired Fund Shareholder will initially acquire the Acquiring Fund Shares pursuant to the terms of this Agreement at net asset value, but subsequent purchases of such Acquiring Fund Shares will be subject to any sales loads (including any front-end sales load) applicable to purchases of Acquiring Fund Shares.

**ARTICLE II**

**VALUATION**

2.1 VALUATION OF ASSETS. The value of the Acquired Fund’s assets to be acquired by the Acquiring Fund hereunder shall be the value of such assets at the closing on the Closing Date, after the declaration and payment of any dividends and/or other distributions on that date, using the valuation procedures set forth in the Acquiring Fund Registrant’s Declaration of Trust and the Acquiring Fund’s then current prospectus and statement of additional information or such other valuation procedures as shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties (and approved by the Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Registrant).

2.2 VALUATION OF SHARES. The net asset value per share of each class of Acquiring Fund Shares shall be the net asset value per share of such class of Acquiring Fund Shares computed at the closing on the Closing Date, using the valuation procedures set forth in the Acquiring Fund Registrant’s Declaration of Trust and the Acquiring Fund’s then current prospectus and statement of additional information, or such other valuation procedures as shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties (and approved by the Board).

2.3 SHARES TO BE ISSUED. The number of shares of each class of Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued (including fractional shares, if any) in exchange for the Acquired Fund’s assets to be acquired by the Acquiring Fund pursuant to this Agreement shall be determined in accordance with paragraph 1.1.

2.4 DETERMINATION OF VALUE. All computations of value shall be made by DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., on behalf of the Acquiring Fund and the Acquired Fund.

**ARTICLE III**

**CLOSING AND CLOSING DATE**

3.1 CLOSING DATE. The closing shall occur on or about June 29, 2020, or such other date(s) as the parties may agree to in writing (the “Closing Date”). All acts taking place at the closing shall be deemed to take place at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the Closing Date unless otherwise provided herein. The closing shall be held at the offices of Highland Capital Management Fund Advisers, L.P., 300 Crescent Court, Dallas, Texas 75201, or at such other time and/or place as the parties may agree.

3.2 CUSTODIAN’S CERTIFICATE. The Bank of New York Mellon, as custodian for the Acquired Fund (the “Custodian”), shall deliver at the Closing a certificate of an authorized officer stating that: (a) the Acquired Fund’s portfolio securities, cash, and any other assets have been delivered in proper form to the Acquiring Fund on the Closing Date; and (b) all necessary taxes including all applicable federal and state stock transfer stamps, if any, shall have been paid, or provision for payment shall have been made, in conjunction with the delivery of portfolio securities by the Acquired Fund.

3.3 EFFECT OF SUSPENSION IN TRADING. In the event that on the scheduled Closing Date, either: (a) the NYSE or another primary exchange on which the portfolio securities of the Acquiring Fund or the Acquired Fund are purchased or sold, shall be closed to trading or trading on such exchange shall be restricted; or (b) trading or the reporting of trading on the NYSE or elsewhere shall be disrupted so that accurate appraisal of the value of the net assets of the Acquiring Fund or the Acquired Fund is impracticable, the Closing Date shall be postponed until the first day that is a business day after the day when trading is fully resumed and reporting is restored].

3.4 TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE. DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., as transfer agent for the Acquired Fund as of the Closing Date, shall deliver at the Closing a certificate of an authorized officer stating that its records contain the names and addresses of Acquired Fund Shareholders, and the number and percentage ownership of outstanding shares owned by each such shareholder immediately prior to the Closing. The Acquiring Fund shall issue and deliver, or cause, DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., its transfer agent, to issue and deliver, a confirmation evidencing Acquiring Fund Shares to be credited on the Closing Date to the Secretary of the Acquired Fund Registrant or provide evidence satisfactory to the Acquired Fund that the Acquiring Fund Shares have been credited to the Acquired Fund's account on the books of the Acquiring Fund. At the Closing, each party shall deliver to the other such bills of sale, assignments, checks, certificates, opinions, receipts and other instruments or documents, if any, as such other party or its counsel may reasonably request.

## ARTICLE IV

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

4.1 REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ACQUIRED FUND. The Acquired Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquired Fund, represents and warrants to the Acquiring Fund as follows:

- a) The Acquired Fund is a legally designated, separate series of a statutory trust duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- b) The Acquired Fund Registrant is registered as an open-end management investment company under the 1940 Act, the Acquired Fund Registrant's registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as an investment company under the 1940 Act is in full force and effect, and the Acquired Fund's shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1993 Act"), and such registration has not been revoked or rescinded and is in full force and effect.
- c) The current prospectus and statement of additional information of the Acquired Fund conform in all material respects to the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, and do not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- d) The Acquired Fund is not in violation of, and the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement will not result in the violation of any provision of the Acquired Fund Registrant's Declaration of Trust or By-Laws or of any material agreement, indenture, instrument, contract, lease, or other undertaking to which the Acquired Fund is a party or by which the Acquired Fund is bound.
- e) The Acquired Fund has no material contracts or other commitments (other than this Agreement) that will be terminated with liability to it before the Closing Date. All contracts of the Acquired Fund will be terminated with respect to the Acquired Fund as of the Closing Date (including any such contracts with affiliated persons of the Acquired Fund).
- f) Except as otherwise disclosed in writing to and accepted by the Acquiring Fund, no litigation, administrative proceeding, or investigation of or before any court or governmental body is presently pending or to its knowledge threatened against the Acquired Fund or any of its properties or assets that, if adversely determined, would materially and adversely affect the Acquired Fund's financial condition, the conduct of its business, or the ability of the Acquired Fund to carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Acquired Fund knows of no facts that might form the basis for the institution of such proceedings and is not a party to or subject to the provisions of any order, decree, or judgment of any court or governmental body that materially and adversely affects its business or its ability to consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

- g) The audited financial statements of the Acquired Fund as of June 30, 2019, and for the fiscal year then ended have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and such statements (copies of which have been furnished to the Acquiring Fund) fairly reflect the financial condition of the Acquired Fund as of such date, and there are no known contingent liabilities of the Acquired Fund as of such date that are not disclosed in such statements.

