# DESTRA MUTUAL FUNDS SUPPLEMENT DATED AUGUST 25, 2014 TO STATEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Destra Investment Trust
Statement of Additional Information dated
January 31, 2014, as supplemented May
16, 2014

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Arrowpoint Asset Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Arrowpoint"), has agreed to acquire additional units in Destra Capital Management LLC, the parent company of Destra Capital Advisors LLC ("Destra"), the investment adviser of the Destra mutual funds (the "Funds"), and Destra Capital Investments LLC ("Destra Capital"), the distributor of the Funds. The Funds are series of Destra Investment Trust or Destra Investment Trust II (individually, a "Trust," and collectively, the "Trusts"). As a result, Arrowpoint will indirectly become the majority owner and controlling person of Destra and Destra Capital. The acquisition of these additional units is subject to certain conditions, including obtaining the shareholder approval described below. There can be no assurance that the acquisition of units described above will be consummated as contemplated or that necessary conditions will be satisfied.

The consummation of the acquisition of units will be deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of (i) the investment management agreements between the Funds and Destra, and (ii) the investment sub-advisory agreements by and among Destra, a Trust, on behalf of each of the Funds, and each Fund's sub-adviser, and will result in automatic termination of each agreement. The Board of Trustees of each Trust (the "Board") has considered a new investment management agreement with Destra and new investment sub-advisory agreements with each sub-adviser. The new agreements will be presented to each Fund's shareholders for approval by means of a proxy statement, and, if so approved by shareholders, will take effect upon consummation of the acquisition of units.

The transaction is not expected to result in any change in the portfolio management of the Funds or in the Funds' investment objectives or policies.

Shareholders are encouraged to read the related proxy statement, when available, because it will include important information. This is not a proxy and is not soliciting any proxy, which can only be done by means of a proxy statement.

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#### DESTRA INVESTMENT TRUST II

# DESTRA FOCUSED EQUITY FUND DESTRA PREFERRED AND INCOME SECURITIES FUND (the "Funds")

SUPPLEMENT TO EACH STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 31, 2014

#### DATED MAY 16, 2014

Effective immediately, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in each Fund's Prospectus or Statement of Additional Information, each Statement of Additional Information is revised in the following manner:

# 1. Footnote 3 to the "Class A Sales Charge as a Percentage of:" table in the section entitled "Purchases — Class A Shares" is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

- (3) Destra Capital Investments may pay financial intermediaries commissions on a single purchase of Class A shares by a single investor as follows:
  - 1.00% on amounts from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000;
  - plus 0.50% on amounts greater than \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000;
  - plus 0.25% on amounts over \$10,000,000.

Destra Capital Investments retains all 12b-1 fees paid for the first 12 months pursuant to the Class A plan on any investment where an upfront 1.00% commission is paid in order to recoup prior expenses incurred with respect to the payment of such 1.00% commission.

# 2. The section entitled "Exchanges" is revised by adding the following to the end of the paragraph:

"Under limited circumstances, exchanges between certain classes of shares of the same Fund may be permitted. Such exchanges may be subject to a CDSC, a redemption fee or other fees, at the discretion of the Fund. Any CDSC, redemption fee or other fees may be waived for certain intermediaries that have entered into an agreement with Destra Capital Investments."

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## **Statement of Additional Information**

January 31, 2014

# **Destra Focused Equity Fund**

Ticker: Class A-DFOAX, Class C-DFOCX, Class P-\_\_\_\_, Class I-DFOIX

This Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") is not a prospectus. This SAI expands upon, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus dated January 31, 2014, for the Destra Focused Equity Fund (the "Fund"), a series of the Destra Investment Trust II. Copies of the Prospectus may be obtained without charge from the Fund's website at destracapital.com/literature or by calling (877) 287-9646. The audited financial statements for the Fund's most recent fiscal period appear in the Fund's Annual Report dated September 30, 2013. The audited financial statements are incorporated herein by reference and the Annual Report is available without charge from the Fund's website at destracapital.com/literature or by calling (877) 287-9646.

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## **Fund History**

The Fund is a separate investment portfolio of the Destra Investment Trust II (the "Trust"), an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 27, 2011. The Fund is non-diversified and represents shares of beneficial interest in a separate portfolio of securities and other assets, with its own investment objective, policies and strategies. The Fund has retained Destra Capital Advisors LLC ("Destra") to serve as its investment adviser. Destra has retained WestEnd Advisors ("WestEnd" or the "Sub-Adviser") to serve as the Fund's investment sub-adviser, responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's portfolio of securities.

#### **Investment Restrictions**

The investment objective and certain fundamental investment policies of the Fund are described in the Prospectus for the Fund. The fundamental investment policies, together with the investment objective of the Fund and certain other policies specifically identified in the Prospectus, cannot be changed without approval by holders of a "majority of the Fund's outstanding voting shares." As defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), this means the vote of (i) 67% or more of the Fund's shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's shares are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund's shares, whichever is less. Certain matters under the 1940 Act, which must be submitted to a vote of the holders of the outstanding voting securities of a series, shall not be deemed to have been effectively acted upon unless approved by the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting shares of each series affected by such matter. The Fund, as a fundamental policy, may not, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting shares:

- (1) Purchase or sell real estate or real estate limited partnership interests, provided, however, that the Fund may invest in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies which invest in real estate or interests therein when consistent with the other policies and limitations described in the Prospectus.
- (2) Invest in physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments (but this shall not prevent the Fund from purchasing or selling foreign currency, options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars, securities on a forward-commitment or delayed-delivery basis, and other similar financial instruments).
- (3) Engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by others, except to the extent that, in connection with the disposition of securities, the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under federal securities law.