- (h) The unaudited financial statements of the Acquired Fund as of December 31, 2019, and for the fiscal period then ended have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and such statements (copies of which have been furnished to the Acquiring Fund) fairly reflect the financial condition of the Acquired Fund as of such date, and there are no known contingent liabilities of the Acquired Fund as of such date that are not disclosed in such statements.
- i) Since the date of the financial statements referred to in sub-paragraph (h) above, there have been no material adverse changes in the Acquired Fund's financial condition, assets, liabilities or business (other than changes occurring in the ordinary course of business), or any incurrence by the Acquired Fund of indebtedness maturing more than one year from the date such indebtedness was incurred, except as otherwise disclosed to and accepted by the Acquiring Fund. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (g), a decline in the net asset value of the Acquired Fund shall not constitute a material adverse change.
- j) As of the date hereof, except as previously disclosed to the Acquiring Fund in writing, and except as have been corrected as required by applicable law, and to the best of the Acquired Fund's knowledge, there have been no material miscalculations of the net asset value of the Acquired Fund or the net asset value per share of any class or series of shares during the twelve-month period preceding the date hereof and preceding the Closing Date, and all such calculations have been made in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 1940 Act.
- k) The minute books and other similar records of the Acquired Fund as made available to the Acquiring Fund prior to the execution of this Agreement contain a true and complete record of all action taken at all meetings and by all written consents in lieu of meetings of the shareholders of the Acquired Fund and of the Acquired Fund, the Acquired Fund's Board and committees of the Acquired Fund's Board. The stock transfer ledgers and other similar records of the Acquired Fund as made available to the Acquiring Fund prior to the execution of this Agreement, and as existing on the Closing Date, accurately reflect all record transfers prior to the execution of this Agreement, or the Closing Date, as applicable, in the Acquired Fund Shares.
- l) The Acquired Fund has maintained, or caused to be maintained on its behalf, all books and records required of a registered investment company in compliance with the requirements of Section 31 of the 1940 Act and rules thereunder.
- m) All federal and other tax returns and reports of the Acquired Fund required by law to be filed have been filed, and all federal and other taxes shown due on such returns and reports have been paid, or provision shall have been made for the payment thereof. To the best of the Acquired Fund's knowledge, no such return is currently under audit, and no assessment has been asserted with respect to such returns.
- n) All issued and outstanding Acquired Fund Shares are duly and validly issued and outstanding, fully paid and non-assessable by the Acquired Fund. All of the issued and outstanding Acquired Fund Shares will, at the time of the Closing Date, be held by the persons and in the amounts set forth in the records of the Acquired Fund's transfer agent as provided in paragraph 3.4. The Acquired Fund has no outstanding options, warrants, or other rights to subscribe for or purchase any of the Acquired Fund Shares, and has no outstanding securities convertible into any of the Acquired Fund Shares.
- o) At the Closing Date, the Acquired Fund will have good and marketable title to the Acquired Fund's assets to be transferred to the Acquiring Fund pursuant to paragraph 1.2, and full right, power, and authority to sell, assign, transfer, and deliver such assets and liabilities hereunder, free of any lien or other encumbrance, except those liens or encumbrances to which the Acquiring Fund has received notice, and, upon delivery and payment for such assets, assumption of such liabilities, and the filing of any articles, certificates or other documents under the laws of the State of Delaware, the Acquiring Fund will acquire good and marketable title, subject to no restrictions on the full transfer of such assets and liabilities, other than such restrictions as might arise under the 1933 Act, and other than as disclosed to and accepted by the Acquiring Fund.
- p) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Acquired Fund. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Acquired Fund, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.
- q) The information to be furnished by the Acquired Fund for use in no-action letters, applications for orders, registration statements, and other documents that may be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated herein shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall comply in all material respects with federal securities and other laws and regulations.



- r) From the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in paragraph 5.6), through the time of the Reorganization and on the Closing Date, any written information furnished by the Acquired Fund Registrant with respect to the Acquired Fund for use in the Registration Materials (as defined in paragraph 5.6), or any other materials provided in connection with the Reorganization, does not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading.
- s) The Acquired Fund has qualified and elected to be treated as a “regulated investment company” under the Code (a “RIC”), as of and since its first taxable year; and qualifies and will continue to qualify as a RIC under the Code for its taxable year ending upon the Closing Date.
- t) No governmental consents, approvals, authorizations or filings are required under the 1933 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), the 1940 Act or Delaware law for the execution of this Agreement by the Acquired Fund Registrant, for itself and on behalf of the Acquired Fund, or the performance of the Agreement by the Acquired Fund Registrant, for itself and on behalf of the Acquired Fund, except, in each case, for (i) the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and the filing of any articles, certificates or other documents that may be required under Delaware law, (ii) such other consents, approvals, authorizations and filings as have been made or received, and (iii) such consents, approvals, authorizations and filings as may be required subsequent to the Closing Date.
- u) The Acquired Fund, and the Acquired Fund Registrant with respect to the Acquired Fund, has been and is in compliance in all material respects with the investment policies and restrictions set forth in its registration statement currently in effect. The value of the net assets of the Acquired Fund has been determined and is being determined using portfolio valuation methods that comply in all material respects with the methods described in its registration statement and the requirements of the 1940 Act. There are no legal or governmental actions, investigations, inquiries, or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Acquired Fund, threatened against the Acquired Fund, or the Acquired Fund Registrant with respect to the Acquired Fund, that would question the right, power or capacity of (a) the Acquired Fund to conduct its business as conducted now or at any time in the past, or (b) the Acquired Fund Registrant’s ability to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Acquired Fund or the Acquired Fund’s ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

4.2 REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ACQUIRING FUND. The Acquiring Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquiring Fund, represents and warrants to the Acquired Fund as follows:

- a) The Acquiring Fund is a legally designated, separate series of a statutory trust duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- b) The Acquiring Fund Registrant is registered as an open-end management investment company under the 1940 Act, the Acquiring Fund Registrant’s registration with the Commission as an investment company under the 1940 Act is in full force and effect, and the Acquiring Fund’s shares are registered under the 1933 Act and such registration has not been revoked or rescinded and is in full force and effect.
- c) The current prospectus and statement of additional information of the Acquiring Fund conform in all material respects to the applicable requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and do not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated or necessary to make such statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- d) The Acquiring Fund is not in violation of, and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement will not, result in a violation of any provision of the Acquiring Fund Registrant’s Declaration of Trust or By-Laws or of any material agreement, indenture, instrument, contract, lease, or other undertaking to which the Acquiring Fund is a party or by which it is bound.
- e) Except as otherwise disclosed in writing to the Acquired Fund, no litigation, administrative proceeding or investigation of or before any court or governmental body is presently pending or to its knowledge threatened against the Acquiring Fund or any of its properties or assets that, if adversely determined, would materially and adversely affect its financial condition, the conduct of its business or the ability of the Acquiring Fund to carry out the transactions contemplated by

this Agreement. The Acquiring Fund knows of no facts that might form the basis for the institution of such proceedings and it is not a party to or subject to the provisions of any order, decree, or judgment of any court or governmental body that materially and adversely affects its business or its ability to consummate the transaction contemplated herein.

- f) The audited financial statements of the Acquiring Fund as of June 30, 2019 and for the fiscal year then ended have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and such statements (copies of which have been furnished to the Acquired Fund) fairly reflect the financial condition of the Acquiring Fund as of such date, and there are no known contingent liabilities of the Acquiring Fund as of such date that are not disclosed in such statements.
- (g) The unaudited financial statements of the Acquiring Fund as of December 31, 2019 and for the fiscal period then ended have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and such statements (copies of which have been furnished to the Acquired Fund) fairly reflect the financial condition of the Acquiring Fund as of such date, and there are no known contingent liabilities of the Acquiring Fund as of such date that are not disclosed in such statements.
- h) Since the date of the financial statements referred to in sub-paragraph (g) above, there have been no material adverse changes in the Acquiring Fund's financial condition, assets, liabilities or business (other than changes occurring in the ordinary course of business), or any incurrence by the Acquiring Fund of indebtedness maturing more than one year from the date such indebtedness was incurred, except as otherwise disclosed to and accepted by the Acquired Fund. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (h), a decline in the net asset value of the Acquiring Fund shall not constitute a material adverse change.
- i) All federal and other tax returns and reports of the Acquiring Fund required by law to be filed have been filed, and all federal and other taxes shown due on such returns and reports have been paid, or provision shall have been made for the payment thereof. To the best of the Acquiring Fund's knowledge, no such return is currently under audit, and no assessment has been asserted with respect to such returns.
- j) All issued and outstanding Acquiring Fund Shares are duly and validly issued and outstanding, fully paid and non-assessable by the Acquiring Fund. The Acquiring Fund has no outstanding options, warrants, or other rights to subscribe for or purchase any Acquiring Fund Shares, and there are no outstanding securities convertible into any Acquiring Fund Shares.
- k) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Acquiring Fund. This Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Acquiring Fund, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.
- l) Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued and delivered to the Acquired Fund for the account of the Acquired Fund Shareholders pursuant to the terms of this Agreement will, at the Closing Date, have been duly authorized. When so issued and delivered, such shares will be duly and validly issued Acquiring Fund Shares, and will be fully paid and non-assessable.
- m) The information to be furnished by the Acquiring Fund for use in no-action letters, registration statements, and other documents that may be necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated herein shall be accurate and complete in all material respects and shall comply in all material respects with federal securities and other laws and regulations.
- n) From the effective date of the Registration Statement (as defined in paragraph 5.6), through the time of the Reorganization and on Closing Date, any written information furnished by the Acquiring Fund for use in the Registration Materials (as defined in paragraph 5.6), or any other materials provided in connection with the Reorganization, does not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated or necessary to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading.
- o) The Acquiring Fund has qualified and elected to be treated as a RIC under the Code as of and since its first taxable year; and qualifies and shall continue to qualify as a RIC under the Code for its current taxable year.



- p) No governmental consents, approvals, authorizations or filings are required under the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act, the 1940 Act or Delaware law for the execution of this Agreement by the Acquiring Fund Registrant, for itself and on behalf of the Acquiring Fund, or the performance of the Agreement by the Acquiring Fund Registrant, for itself and on behalf of the Acquiring Fund, except, in each case, for (i) the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and the filing of any articles, certificates or other documents that may be required under Delaware law, (ii) such other consents, approvals, authorizations and filings as have been made or received, and (iii) such consents, approvals, authorizations and filings as may be required subsequent to the Closing Date.
- q) The Acquiring Fund agrees to use all reasonable efforts to obtain the approvals and authorizations required by the 1933 Act, the 1940 Act, and any state Blue Sky or securities laws as it may deem appropriate in order to continue its operations after the Closing Date.

## ARTICLE V

### COVENANTS OF THE ACQUIRING FUND AND THE ACQUIRED FUND

5.1 OPERATION IN ORDINARY COURSE. The Acquiring Fund and the Acquired Fund will each operate its respective business in the ordinary course between the date of this Agreement and the Closing Date, it being understood that such ordinary course of business will include customary dividends and shareholder purchases and redemptions.

5.2 INVESTMENT REPRESENTATION. The Acquired Fund covenants that the Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued pursuant to this Agreement are not being acquired for the purpose of making any distribution, other than in connection with the Reorganization and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

5.3 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. The Acquired Fund will assist the Acquiring Fund in obtaining such information as the Acquiring Fund reasonably requests concerning the beneficial ownership of the Acquired Fund's shares.

5.4 FURTHER ACTION. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Acquiring Fund and the Acquired Fund will each take or cause to be taken, all action, and do or cause to be done, all things reasonably necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including any actions required to be taken after the Closing Date.

5.5 STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND PROFITS. As promptly as practicable, but in any case within sixty days after the Closing Date, the Acquired Fund shall furnish the Acquiring Fund, in such form as is reasonably satisfactory to the Acquiring Fund, a statement of the earnings and profits of the Acquired Fund for federal income tax purposes that will be carried over by the Acquiring Fund as a result of Section 381 of the Code, and which will be certified by the Acquired Fund Registrant's Treasurer.

5.6 PREPARATION OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION STATEMENT. The Acquiring Fund Registrant will prepare and file with the Commission a registration statement on Form N-14 relating to the Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued to shareholders of the Acquired Fund (the "Registration Statement"). The Registration Statement on Form N-14 shall include an information statement and a prospectus of the Acquiring Fund relating to the transaction contemplated by this Agreement. The Registration Statement shall be in compliance with the 1933 Act, the 1934 Act and the 1940 Act, as applicable. Each party will provide the other party with the materials and information necessary to prepare the registration statement on Form N-14 (the "Registration Materials"), for inclusion therein.

5.7 PRE-CLOSING DIVIDEND. On or before the Closing Date, the Acquired Fund shall have declared and paid to its shareholders of record a dividend or dividends which, together with all previous such dividends, shall have the effect of distributing all of the Acquired Fund's investment company taxable income (computed without regard to any deduction for dividends paid), if any, plus the excess, if any, of its interest income excludible from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Code over its deductions disallowed under Sections 265 and 171(a)(2) of the Code for all taxable periods or years ending on or before the Closing Date, and all of its net capital gains realized (after reduction for any capital loss carry forward), if any, in all taxable periods or years ending on or before the Closing Date.

## ARTICLE VI

### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACQUIRED FUND**

The obligations of the Acquired Fund to consummate the transactions provided for herein shall be subject, at its election, to the performance by the Acquiring Fund of all the obligations to be performed by the Acquiring Fund pursuant to this Agreement on or before the Closing Date, and, in addition, subject to the following conditions:

All representations, covenants, and warranties of the Acquiring Fund contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the Closing Date. The Acquiring Fund shall have delivered to the Acquired Fund on such Closing Date a certificate executed in the Acquiring Fund's name by the Acquiring Fund Registrant's Executive Vice President or Secretary and its Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, in form and substance satisfactory to the Acquired Fund and dated as of the Closing Date, to such effect and as to such other matters as the Acquired Fund shall reasonably request.

## ARTICLE VII

### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACQUIRING FUND**

The obligations of the Acquiring Fund to consummate the transactions provided for herein shall be subject, at its election, to the performance by the Acquired Fund of all the obligations to be performed by the Acquired Fund pursuant to this Agreement, on or before the Closing Date and, in addition, shall be subject to the following conditions:

Any comments from the Commission's staff on or in connection with the preliminary or final Registration Statement filed with the Commission shall have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Acquiring Fund, and such Registration Statement shall have been declared effective and delivered to the Acquired Fund shareholders as of the record date set forth therein.

All representations, covenants, and warranties of the Acquired Fund contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, with the same force and effect as if made on and as of such Closing Date. The Acquired Fund shall have delivered to the Acquiring Fund on such Closing Date a certificate executed in the Acquired Fund's name by the Acquired Fund Registrant's Executive Vice President or Secretary and the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, in form and substance satisfactory to the Acquiring Fund and dated as of such Closing Date, to such effect and as to such other matters as the Acquiring Fund shall reasonably request.

The Acquired Fund shall have delivered to the Acquiring Fund a statement of the Acquired Fund's assets and liabilities, together with a list of the Acquired Fund's portfolio securities showing the tax costs of such securities by lot and the holding periods of such securities, as of the Closing Date, certified by the Treasurer of the Acquired Fund Registrant.

## ARTICLE VIII

### **FURTHER CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO OBLIGATIONS OF THE ACQUIRING FUND AND ACQUIRED FUND**

If any of the conditions set forth below do not exist on or before the Closing Date with respect to the Acquired Fund or the Acquiring Fund, the other party to this Agreement shall, at its option, not be required to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement:

8.1 On the Closing Date, the Commission shall not have issued an unfavorable report under Section 25(b) of the 1940 Act, or instituted any proceeding seeking to enjoin the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under Section 25(c) of the 1940 Act. Furthermore, no action, suit or other proceeding shall be threatened or pending before any court or governmental agency in which it is sought to restrain or prohibit, or obtain damages or other relief in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated herein.