- (4) Lend any security or make any other loan except (i) as otherwise permitted under the 1940 Act, (ii) pursuant to a rule, order or interpretation issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or its staff, (iii) through the purchase of a portion of an issue of debt securities in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and limitations, or (iv) by engaging in repurchase agreements with respect to portfolio securities.
- (5) Issue any senior security except as otherwise permitted (i) under the 1940 Act or (ii) pursuant to a rule, order or interpretation issued by the SEC or its staff.
- (6) Borrow money, except as otherwise permitted under the 1940 Act or pursuant to a rule, order or interpretation issued by the SEC or its staff, including (i) as a temporary measure, (ii) by entering into reverse repurchase agreements, and (iii) by lending portfolio securities as collateral. For purposes of this investment limitation, the purchase or sale of options, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, forward contracts, swaps, caps, floors, collars and other similar financial instruments shall not constitute borrowing.
- (7) Invest more than 5% of its total assets (taken at market value) in securities of any one issuer, other than obligations issued by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities, or purchase more than 10% of the voting securities of any one issuer, with respect to 75% of the Fund's total assets.
- (8) Invest 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of companies primarily engaged in any one industry provided that: (i) this limitation does not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities; and (ii) tax-exempt securities issued by municipalities and their agencies and authorities are not deemed to be industries.

The above percentage limits are based upon asset values at the time of the applicable transaction; accordingly, a subsequent change in asset values will not affect a transaction that was in compliance with the investment restrictions at the time such transaction was effected.

For purposes of applying investment restriction (5) above, under the 1940 Act as currently in effect, the Fund is not permitted to issue senior securities, except that a Fund may borrow from any bank if immediately after such borrowing the value of the such Fund's total assets is at least 300% of the principal amount of all of the Fund's borrowings (i.e., the principal amount of the borrowings may not exceed 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets). In the event that such asset coverage shall at any time fall below 300%, the Fund shall, within three days thereafter (not including Sundays and holidays), reduce the amount of its borrowings to an extent that the asset coverage of such borrowings shall be at least 300%. The fundamental investment limitations set forth above limit the Fund's ability to engage in certain investment practices and purchase securities or other instruments to the extent permitted by, or consistent with, applicable law. As such, these limitations will change as the statute, rules, regulations or orders (or, if applicable, interpretations) change, and no shareholder vote will be required or sought.

For the purpose of investment restriction (8), the Fund will consider all relevant factors in determining who is the issuer of the security, including: the credit quality of the issuer, the amount and quality of the collateral, the terms of the loan agreement and other relevant agreements (including inter-creditor agreements), the degree to which the credit of such interpositioned person was deemed material to the decision to purchase the security, the interest rate environment, and general economic conditions applicable to the issuer and such interpositioned person. Further, the electric, gas, water and telephone utility industries, commercial banks, thrift institutions and finance companies will be treated as separate industries for the purpose of this restriction.

The following non-fundamental investment restrictions apply to the Fund (except where noted otherwise) and may be changed with respect to the Fund by a vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board" or "Board of Trustees"). No Fund may:

- (1) Invest more than 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, including time deposits and repurchase agreements that mature in more than seven days; or
- Purchase securities on margin or effect short sales, except that (i) the Fund may obtain such short term credits as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases or sales of securities and (ii) the Fund may make short sales "against the box" where the Fund owns or has the right to acquire at no additional cost the security sold short.

All percentage limitations on investments will apply at the time of the making of an investment and shall not be considered violated unless an excess or deficiency occurs or exists immediately after and as a result of such investment. Except for the investment restrictions listed above as fundamental or to the extent designated as such in the Prospectus with respect to the Fund, the other investment policies described in this SAI or in the Prospectus are not fundamental and may be changed by approval of the Trustees.

The Fund has adopted a non-fundamental investment policy pursuant to Rule 35d-1 under the 1940 Act (the "Name Policy") whereby the Fund, under normal market conditions, will invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities. As a result, the Fund must provide shareholders with a notice meeting the requirement of Rule 35d-1(c) at least 60 days prior to any change of the Fund's Name Policy. For purpose of the Name Policy, the Fund considers the term "investments" to include both direct investments and indirect investments (e.g., investments in an underlying fund, derivatives and synthetic instruments with economic characteristics similar to the underlying asset), and the Fund may achieve exposure to a particular investment, industry, country or geographic region through direct investment or indirect investments.

# **Investment Strategies and Risks**

In addition to the discussion of investment strategies and risks that appears in the Prospectus, the Fund may (except where indicated otherwise) also implement the following strategies.

#### **144A Securities**

The Fund may purchase securities that can be offered and sold only to "qualified institutional buyers" under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Trustees have determined to treat as liquid Rule 144A securities that are either freely tradable in their primary markets offshore or have been determined to be liquid in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Fund's Trustees. The Trustees have adopted guidelines and delegated to the Sub-Adviser the daily function of determining and monitoring liquidity of 144A securities. The Trustees, however, will retain sufficient oversight and will ultimately be responsible for the determinations. Since it is not possible to predict with assurance exactly how the market for securities sold and offered under Rule 144A will continue to develop, the Trustees will carefully monitor the Fund's investments in these securities. This investment practice could have the effect of increasing the level of illiquidity in the Fund to the extent that qualified institutional buyers become for a time uninterested in purchasing these securities.

#### **Cash Management**

A portion of the Fund's assets may be invested in certain types of instruments with remaining maturities of 397 days or less for liquidity purposes. Such instruments would consist of: (i) obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies, instrumentalities, authorities or political subdivisions ("U.S. Government Securities"); (ii) other fixed-income securities rated Aa or higher by Moody's or AA or higher by S&P or, if unrated, of comparable quality in the opinion of the Sub-Adviser; (iii) commercial paper; (iv) bank obligations, including negotiable certificates of deposit, time deposits and bankers' acceptances; and (v) repurchase agreements. At the time the Fund invests in commercial paper, bank obligations or repurchase agreements, the issuer or the issuer's parent must have outstanding debt rated Aa or higher by Moody's or AA or higher by S&P or outstanding commercial paper, bank obligations or other short-term obligations rated Prime-1 by Moody's or A-1 by S&P; or, if no such ratings are available, the instrument must be of comparable quality in the opinion of the Sub-Adviser.

#### **Commercial Paper**

Commercial paper purchasable by the Fund includes "Section 4(a)(2) paper," a term that includes debt obligations issued in reliance on the "private placement" exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. Section 4(a)(2) paper is restricted as to disposition under the Federal securities laws, and is frequently sold (and resold) to institutional investors such as the Fund through or with the assistance of investment dealers who make a market in the Section 4(a)(2) paper, thereby providing liquidity. Certain transactions in Section 4(a)(2) paper may qualify for the registration exemption provided in Rule 144A under the Securities Act. The Fund can purchase commercial paper rated (at the time of purchase) "A-1" by S&P or "Prime-1" by Moody's or when deemed advisable by the Fund's Sub-Adviser or sub-adviser, "high quality" issues rated "A-2", "Prime-2" or "F-2" by S&P, Moody's or Fitch, respectively.

#### **Convertible Securities**

A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock or other equity security of the same or a different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula. A convertible security entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt or the dividend paid on preferred stock until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Before conversion, convertible securities have characteristics similar to nonconvertible income securities in that they ordinarily provide a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than those of common stocks of the same or similar issuers, but lower yields than comparable nonconvertible securities. The value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors also may have an effect on the convertible security's investment value. Convertible securities rank senior to common stock in a corporation's capital structure but are usually subordinated to comparable nonconvertible securities. Convertible securities may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in the convertible security's governing instrument.

The characteristics of convertible securities make them potentially attractive investments for an investment company seeking a high total return from capital appreciation and investment income. These characteristics include the potential for capital appreciation as the value of the underlying common stock increases, the relatively high yield received from dividend or interest payments as compared to common stock dividends and decreased risks of decline in value relative to the underlying common stock due to their fixed income nature. As a result of the conversion feature, however, the interest rate or dividend preference on a convertible security is generally less than would be the case if the securities were issued in nonconvertible form.

In analyzing convertible securities, the Sub-Adviser will consider both the yield on the convertible security relative to its credit quality and the potential capital appreciation that is offered by the underlying common stock, among other things.

Convertible securities are issued and traded in a number of securities markets. Even in cases where a substantial portion of the convertible securities held by the Fund are denominated in U.S. dollars, the underlying equity securities may be quoted in the currency of the country where the issuer is domiciled. As a result, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the currency in which the debt security is denominated and the currency in which the share price is quoted will affect the value of the convertible security. With respect to convertible securities denominated in a currency different from that of the underlying equity securities, the conversion price may be based on a fixed exchange rate established at the time the security is issued, which may increase the effects of currency risk. As described below, the Fund is authorized to enter into foreign currency hedging transactions in which it may seek to reduce the effect of exchange rate fluctuations.

Apart from currency considerations, the value of convertible securities is influenced by both the yield on nonconvertible securities of comparable issuers and by the value of the underlying common stock. The value of a convertible security viewed without regard to its

conversion feature (*i.e.*, strictly on the basis of its yield) is sometimes referred to as its "investment value." To the extent interest rates change, the investment value of the convertible security typically will fluctuate. At the same time, however, the value of the convertible security will be influenced by its "conversion value," which is the market value of the underlying common stock that would be obtained if the convertible security were converted. Conversion value fluctuates directly with the price of the underlying common stock. If the conversion value of a convertible security is substantially below its investment value, the price of the conversion value of a convertible security increases to a point that approximates or exceeds its investment value, the price of the convertible security will be influenced principally by its conversion value. A convertible security will sell at a premium over the conversion value to the extent investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying common stock while holding a fixed income security. The yield and conversion premium of convertible securities issued in Japan and the Euromarket are frequently determined at levels that cause the conversion value to affect their market value more than the securities' investment value.