8.2 All required consents of other parties and all other consents, orders, and permits of federal, state and local regulatory authorities (including those of the Commission and of State securities authorities, including any necessary "no-action" positions and exemptive orders from such federal and state authorities) to permit consummation of the transactions contemplated herein shall have been obtained, except where failure to obtain any such consent, order, or permit would not involve a risk of a material adverse effect on

the assets or properties of the Acquiring Fund or the Acquired Fund, provided that either party hereto may waive any such conditions for itself.

8.3 The Registration Statement shall have become effective under the 1933 Act, and no stop orders suspending the effectiveness thereof shall have been issued. To the best knowledge of the parties to this Agreement, no investigation or proceeding relating to the Registration Statement shall have been instituted or be pending, threatened or contemplated under the 1933 Act.

8.4 The parties shall have received an opinion of K&L Gates LLP substantially to the effect that for federal income tax purposes:

- a) The transfer of all or substantially all of the Acquired Fund's assets to the Acquiring Fund and assumption by the Acquiring Fund of all of the Acquired Fund's liabilities solely in exchange for Acquiring Fund Shares (followed by the distribution of Acquiring Fund Shares to the Acquired Fund Shareholders in dissolution and liquidation of the Acquired Fund) will constitute a "reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Code, and the Acquiring Fund and the Acquired Fund will each be a "party to a reorganization" within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code.
- b) No gain or loss will be recognized by the Acquiring Fund upon the receipt of the assets and assumption of the liabilities of the Acquired Fund solely in exchange for Acquiring Fund Shares.
- c) No gain or loss will be recognized by the Acquired Fund upon the transfer of the Acquired Fund's assets and liabilities to the Acquiring Fund solely in exchange for Acquiring Fund Shares or upon the distribution (whether actual or constructive) of Acquiring Fund Shares to Acquired Fund Shareholders in exchange for their Acquired Fund Shares.
- d) No gain or loss will be recognized by any Acquired Fund Shareholder upon the exchange of its Acquired Fund Shares for Acquiring Fund Shares.
- e) The aggregate tax basis of the Acquiring Fund Shares received by each Acquired Fund Shareholder pursuant to the Reorganization will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the Acquired Fund Shares held by such Acquired Fund Shareholder immediately prior to the Reorganization. The holding period of Acquiring Fund Shares received by each Acquired Fund Shareholder will include the period during which the Acquired Fund Shares exchanged therefor were held by such shareholder, provided the Acquired Fund Shares are held as capital assets at the time of the Reorganization.
- f) The tax basis of the Acquired Fund's assets acquired and liabilities assumed by the Acquiring Fund will be the same as the tax basis of such assets to the Acquired Fund immediately prior to the Reorganization. The holding period of the assets and liabilities assumed of the Acquired Fund in the hands of the Acquiring Fund will include the period during which those assets and liabilities were held by the Acquired Fund.

Such opinion shall be based on customary assumptions and such representations as K&L Gates LLP may reasonably request, and the Acquired Fund and Acquiring Fund will cooperate to make and certify the accuracy of such representations. The foregoing opinion may state that no opinion is expressed as to the effect of the Reorganization on the Acquiring Fund, the Acquired Fund or any Acquired Fund Shareholder with respect to any asset as to which unrealized gain or loss is required to be recognized for federal income tax purposes at the end of a taxable year (or on the termination or transfer thereof) under a mark-to-market system of accounting. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, neither the Acquiring Fund nor the Acquired Fund may waive the conditions set forth in this paragraph 8.4.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **EXPENSES**

All fees and expenses incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated herein, except as contemplated in this Article IX, shall be borne by the Acquiring Fund.

To the extent that any transition of portfolio securities is required in connection with the Reorganization, the Acquired Fund may incur transaction expenses associated with the sale and purchase of portfolio securities.

## ARTICLE X

### **ENTIRE AGREEMENT; SURVIVAL OF WARRANTIES**

10.1 The Acquiring Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquiring Fund, and the Acquired Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquired Fund, agree that neither party has made to the other party any representation, warranty and/or covenant not set forth herein, and that this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

10.2 Except as specified in the next sentence set forth in this paragraph 10.2, the representations, warranties, and covenants contained in this Agreement or in any document delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, shall not survive the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder. The covenants to be performed after the Closing Date shall continue in effect beyond the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder.

## ARTICLE XI

### **TERMINATION**

This Agreement may be terminated by the Acquiring Fund Registrant or Acquired Fund Registrant on or before the Closing Date. In the event of any such termination, in the absence of willful default, there shall be no liability for damages on the part of any of the Acquiring Fund, the Acquired Fund, the Acquiring Fund Registrant, the Acquired Fund Registrant, or their respective Trustees or their respective officers.

## ARTICLE XII

### **AMENDMENTS**

This Agreement may be amended, modified, or supplemented in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon in writing by the officers of the Acquiring Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquiring Fund, and the Acquired Fund Registrant, on behalf of the Acquired Fund, and as specifically authorized by the Board; provided, however, that no such amendment may have the effect of changing the provisions for determining the number of Acquiring Fund Shares to be issued to the Acquired Fund Shareholders without a supplement to the Registration Materials being prepared and mailed to shareholders in accordance with applicable law.

## ARTICLE XIII

### **HEADINGS; COUNTERPARTS; GOVERNING LAW; ASSIGNMENT;**

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The Article and paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, but, except as provided in this paragraph, no assignment or transfer hereof or of any rights or obligations hereunder shall be made by any party without the written consent of the other party. Nothing herein expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any person, firm, or corporation, trust, or entities other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

It is expressly agreed that the obligations of the Funds hereunder shall not be binding upon any of the Trustees, shareholders, nominees, officers, agents, or employees of the Acquiring Fund Registrant or Acquired Fund Registrant personally, but shall bind only the property of the Funds, as provided in the Declaration of Trust of each of the Acquiring Fund Registrant and the Acquired Fund Registrant. The execution and delivery of this Agreement have been authorized by the Trustees of the Acquiring Fund Registrant and the Acquired Fund Registrant, as applicable, on behalf of the Funds and signed by authorized officers of the Acquiring Fund Registrant and Acquired Fund Registrant, acting as such. Neither the authorization by such Trustees nor the execution and delivery by such officers shall be deemed to have been made by any of them individually or to impose any liability on any of them personally, but shall

bind only the property of the Funds as provided in the Declaration of Trust of each of the Acquiring Fund Registrant and Acquired Fund Registrant, if applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed as set forth below.

**Highland Funds I**

On behalf of its series, Highland Long/Short Equity Fund

Attested by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
[NAME]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Lauren Thedford

Title: Secretary

**Highland Funds I**

On behalf of its series, Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund

Attested by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
[NAME]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Dustin Norris

Title: Executive Vice President

## ANNEX B—FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The tables that follow present performance information about each Fund, as applicable. The information will help an investor understand the Fund's financial performance for its past five fiscal years, or since inception if the life of the Share class is shorter. Some of the information is presented on a per Share basis. Total returns represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund, assuming reinvestment of any dividends and capital gains.

Each independent registered public accounting firm's reports, along with each Fund's audited financial statements, are included in each of the Fund's annual report. The financial highlights for any semi-annual period of the Funds, if applicable, are unaudited. The annual reports and any applicable semi-annual reports are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information.