Holders of convertible securities generally have a claim on the assets of the issuer prior to the common stockholders but may be subordinated to other debt securities of the same issuer. A convertible security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer at a price established in a charter provision, indenture or other governing instrument pursuant to which the convertible security was issued. If a convertible security held by the Fund is called for redemption, the Fund will be required to redeem the security, convert it into the underlying common stock or sell it to a third party. Certain convertible debt securities may provide a put option to the holder, which entitles the holder to cause the security to be redeemed by the issuer at a premium over the stated principal amount of the debt security under certain circumstances.

Contingent Convertible Securities. Certain preferred and debt securities may include loss absorption characteristics that make the securities more equity like. This is particularly true in the financial services sector. While loss absorption language is relatively rare in the preferred and debt markets today, it may become more prevalent. One preferred or debt structure with loss absorption characteristics is the contingent convertible security (sometimes referred to as a "CoCo"). These securities provide for mandatory conversion into common stock of the issuer under certain circumstances. The mandatory conversion might be automatically triggered, for instance, if a company fails to meet the capital minimum described in the security, the company's regulator makes a determination that the security should convert, or the company receives specified levels of extraordinary public support. Since the common stock of the issuer may not pay a dividend, investors in these instruments could experience a reduced income rate, potentially to zero; and conversion would deepen the subordination of the investor, hence worsening standing in a bankruptcy. In addition, some such instruments have a set stock conversion rate that would cause an automatic write-down of capital if the price of the stock is below the conversion price on the conversion date. In another version of a security with loss absorption characteristics, the liquidation value of the security may be adjusted downward to below the original par value under certain circumstances similar to those which would trigger a CoCo. The write down of the par value would occur automatically and would not entitle the holders to seek bankruptcy of the company.

#### **Depositary Receipts (ADRs, EDRs and GDRs)**

The Fund may invest in the securities of foreign issuers in the form of Depositary Receipts or other securities convertible into securities of foreign issuers. Depositary Receipts may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the underlying securities into which they may be converted. The Fund may invest in both sponsored and unsponsored American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), European Depositary Receipts ("EDRs"), Global Depositary Receipts ("GDRs") and other similar global instruments. ADRs typically are issued by an American bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by a foreign corporation. EDRs, which are sometimes referred to as Continental Depositary Receipts, are receipts issued in Europe, typically by foreign banks and trust companies, that evidence ownership of either foreign or domestic underlying securities. GDRs are depositary receipts structured like global debt issues to facilitate trading on an international basis. Unsponsored ADR, EDR and GDR programs are organized independently and without the cooperation of the issuer of the underlying securities. As a result, available information concerning the issuer may not be as current as for sponsored ADRs, EDRs and GDRs, and the prices of unsponsored ADRs, EDRs and GDRs may be more volatile than if such instruments were sponsored by the issuer. Depositary Receipts are generally subject to the same risks as the foreign securities that they evidence or into which they may be converted. Investments in ADRs, EDRs and GDRs present additional investment considerations as described under "Foreign Investments."

# **Equity Securities**

Equity securities include common stocks and other securities with equity characteristics. Common stocks represent units of ownership in a company and typically have voting rights and earn dividends. Dividends on common stocks are not fixed but are declared at the discretion of a company's board. Equity securities may also include equity securities of investment companies and exchange-traded funds.

While investing in stocks allows shareholders to participate in the benefits of owning a company, such shareholders must accept the risks of ownership. Unlike bondholders, who have preference to a company's earnings and cash flow, preferred stockholders, followed by common stockholders in order of priority, are entitled only to the residual amount after a company meets its other obligations. For this reason, the value of a company's stock will usually react more strongly to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects than its debt obligations. Stockholders of a company that fares poorly can lose money.

Stock markets tend to move in cycles with short or extended periods of rising and falling stock prices. The value of a company's stock may fall because of:

- Factors that directly relate to that company, such as decisions made by its management or lower demand for the company's products or services;
- Factors affecting an entire industry, such as increases in production costs; and

 Changes in financial market conditions that are relatively unrelated to the company or its industry, such as changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates or inflation rates.

The Fund may invest in securities of issuers with small or medium market capitalizations, which may involve greater risk and price volatility than that customarily associated with investments in larger, more established companies. This increased risk may be due to the greater business risks of their small or medium size, limited markets and financial resources, narrow product lines and frequent lack of management depth. The securities of small and medium capitalization companies are often traded in the over-the-counter ("OTC") market, and might not be traded in volumes typical of securities traded on a national securities exchange. Thus, the securities of small and medium capitalization companies are likely to be less liquid and subject to more abrupt or erratic market movements than securities of larger, more established companies.

#### **Foreign Investments**

The Fund may invest in foreign securities, including securities from issuers located in emerging market countries. These securities may be denominated in U.S. dollars or in a foreign currency. Securities issued by certain companies organized outside the United States may not be deemed to be foreign securities (but rather deemed to be U.S. securities) if the company's principal operations are conducted from the United States, the company's equity securities trade principally on a U.S. stock exchange or the company does a substantial amount of business in the United States.