### Financial Highlights

#### Highland Long/Short Equity Fund, Class A

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 10.99	\$ 12.38	\$ 11.80	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.98	\$ 12.18
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment loss <sup>(a)</sup>	(0.12)	(0.14)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.20)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.23	(0.22)	1.09	1.03	(0.40)	0.48
Total from Investment Operations	0.11	(0.36)	0.91	0.85	(0.58)	0.28
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>						
From net realized gains	(0.21)	(1.03)	(0.33)	—	(0.45)	(0.48)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.21)	(1.03)	(0.33)	—	(0.45)	(0.48)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(b)</sup></b>	\$ 10.89	\$ 10.99	\$ 12.38	\$ 11.80	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.98
Total Return <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	1.00% <sup>(f)</sup>	(1.89)%	7.77%	7.76%	(4.99)%	2.45%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(d)(e)</sup></b>						
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 13,080	\$15,872	\$24,514	\$32,163	\$40,219	\$76,813
Gross operating expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	4.51%	4.34%	4.06%	3.89%	3.62%	3.58%
Net investment loss	(2.16)%	(1.24)%	(1.43)%	(1.64)%	(1.56)%	(1.63)%
Portfolio turnover rate	89% <sup>(f)</sup>	252%	247%	404%	457%	414%

(a) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(b) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(c) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(d) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(e) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,					
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)		3.08%	3.05%	2.81%	2.64%	2.37%	2.33%



Interest expense and commitment fees	0.37%	0.49%	0.30%	0.01%	0.02%	0.07%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.38%	0.66%	0.71%	0.80%	0.57%	0.49%

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## Financial Highlights

### Highland Long/Short Equity Fund, Class C

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 9.98	\$ 11.43	\$ 10.98	\$ 10.25	\$ 11.32	\$ 11.62
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment loss <sup>(a)</sup>	(0.14)	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.26)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	<u>0.22</u>	<u>(0.22)</u>	<u>1.02</u>	<u>0.97</u>	<u>(0.39)</u>	<u>0.44</u>
Total from Investment Operations	0.08	(0.42)	0.78	0.73	(0.62)	0.18
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>						
From net realized gains	<u>(0.21)</u>	<u>(1.03)</u>	<u>(0.33)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(0.45)</u>	<u>(0.48)</u>
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.21)	(1.03)	(0.33)	—	(0.45)	(0.48)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(b)</sup></b>	\$ 9.85	\$ 9.98	\$ 11.43	\$ 10.98	\$ 10.25	\$ 11.32
Total Return <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	0.81% <sup>(f)</sup>	(2.53)%	7.16%	7.12%	(5.65)%	1.69%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(d)(e)</sup></b>						
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 7,956	\$12,856	\$20,796	\$26,263	\$50,006	\$55,639
Gross operating expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	5.12%	4.99%	4.71%	4.51%	4.27%	4.28%
Net investment loss	(2.81)%	(1.91)%	(2.10)%	(2.31)%	(2.20)%	(2.27)%
Portfolio turnover rate	89% <sup>(f)</sup>	252%	247%	404%	457%	414%

(a) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(b) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(c) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(d) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(e) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)	3.71%	3.69%	3.46%	3.26%	3.02%	3.03%
Interest expense and commitment fees	0.37%	0.49%	0.30%	0.01%	0.01%	0.07%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.38%	0.66%	0.72%	0.77%	0.57%	0.54%

## Financial Highlights

### Highland Long/Short Equity Fund, Class Z

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 11.55	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.27	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.35	\$ 12.51
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment loss <sup>(a)</sup>	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.16)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.24	(0.25)	1.14	1.08	(0.42)	0.48
Total from Investment Operations	0.14	(0.36)	1.00	0.93	(0.56)	0.32
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>						
From net realized gains	(0.21)	(1.03)	(0.33)	—	(0.45)	(0.48)
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.21)	(1.03)	(0.33)	—	(0.45)	(0.48)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(b)</sup></b>	\$ 11.48	\$ 11.55	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.27	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.35
Total Return <sup>(b)(c)</sup>	1.22% <sup>(f)</sup>	(1.73)%	8.22%	8.20%	(4.67)%	2.71%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(d)(e)</sup></b>						
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 51,223	\$123,316	\$312,646	\$335,493	\$570,998	\$724,250
Gross operating expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	4.08%	3.99%	3.71%	3.51%	3.27%	3.28%
Net investment loss	(1.83)%	(0.89)%	(1.12)%	(1.31)%	(1.20)%	(1.27)%
Portfolio turnover rate	89% <sup>(f)</sup>	252%	247%	404%	457%	414%

(a) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(b) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(c) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(d) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(e) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30,				
		2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)	2.67%	2.71%	2.46%	2.26%	2.02%	2.03%
Interest expense and commitment fees	0.37%	0.49%	0.30%	0.01%	0.01%	0.07%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.38%	0.66%	0.72%	0.77%	0.57%	0.54%

## Financial Highlights

### Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Class A

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Period Ended December 31 2016*
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 18.49	\$20.75	\$21.65	\$ 20.53	\$ 20.00
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	0.03	0.62	(0.20)	0.24	(0.22)
Net realized and unrealized gain	0.77	0.47	0.70	0.88	0.75
Total from Investment Operations	0.80	1.09	0.50	1.12	0.53
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>					
From net investment income	—	(1.63)	(1.07)	—	—
From net realized gains	(0.06)	(0.71)	(0.33)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
From return of capital	—	(1.01)	—	—	—
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.06)	(3.35)	(1.40)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(d)</sup></b>	\$ 19.23	\$18.49	\$20.75	\$ 21.65	\$ 20.53
Total Return <sup>(d)(e)(f)</sup>	4.62%	5.72%	2.53%	5.46%	2.66%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(g)(h)</sup></b>					
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 1,125	\$1,141	\$1,019	\$ 1,661	\$ 121
Gross operating expenses <sup>(i)</sup>	4.92%	5.31%	4.77%	6.40%	7.16%
Net investment loss	0.28%	3.20%	(0.98)%	2.30%	(3.00)%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	448%	712%	401%	233%	718%

\* Commenced operations on August 19, 2016.

(a) For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund had a fiscal year end change from December 31 to June 30.

(b) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(c) Represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(e) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(h) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(i) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Period Ended December 31, 2016*
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)	4.29%	4.45%	3.97%	5.05%	4.62%
Interest expense and commitment fees	1.80%	0.73%	0.65%	—	1.60%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.57%	2.01%	1.38%	3.19%	1.14%

## Financial Highlights

### Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Class C

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Period Ended December 31 2016*
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 18.36	\$20.65	\$21.52	\$ 20.48	\$ 20.00
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	(0.06)	0.56	(0.39)	0.05	(0.28)
Net realized and unrealized gain	0.79	0.39	0.77	0.99	0.76
Total from Investment Operations	0.73	0.95	0.38	1.04	0.48
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>					
From net investment income	—	(1.56)	(0.92)	—	—
From net realized gains	(0.06)	(0.71)	(0.33)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
From return of capital	—	(0.97)	—	—	—
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.06)	(3.24)	(1.25)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(d)</sup></b>	\$ 19.03	\$18.36	\$20.65	\$ 21.52	\$ 20.48
Total Return <sup>(d)(e)(f)</sup>	4.27%	5.00%	1.95%	5.08%	2.41%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(g)(h)</sup></b>					
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 1,098	\$ 999	\$1,321	\$ 1,094	\$ 96
Gross operating expenses <sup>(i)</sup>	5.63%	5.90%	5.51%	7.28%	8.15%
Net investment loss	(0.58)%	2.88%	(1.88)%	0.47%	(3.93)%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	448%	712%	401%	233%	718%

\* Commenced operations on August 19, 2016.