Dividends or interest on, or proceeds from the sale of, foreign securities may be subject to foreign withholding taxes.

Foreign Market Risk. Funds that may invest in foreign securities offer the potential for more diversification than funds that invest only in the United States because securities traded on foreign markets have often (though not always) performed differently from securities traded in the United States. However, such investments often involve risks not typically associated with investments in securities of companies organized and operated in the United States that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. In particular, the Fund is subject to the risk that, because there are generally fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of shares traded each day, it may be difficult for the Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may fluctuate more than prices of securities traded in the United States. Investments in foreign markets may also be adversely affected by governmental actions such as the imposition of punitive taxes. In addition, the governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investing in their capital markets or in certain industries. Any of these actions could severely affect security prices, impair the Fund's ability to purchase or sell foreign securities or transfer the Fund's assets or income back into the United States, or otherwise adversely affect the Fund's operations. Other potential foreign market risks include exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on foreign government securities, difficulties in enforcing favorable legal judgments in foreign courts, and political and social conditions, such as diplomatic relations, confiscatory

taxation, expropriation, limitation on the removal of funds or assets, or imposition of (or change in) exchange control regulations. Legal remedies available to investors in certain foreign countries may be less extensive than those available to investors in the United States or other foreign countries. In addition, changes in government administrations or economic or monetary policies in the U.S. or abroad could result in appreciation or depreciation of portfolio securities and could favorably or adversely affect the Fund's operations. Also, brokerage commissions and other costs of buying or selling securities often are higher in foreign countries than they are in the United States. This reduces the amount the Fund can earn on its investments. The expense ratios of the Fund investing significantly in foreign securities can be expected to be higher than those of investment funds investing primarily in domestic securities. The costs attributable to investing abroad are usually higher for several reasons, such as the higher cost of custody of foreign securities, higher commissions paid on comparable transactions on foreign markets and additional costs arising from delays in settlements of transactions involving foreign securities.

In certain countries, banks or other financial institutions may be among the leading companies or have actively traded securities available for investment. The 1940 Act restricts the Fund's investments in any equity securities of an issuer that, in its most recent fiscal year, derived more than 15% of its revenues from "securities related activities," as defined by the rules thereunder. These provisions may restrict the Fund's investments in certain foreign banks and other financial institutions.

Foreign Economy Risk. The economies of certain foreign markets often do not compare favorably with that of the United States with respect to such issues as growth of gross national product, reinvestment of capital, resources and balance of payments position. Certain such economies may rely heavily on particular industries or foreign capital and are more vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers, and other protectionist or retaliatory measures.

Governmental Supervision and Regulation/Accounting Standards. Many foreign governments supervise and regulate stock exchanges, brokers and the sale of securities less than does the United States. Some countries may not have laws to protect investors comparable to the U.S. securities laws. For example, some foreign countries may have no laws or rules against insider trading. Insider trading occurs when a person buys or sells a company's securities based on nonpublic information about that company. Accounting standards in other countries are not necessarily the same as in the United States. If the accounting standards in another country do not require as much detail as U.S. accounting standards, it may be harder for Fund management to completely and accurately determine a company's financial condition. In addition, the U.S. government has from time to time in the past imposed restrictions, through penalties and otherwise, on foreign investments by U.S. investors such as the Fund. If such restrictions should be reinstituted, it might become necessary for the Fund to invest all or substantially all of its assets in U.S. securities.

Publicly Available Information. In general, less information is publicly available with respect to foreign issuers than is available with respect to U.S. companies. Most foreign companies are also not subject to the uniform accounting and financial reporting requirements

applicable to issuers in the United States. While the volume of transactions effected on foreign stock exchanges has increased in recent years, it remains appreciably below that of the New York Stock Exchange. Accordingly, the Fund's foreign investments may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities in U.S. companies.

Settlement Risk. Settlement and clearance procedures in certain foreign markets differ significantly from those in the United States. Foreign settlement procedures and trade regulations also may involve certain risks (such as delays in payment for or delivery of securities) not typically generated by the settlement of U.S. investments. Communications between the United States and emerging market countries may be unreliable, increasing the risk of delayed settlements or losses of security certificates in markets that still rely on physical settlement. Settlements in certain foreign countries at times have not kept pace with the number of securities transactions. These problems may make it difficult for the Fund to carry out transactions. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a purchase of securities, it may miss attractive investment opportunities and certain of its assets may be uninvested with no return earned thereon for some period. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a sale of securities, it may lose money if the value of the security then declines or, if it has contracted to sell the security to another party, the Fund could be liable to that party for any losses incurred.

#### **Illiquid or Restricted Securities**

The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in securities that lack an established secondary trading market or otherwise are considered illiquid. Liquidity of a security relates to the ability to dispose easily of the security and the price to be obtained upon disposition of the security, which may be less than would be obtained for a comparable more liquid security. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments. Investment of the Fund's assets in illiquid securities may restrict the ability of the Fund to dispose of its investments in a timely fashion and for a fair price as well as its ability to take advantage of market opportunities. The risks associated with illiquidity will be particularly acute where the Fund's operations require cash, such as when the Fund redeems shares or pays dividends, and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet short-term cash requirements or incurring capital losses on the sale of illiquid investments.