(a) For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund had a fiscal year end change from December 31 to June 30.

(b) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(c) Represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(e) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(h) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(i) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Period Ended December 31, 2016*
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)	5.00%	5.13%	4.72%	5.95%	5.62%
Interest expense and commitment fees	1.80%	0.73%	0.65%	—	1.39%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.57%	2.01%	1.53%	3.47%	1.69%

## Financial Highlights

### Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, Class Z

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period is as follows:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Year Ended June 30, 2016
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	\$ 18.65	\$ 20.95	\$ 21.76	\$ 20.60	\$ 20.05
<b>Income from Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss) <sup>(b)</sup>	0.04	0.86	(0.18)	0.19	(0.12)
Net realized and unrealized gain	0.80	0.30	0.77	0.97	0.67
Total from Investment Operations	0.84	1.16	0.59	1.16	0.55
<b>Less Distributions Declared to shareholders:</b>					
From net investment income	—	(1.70)	(1.07)	—	—
From net realized gains	(0.06)	(0.71)	(0.33)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
From return of capital	—	(1.05)	—	—	—
Total distributions declared to shareholders	(0.06)	(3.46)	(1.40)	—	— <sup>(c)</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of period<sup>(d)</sup></b>	\$ 19.43	\$ 18.65	\$ 20.95	\$ 21.76	\$ 20.60
Total Return <sup>(d)(e)(f)</sup>	4.74%	6.07%	2.93%	5.63%	2.76%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets / Supplemental Data:<sup>(g)(h)</sup></b>					
Net Assets, End of Period (000's)	\$ 28,412	\$27,187	\$36,130	\$ 27,291	\$22,393
Gross operating expenses <sup>(i)</sup>	4.61%	4.99%	4.59%	6.11%	6.04%
Net investment loss	0.46%	4.30%	(0.88)%	1.84%	(1.68)%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(f)</sup>	448%	712%	401%	233%	718%

\* Commenced operations on August 19, 2016.

(a) For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund had a fiscal year end change from December 31 to June 30.

(b) Per share data was calculated using average shares outstanding during the period.

(c) Represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) The Net Asset Value per share and total return have been calculated based on net assets which include adjustments made in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles required at period end for financial reporting purposes. These figures do not necessarily reflect the Net Asset Value per share or total return experienced by the shareholder at period end.

(e) Total return is at net asset value assuming all distributions are reinvested and no initial sales charge or CDSC. For periods with waivers/reimbursements, had the Fund's investment adviser not waived or reimbursed a portion of expenses, total return would have been lower.

(f) Not annualized.

(g) All ratios for the period have been annualized, unless otherwise indicated.

(h) Includes dividends and fees on securities sold short.

(i) Supplemental expense ratios are shown below:

	For the Six Months Ended December 31, 2019 (unaudited)	For the Years Ended June 30, 2019      2018 <sup>(a)</sup>		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017	For the Year Ended June 30, 2016*
Net operating expenses (net of waiver/reimbursement, if applicable, but gross of all other operating expenses)	3.99%	4.25%	3.80%	4.75%	3.50%
Interest expense and commitment fees	1.80%	0.73%	0.65%	—	0.84%
Dividends and fees on securities sold short	0.57%	2.01%	1.63%	3.22%	1.14%



## **Appendix Intermediary Sales Charge Discounts and Waivers**

As described in the Prospectus, Class A Shares of the Funds, as applicable, are subject to an initial sales charge and Class C Shares are subject to a contingent deferred sales charge (“CDSC”). Class A and Class C shares purchased through certain financial intermediaries may be subject to different initial sales charges or the initial sales charge or CDSC may be waived in certain circumstances. This Appendix details some of the variations in sales charge waivers for Class A and Class C shares purchased through certain specified financial intermediaries. The term “fund family,” as used in this Appendix, refers to those registered investment companies that are advised by Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (“HCMFA” or the “Adviser”) or its affiliates.

You should consult your financial representative for assistance in determining whether you may qualify for a particular sales charge waiver or discount.

**The information in this Appendix is part of, and incorporated in, the Funds’ Prospectus.**

### **Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (“Merrill Lynch”):**

If you purchase Fund shares through a Merrill Lynch platform or account held at Merrill Lynch you will be eligible only for the following sales charge waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and CDSC waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in the Funds’ Prospectus or SAI.

#### **Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares available at Merrill Lynch**

- Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan
- Shares purchased by a 529 Plan (does not include 529 Plan units or 529-specific share classes or equivalents)
- Shares purchased through a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program
- Shares exchanged due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch’s policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers
- Shares purchased by third party investment advisors on behalf of their advisory clients through Merrill Lynch’s platform
- [Shares of funds purchased through the Merrill Edge Self-Directed platform] (if applicable)
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family)
- Shares exchanged from Class C (*i.e.* level-load) shares of the same fund pursuant to Merrill Lynch’s policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers
- Employees and registered representatives of Merrill Lynch or its affiliates and their family members
- Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund’s investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus
- Eligible shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales charge (known as Rights of Reinstatement). Automated transactions (*i.e.* systematic purchases and withdrawals) and purchases made after shares are automatically sold to pay Merrill Lynch’s account maintenance fees are not eligible for reinstatement
- Death or disability of the shareholder





### **CDSC Waivers on Class A, B and C Shares available at Merrill Lynch**

- Death or disability of the shareholder
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's prospectus
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
- Shares sold to pay Merrill Lynch fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Merrill Lynch
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement
- Shares held in retirement brokerage accounts, that are exchanged for a lower cost share class due to transfer to certain fee based accounts or platforms (applicable to A and C shares only)
- Shares received through an exchange due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers

### **Front-end load Discounts Available at Merrill Lynch: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in the Prospectus.
- Rights of Accumulation (ROA) which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts as described in the Fund's prospectus will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts (including 529 program holdings, where applicable) within the purchaser's household at Merrill Lynch. Eligible fund family assets not held at Merrill Lynch may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets
- Letters of Intent (LOI) which allow for sales charge discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, through Merrill Lynch, over a 13-month period of time (if applicable)

### **Morgan Stanley Wealth Management**

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Morgan Stanley Wealth Management transactional brokerage account will be eligible only for the following front-end sales charge waivers with respect to Class A shares, which may differ from and may be more limited than those disclosed elsewhere in the Funds' Prospectus or SAI.

### **Front-end Sales Charge Waivers on Class A Shares available at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management**

- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs, SAR-SEPs or Keogh plans.
- Morgan Stanley employee and employee-related accounts according to Morgan Stanley's account linking rules.
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions when purchasing shares of the same fund.
- Shares purchased through a Morgan Stanley self-directed brokerage account.
- Class C (i.e., level-load) shares that are no longer subject to a contingent deferred sales charge and are converted to Class A shares of the same fund pursuant to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management's share class conversion program.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (i) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (ii) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (iii) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales charge.

### **Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (“OPCO”):**

Effective February 26, 2020, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through an OPCO platform or account are eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund’s prospectus or SAI.