The Fund may invest in securities that are not registered under the Securities Act ("restricted securities"). Restricted securities may be sold in private placement transactions between issuers and their purchasers and may be neither listed on an exchange nor traded in other established markets. In many cases, privately placed securities may not be freely transferable under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction or due to contractual restrictions on resale. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, privately placed securities may be less liquid and more difficult to value than publicly traded securities. To the extent that privately placed securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized from the sales, due to illiquidity, could be less than those originally paid by the Fund or less than their fair market value. In addition, issuers whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements that may be applicable if their securities were publicly traded. If any privately placed securities held by the Fund are required to be registered under the securities laws of one or more jurisdictions before being resold, the

Fund may be required to bear the expenses of registration. Certain of the Fund's investments in private placements may consist of direct investments and may include investments in smaller, less seasoned issuers, which may involve greater risks. These issuers may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or they may be dependent on a limited management group. In making investments in such securities, the Fund may obtain access to material nonpublic information, which may restrict the Fund's ability to conduct portfolio transactions in such securities.

Some of these securities are new and complex and trade only among institutions, and the markets for these securities are still developing and may not function as efficiently as established markets. Owning a large percentage of restricted or illiquid securities could hamper the Fund's ability to raise cash to meet redemptions. Also, because there may not be an established market price for these securities, the Fund may have to estimate their value, which means that their valuation (and, to a much smaller extent, the valuation of the Fund) may have a subjective element. Transactions in restricted or illiquid securities may entail registration expense and other transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in unrestricted or liquid securities. Where registration is required for restricted or illiquid securities a considerable time period may elapse between the time the Fund decides to sell the security and the time it is actually permitted to sell the security under an effective registration statement. If during such period, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain less favorable pricing terms than when it decided to sell the security.

#### **Inflation Risk**

Like all mutual funds, the Fund is subject to inflation risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the present value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the present value of the Fund's assets can decline as can the value of the Fund's distributions.

#### **Investment Companies**

The Fund may, subject to applicable law, invest in other investment companies, including money market funds and exchange traded funds, which are typically open-end funds or unit investment trusts listed on a stock exchange. In accordance with the 1940 Act, the Fund may not own more than 3% of the total outstanding voting stock of any investment company.

As with other investments, investments in other investment companies are subject to market and selection risk. In addition, if the Fund acquires shares in investment companies, including affiliated investment companies, shareholders would bear both their proportionate share of expenses in the Fund (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of such investment companies (including management and advisory fees). Investments by the Fund in wholly owned investment entities created under the laws of certain countries will not be deemed an investment in other investment companies.

Restrictions on Certain Investments. A number of publicly traded closed-end investment companies have been organized to facilitate indirect foreign investment in developing countries,

and certain of such countries, such as Thailand, South Korea, Chile and Brazil, have specifically authorized such funds. There also are investment opportunities in certain of such countries in pooled vehicles that resemble open-end investment companies. The 1940 Act restrictions on investments in securities of investment companies may limit opportunities for the Fund to invest indirectly in certain developing countries. Shares of certain investment companies may at times be acquired only at market prices representing premiums to their net asset values. If the Fund acquires shares of other investment companies, shareholders would bear both their proportionate share of expenses of the Fund (including management and advisory fees) and, indirectly, the expenses of such other investment companies.

#### **Portfolio Turnover Rates**

The Fund's annual portfolio turnover rate will not be a factor preventing a sale or purchase when the Sub-Adviser believes investment considerations warrant such sale or purchase. Portfolio turnover may vary greatly from year to year as well as within a particular year. High portfolio turnover (*i.e.*, 100% or more) may result in increased transaction costs to the Fund, including brokerage commissions, dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of the securities and reinvestment in other securities. The sale of the Fund's securities may result in the recognition of capital gain or loss. Given the frequency of sales, such gain or loss will likely be short-term capital gain or loss. These effects of higher than normal portfolio turnover may adversely affect the Fund's performance.

#### **Preferred Stock**

The Fund may invest in preferred stocks. Preferred stock has a preference over common stock in liquidation (and generally dividends as well) but is subordinated to the liabilities of the issuer in all respects. As a general rule, the market value of preferred stock with a fixed dividend rate and no conversion element varies inversely with interest rates and perceived credit risk, while the market price of convertible preferred stock generally also reflects some element of conversion value. Because preferred stock is junior to debt securities and other obligations of the issuer, deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer will cause greater changes in the value of a preferred stock than in a more senior debt security with similar stated yield characteristics. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock also may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

#### Repurchase Agreements and Purchase and Sale Contracts

Under repurchase agreements and purchase and sale contracts, the other party agrees, upon entering into the contract with the Fund, to repurchase a security sold to the Fund at a mutually agreed-upon time and price in a specified currency, thereby determining the yield during the term of the agreement.