#### **Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares available at OPCO**

- Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan
- Shares purchased by or through a 529 Plan
- Shares purchased through a OPCO affiliated investment advisory program
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family)
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same amount, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Restatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund’s Class C shares will have their shares converted at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the conversion is in line with the policies and procedures of OPCO
- Employees and registered representatives of OPCO or its affiliates and their family members
- Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund’s investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus

#### **CDSC Waivers on A, B and C Shares available at OPCO**

- Death or disability of the shareholder
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund’s prospectus
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts due to the shareholder reaching the qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations
- Shares sold to pay OPCO fees but only if the transaction is initiated by OPCO
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement

#### **Front-end load Discounts Available at OPCO: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus.
- Rights of Accumulation (ROA) which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser’s household at OPCO. Eligible fund family assets not held at OPCO may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets

### **Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., and each entity’s affiliates (“Raymond James”)**

Effective March 1, 2019, shareholders purchasing fund shares through a Raymond James platform or account, or through an introducing broker-dealer or independent registered investment adviser for which Raymond James provides trade execution, clearance, and/or custody services, will be eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in the Funds’ Prospectus or SAI.

#### **Front-end sales load waivers on Class A shares available at Raymond James**

- Shares purchased in an investment advisory program.
- Shares purchased within the same fund family through a systematic reinvestment of capital gains and dividend distributions.

- Employees and registered representatives of Raymond James or its affiliates and their family members as designated by Raymond James.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund's Class C shares will have their shares converted at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the conversion is in line with the policies and procedures of Raymond James.

**CDSC Waivers on Classes A, B and C shares available at Raymond James**

- Death or disability of the shareholder.
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Funds' Prospectus.
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account.
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts due to the shareholder reaching the qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations as described in the Funds' Prospectus.
- Shares sold to pay Raymond James fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Raymond James.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.

**Front-end load discounts available at Raymond James: breakpoints, rights of accumulation, and/or letters of intent**

- Breakpoints as described in the Funds' Prospectus.
- Rights of accumulation which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at Raymond James. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of rights of accumulation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.
- Letters of intent which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, over a 13-month time period. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of letters of intent only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.



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Highland Funds I

You will find additional information about the Funds in the following documents:

**Appendix—Intermediary Sales Charge Discounts and Waivers** contains more information about specific sales charge discounts and waivers available for shareholders who purchase Fund shares through a Specified Intermediary. The Appendix is incorporated herein by reference (it is legally part of this Prospectus).

Statement of Additional Information (SAI): The SAI contains additional information about each Fund's investment strategies and policies and is incorporated by reference and is legally considered a part of this Prospectus.

Annual/Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders: Additional information about the Funds' investments will be available in the Funds' semi-annual reports to shareholders. In the Funds' annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Funds' performance during its last fiscal year.

You may review and obtain information about the Funds (including the SAI and other reports) on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of this information may also be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).

You may obtain a free copy of the SAI or the Funds' annual/semi-annual reports and make shareholder inquiries by contacting:

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**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**June 15, 2020**

**ACQUISITION OF THE ASSETS OF  
HIGHLAND LONG/SHORT EQUITY FUND**

A Series of Highland Funds I

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**BY AND IN EXCHANGE FOR SHARES OF  
HIGHLAND MERGER ARBITRAGE FUND**

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This Statement of Additional Information dated June 15, 2020, is not a Prospectus. A Prospectus/Information Statement dated June 15, 2020, related to the above-referenced matter may be obtained from Highland Funds I, by writing or calling Highland Funds I at the address and telephone numbers shown above. This Statement of Additional Information should be read in conjunction with such Prospectus/Information Statement.

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**INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The Statement of Additional Information of Highland Long/Short Equity Fund and Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund dated October 31, 2019, is incorporated by reference to Post-Effective Amendment No. 93 to its Registration Statement on Form N-1A (File Nos. 333-132400 and 811-21866), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on October 28, 2019. A copy may be obtained from the Highland Fund I at 1-877-665-1287.

The audited financial statements of Highland Long/Short Equity Fund and Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, dated June 30, 2019, are included herein to the Annual Report to shareholders of Highland Funds I, which is included by reference to Form N-CSR filed with the SEC on September 9, 2019.

The unaudited financial statements of Highland Long/Short Equity Fund and Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund, dated December 31, 2019, are included herein to the Unaudited Semi Annual Report to shareholders of Highlands Funds I, which is included by reference to Form N-CSRS/A filed with the SEC on May 19, 2020.

## **PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **Highland Long/Short Equity Fund into Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund**

Highland Long/Short Equity Fund (LSE), a series of Highland Funds I, and Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund (“MAF”), a series of Highland Funds I (each a “Fund” or collectively, the “Funds”), are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as open-end diversified management investment companies. The Funds are advised by Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. (collectively, the “Adviser”).

The unaudited Pro Forma information provided herein should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements of LSE’s and MAF’s Semi-Annual Report for the six months ended December 31, 2019, which are on file with the SEC and are available at no charge. The Funds follow generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America applicable to management investment companies which are disclosed in the historical financial statements.

### **Narrative Description of the Pro Forma Effects of the Reorganization**

The unaudited *pro forma* information set forth below for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019, is intended to present ratios and supplemental data as if the Reorganization of LSE into MAF had been consummated on January 1, 2019. The Reorganization is intended to consolidate LSE with a Fund that has: (i) greater exposure to an asset class less correlated to equity markets; (ii) lower gross advisory fees; and (iii) a stronger historical performance record, although over a shorter period of time. Currently LSE’s gross and net operating expenses are lower than those of MAF and, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the Reorganization, MAF’s gross and net operating expenses will be higher than those of LSE due to the higher expense line items “Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Fund” and “Dividend Expense on Short Sales” in the fee table. While these fees are higher for MAF, they represent trading costs related to the investment strategies of the Funds and reflect MAF’s merger arbitrage strategy. Dividend Expense on Short Sales reflects dividends paid on stocks the Funds borrow in order to short. The Adviser considers Dividend Expense on Short Sales to be a trading cost and excluded from MAF’s contractual expense limitation.

MAF and LSE both offer three classes of shares: Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class Z Shares. The Reorganization provides for the proposed exchange of assets of Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of LSE for Class A Shares, Class C Shares and Class Z Shares of MAF, respectively. Under GAAP, MAF will be the surviving entity for accounting purposes with its historical cost of investment securities and results of operations being carried forward. The Reorganization is expected to be tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes. No gain or loss will be recognized by LSE or its shareholders as a result of the merger.

MAF will pay direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses, including the cost of processing, printing and mailing registration materials, as well as, the cost associated, with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements, as applicable. It is anticipated that LSE will incur transaction expenses associated with the sale and purchase of portfolio securities to the extent that any transition of portfolio securities is required in connection with the Reorganization. MAF shall bear expenses associated with the qualification of fund shares for sale in the various states. Reorganization expenses include without limitation: (a) expenses associated with the preparation and filing of the registration materials; (b) accounting fees; (c) legal fees; and (d) other related administrative or operational costs.

It is anticipated that no significant accounting policies will change as a result of the Reorganization, specifically policies regarding securities valuation or compliance with Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”).