A purchase and sale contract differs from a repurchase agreement in that the contract arrangements stipulate that securities are owned by the Fund and the purchaser receives any interest on the security paid during the period. In the case of repurchase agreements, the prices

at which the trades are conducted do not reflect accrued interest on the underlying obligation; whereas, in the case of purchase and sale contracts, the prices take into account accrued interest. The Fund may enter into "tri-party" repurchase agreements. In "tri-party" repurchase agreements, an unaffiliated third party custodian maintains accounts to hold collateral for the Fund and its counterparties and, therefore, the Fund may be subject to the credit risk of those custodians.

Repurchase agreements and purchase and sale contracts result in a fixed rate of return insulated from market fluctuations during the term of the agreement, although such return may be affected by currency fluctuations. However, in the event of a default under a repurchase agreement or under a purchase and sale contract, instead of the contractual fixed rate, the rate of return to the Fund would be dependent upon intervening fluctuations of the market values of the securities underlying the contract and the accrued interest on those securities. In such event, the Fund would have rights against the seller for breach of contract with respect to any losses arising from market fluctuations following the default.

Both types of agreement usually cover short periods, such as less than one week, although they may have longer terms, and may be construed to be collateralized loans by the purchaser to the seller secured by the securities transferred to the purchaser. In the case of a repurchase agreement, as a purchaser, the Fund's Sub-Adviser will monitor the creditworthiness of the seller, and the Fund will require the seller to provide additional collateral if the market value of the securities falls below the repurchase price at any time during the term of the repurchase agreement. The Fund does not have this right to seek additional collateral as a purchaser in the case of purchase and sale contracts. The Fund's Adviser or Sub-Adviser will mark-to-market daily the value of the securities. Securities subject to repurchase agreements and purchase and sale contracts will be held by the Fund's custodian (or sub-custodian) in the Federal Reserve/Treasury book-entry system or by another authorized securities depository.

In the event of default by the seller under a repurchase agreement construed to be a collateralized loan, the underlying securities are not owned by the Fund but only constitute collateral for the seller's obligation to pay the repurchase price. Therefore, the Fund may suffer time delays and incur costs or possible losses in connection with disposition of the collateral. If the seller becomes insolvent and subject to liquidation or reorganization under applicable bankruptcy or other laws, the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities may be restricted. Finally, it is possible that the Fund may not be able to substantiate its interest in the underlying securities. To minimize this risk, the securities underlying the repurchase agreement will be held by the custodian at all times in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price, including accrued interest. If the seller fails to repurchase the securities, the Fund may suffer a loss to the extent proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities are less than the repurchase price.

The Fund may not invest in repurchase agreements or purchase and sale contracts maturing in more than seven days if such investments, together with the Fund's other illiquid investments, would exceed 15% of the Fund's net assets. Repurchase agreements and purchase and sale contracts may be entered into only with financial institutions that have capital of at least

\$50 million or whose obligations are guaranteed by an entity that has capital of at least \$50 million.

### **Securities Lending**

The Fund may lend portfolio securities with a value not exceeding 33-1/3% of its total assets or the limit prescribed by applicable law to banks, brokers and other financial institutions. In return, the Fund receives collateral in cash or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, which will be maintained at all times in an amount equal to at least 100% of the current market value of the loaned securities. The Fund maintains the ability to obtain the right to vote or consent on proxy proposals involving material events affecting securities loaned. The Fund receives the income on the loaned securities. Where the Fund receives securities as collateral, the Fund receives a fee for its loans from the borrower and does not receive the income on the collateral. Where the Fund receives cash collateral, it may invest such collateral and retain the amount earned, net of any amount rebated to the borrower. As a result, the Fund's yield may increase. Loans of securities are terminable at any time and the borrower, after notice, is required to return borrowed securities within the standard time period for settlement of securities transactions. The Fund is obligated to return the collateral to the borrower at the termination of the loan. The Fund could suffer a loss in the event the Fund must return the cash collateral and there are losses on investments made with the cash collateral. In the event the borrower defaults on any of its obligations with respect to a securities loan, the Fund could suffer a loss where there are losses on investments made with the cash collateral or where the value of the securities collateral falls below the market value of the borrowed securities. The Fund could also experience delays and costs in gaining access to the collateral. The Fund may pay reasonable finder's, lending agent, administrative and custodial fees in connection with its loans.

The Fund would continue to accrue interest on loaned securities and would also earn income on investment collateral for such loans. Any cash collateral received by the Fund in connection with such loans may be invested in a broad range of high quality, U.S. dollar-denominated money market instruments that meet the restrictions for money market funds under Rule 2a-7 of the 1940 Act. Specifically, cash collateral may be invested in any of the following instruments: (a) securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government or by its agencies or instrumentalities and related custodial receipts; (b) "first tier" quality commercial paper and other obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. and foreign corporations and other issuers rated (at the time of purchase) in the highest rating category by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations ("NRSROs"), or one if only rated by one NRSRO; (c) U.S. dollar-denominated obligations issued or supported by the credit of U.S. or foreign banks or savings institutions with total assets in excess of \$1 billion (including obligations of foreign branches of such banks) (i.e., CDs, BAs and time deposits); (d) repurchase agreements relating to the above instruments, as well as corporate debt; and (e) unaffiliated and, to the extent permitted by SEC guidelines, affiliated money market funds. Any such investments must be rated "first tier" and must have a maturity of 397 days or less from the date of purchase.