### **Portfolio Valuation**

Each Fund’s portfolio securities are valued in accordance with the Fund’s valuation policies approved by the Board. The value of the Funds’ investments is generally determined as follows:

- Portfolio securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at their current market value.
- Foreign securities listed on foreign exchanges are valued based on quotations from the primary market in which they are traded and are translated from the local currency into U.S. dollars using current exchange rates. Foreign securities may trade on weekends or other days when a Fund does not calculate NAV. As a result, the market value of these investments may change on days when you cannot buy or redeem shares of a Fund.
- Investments by a Fund in any other mutual fund are valued at their respective NAVs as determined by those mutual funds each business day. The prospectuses for those mutual funds explain the circumstances under which those funds will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

- All other portfolio securities, including derivatives and cases where market quotations are not readily available, or when the market price is determined to be unreliable, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to procedures established by the Board subject to approval or ratification by the Board at its next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Pursuant to the Funds' pricing procedures, securities for which market quotations are not readily available or for which the market price is determined to be unreliable, may include, but are not limited to, securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, securities for which no or limited trading activity has occurred for a period of time, or securities that are otherwise deemed to be illiquid (*i.e.*, securities that cannot be disposed of within seven days at approximately the price at which the security is currently priced by the Fund which holds the security). Market quotations may also be not "readily available" if a significant event occurs after the close of the principal exchange on which a portfolio security trades (but before the time for calculation of a Fund's NAV) if that event affects or is likely to affect (more than minimally) the NAV per share of a Fund. In determining the fair value price of a security, HCMFA may use a number of other methodologies, including those based on discounted cash flows, multiples, recovery rates, yield to maturity or discounts to public comparables.
- Fair value pricing involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact; as a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will reflect actual market value, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security will be materially different from the value that actually could be or is realized upon the sale of that asset.

### **Cost of the Reorganization**

Reorganization-related expenses are estimated at approximately \$125,000, of which an estimated \$55,212, or \$0.019 per share, will be paid by LSE and an estimated \$69,788, or \$0.044 per share, will be paid by MAF. These expenses include:

- Registration fees for securities issued pursuant to the Reorganization estimated at \$5,000 will be paid by MAF on an as incurred basis;
- Direct and indirect expenses of the Reorganization (consisting primarily of legal and accounting fees) estimated at \$60,000 will be paid by MAF;
- Direct Prospectus/Information Statement expenses (e.g., mailing, processing, tabulation and printing, as well as the cost associated with printing and mailing of prospectus supplements) associated with the Reorganization estimated at \$4,130 will be paid by MAF; and
- Brokerage expenses related to the repositioning of its portfolio securities prior to the Reorganization in the amount of at \$55,212, will be paid by LSE. The actual amount of brokerage expenses may vary depending upon the number of transactions executed. Such brokerage expenses will not be covered by LSE's management fee waiver or otherwise borne indirectly by the Adviser. Approximately half of LSE securities are expected to be sold in connection with the Reorganization to better align LSE's portfolio with MAF's portfolio.

LSE is currently in a significant capital loss position. Therefore, any potential realized gains will not have an impact to investors taxes. Any potential realized loss will increase the capital loss position further. We estimate any potential realized gains to have a minimal or near zero impact from a tax perspective.

Due to the expense limitation agreement in place for MAF, the net asset value impact to MAF of these Reorganization expenses is currently estimated to be \$0 per share. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to MAF within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided MAF's total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement.

### **Pro Forma Adjustments**

As of March 31, 2020, LSE's net assets amounted to approximately \$57.3 million and MAF's net assets amounted to approximately \$30.3 million. The expected net assets of the combined fund, had the Reorganization been consummated on January 1, 2020, the beginning of MAF's fiscal year, are approximately \$87.3 million.

At December 31, 2019, LSE and MAF incurred gross investment advisory fees computed at the annual rate of 2.25% and 1.20%, respectively, as a percentage of Average Daily Managed Assets. The advisory agreement between MAF and its Adviser provides for an annual fee of 1.20% of the Average Daily Managed Assets of the Fund.

On a pro forma basis, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 the proposed Reorganization of MAF and LSE would have resulted in a decrease in several expense types. The most significant of which is a decrease of approximately \$100,000 in portfolio accounting fees and \$10,000 in transfer agent fees due to the combining of two portfolios into one, as the base contract fee is per fund.



Likewise, reductions of approximately \$40,000 in audit fees and \$25,000 in printing and postage result from the combination. However, as described above, on a pro forma basis after giving effect to the Reorganization, MAF's net operating expenses will be higher than those of LSE due to the higher expense line items "Interest Payments and Commitment Fees on Borrowed Fund" and "Dividend Expense on Short Sales" in the fee table. On a proforma basis, the combined pro forma fund

expenses would be reduced by fee waivers and expense reimbursements in order to maintain voluntary expense caps. With respect to MAF, the Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the total annual operating expenses (exclusive of fees paid by the Fund pursuant to its distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), taxes, dividend expenses on short sales, interest payments, brokerage commissions and other transaction costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses (collectively, the “Excluded Expenses”)) of the Fund to 1.50% of average daily net assets attributable to any class of the Fund (the “Expense Cap”). The Expense Cap will continue through at least October 31, 2020 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Under the expense limitation agreement, the Adviser may recoup waived and/or reimbursed amounts with respect to MAF within thirty-six months of the date such amounts were waived or reimbursed, provided MAF’s total annual operating expenses, including such recoupment, do not exceed the Expense Cap in effect at the time of such waiver/reimbursement. Upon the consummation of the Reorganization, the Expense Cap will be extended to continue through at least June 29, 2021 and may not be terminated prior to this date without the action or consent of the Fund’s Board of Trustees.

### **Tax Status**

Each Fund has elected to be taxed as a “regulated investment company” under the Code. After the acquisition, MAF intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, if such qualification is in the best interests of its shareholders, by complying with the Subchapter M provisions of the Code and distributing to shareholders each year substantially all of its income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. In addition, LSE will make any required income or capital gain distributions prior to consummation of the Reorganization, in accordance with provisions of the Code relating to qualification of regulated investment companies.

The cost of investments for the Funds is not significantly different for both financial accounting and federal income tax purposes. Differences are primarily the result of wash sales, defaulted securities, mark to market of futures contracts, straddle loss deferrals and partnership adjustments.

As of May 31, 2020, LSE’s capital loss position was approximately \$7.8 million including a post-October loss of approximately \$5 million from the prior fiscal year. LSE estimated capital loss carryforward is not set to expire. MAF did not have a capital loss carryforward.

June 15, 2020

VIA EDGAR

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Highland Funds I (the "Trust")  
File No. 333-235285  
Highland Merger Arbitrage Fund (the "Fund")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to Rule 497 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("1933 Act"), is the Registrant's Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-14 for the above-referenced Trust, with respect to the Fund. The initial Registration Statement on Form N-14 was filed on November 27, 2019 (Accession Number 0001193125-19-301453). The Registrant's Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registration Statement on Form N-14 that was filed on May 21, 2020 (Accession Number 0001193125-20-148848) was declared effective by the Commission Staff as of June 15, 2020 pursuant to the Trust's request for acceleration of the effective date of the Registration Statement. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 is being filed to make updates pursuant to comments received from the Commission Staff.

The purpose of the filings is to register shares of beneficial interest of the Fund under the 1933 Act. These shares are being registered pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization pursuant to which the Highland Long/Short Equity Fund, a series of the Trust, will transfer substantially all of its assets to the Fund in exchange for Shares of the Fund.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials, please do not hesitate to contact me at 917-522-6080.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Eric Griffith  
Eric Griffith