#### **Temporary Defensive Position**

While assuming a temporary defensive position, the Fund may invest in cash or cash equivalent short-term investment grade obligations, including: obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities; corporate debt securities, such as commercial paper, master demand notes, loan participation interests, medium-term notes and funding agreements; Yankeedollar and Eurodollar bank certificates of deposit, time deposits, and bankers' acceptances; asset-backed securities; and repurchase agreements involving the foregoing obligations. Eurodollar obligations are U.S. dollar obligations issued outside the United States by domestic or foreign entities, while Yankeedollar obligations are U.S. dollar obligations issued inside the United States by foreign entities. There is generally less publicly available information about foreign issuers and there may be less governmental regulation and supervision of foreign stock exchanges, brokers and listed companies. Foreign issuers may use different accounting and financial standards, and the addition of foreign governmental restrictions may affect adversely the payment of principal and interest on foreign investments. In addition, not all foreign branches of United States banks are supervised or examined by regulatory authorities as are United States banks, and such branches may not be subject to reserve requirements.

# Management

The management of the Trust, including general supervision of the duties performed for the Fund under the Investment Management Agreement, is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Trust has four trustees, one of whom is an "interested person" (as the term "interested person" is defined in the 1940 Act) and three of whom are not interested persons (referred to herein as "independent trustees"). None of the independent trustees has ever been a trustee, director or employee of, or consultant to, Destra Capital Advisors LLC or its affiliates. The names, business addresses and year of birth of the trustees and executive officers of the Fund, their principal occupations and other affiliations during the past five years, the number of portfolios each oversees and other directorships they hold are set forth below. The trustees of the Trust are trustees of three Destra-sponsored open-end funds (the "Destra Funds").

Name, Business Address and Birth Year	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served with Trust	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee Over the Last Five Years
Independent Trustees: Diana S. Ferguson 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1963	Trustee	Term—Indefinite* Length of Service—Since 2011	Chief Financial Officer (2010-2011), Chicago Board of Education; Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (2008), Folgers Coffee Company; Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (2007-2008), Merisant Worldwide; Senior Vice	3	Tree House Foods; Urban Partnership Bank

Name, Business Address and Birth Year	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served with Trust	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years  President and Chief Financial Officer (2001-2007), Sara Lee Foodservice	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee Over the Last Five Years
William M. Fitzgerald, Sr. 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1964	Trustee	Term—Indefinite* Length of Service—Since 2011	Managing Member and Chief Investment Officer (2011-present), Fitzgerald Asset Management; Managing Member and Chief Investment Officer, Global Infrastructure Asset Management LLC; Managing Director (1988- 2007), Nuveen Investments LLC; Chief Investment Officer (2000- 2007), Nuveen Asset Management; Director, Syncora Holdings Ltd. and its affiliates, Syncora Guarantee Inc. and Syncora Capital Assurance Inc Financial Guarantee Company	3	Director, Syncora Holdings Ltd. and its affiliates, Syncora Guarantee Inc. and Syncora Capital Assurance Inc. – Financial Guarantee Company (2009 to 2011) Ariel Education Initiative, Advisory Board of Bannockburn Securities, LLC
Louis A. Holland, Jr. 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1964	Trustee	Term—Indefinite* Length of Service—Since 2011	President and Chief Financial Officer (2008- present), CUMOTA LLC; Managing Director (2000- 2008), Nuveen Investments	3	Corporate Board of Director, Holland Capital Management Asset Management Industry (2008- present); Trustee, Lumifi- Search Technology (2006-2009); Corporate Board, HP Schmaltz- Restaurants (2006-present); Corporate Board of Director, Schmaltz ONLINE; , Jobs For Youth (2006-2010); Board Member, DuPage, PADS (2010-present); National Board Member, National Alzheimer's

Name, Business Address and Birth Year  Interested Trustee:	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served with Trust	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee Over the Last Five Years Association Board (2011- present)
Nicholas Dalmaso** 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1965	Trustee, Chief Executive Officer, Secretary	Term—Indefinite* Length of Service—Since 2011	Co-Chairman, General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer of Destra Capital Management LLC; President, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, Destra Capital Advisors LLC; President, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel, Destra Capital Investments LLC; (2001-2008) General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer, Claymore Securities, Inc.	3	None

<sup>\*</sup> Each trustee serves for the lifetime of the Trust until removal, resignation or retirement and his or her successor is

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mr. Dalmaso is an "interested person" of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act, by reason of his positions with and ownership of Destra Capital Management LLC and its subsidiaries.

Name, Business Address and Birth Year	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served with Trust	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
Officers of the Trust:			
Anne Kochevar 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1963	Chief Compliance Officer	Term—Indefinite Length of Service—Since 2011	Senior Managing Director, Destra Capital Management LLC, Destra Capital Advisors LLC and Destra Capital Investments LLC; Senior Managing Director (2002-2010), Claymore Securities, Inc.
Linda Fryer 901 Warrenville Rd. Suite 15 Lisle, IL 60532 Birth year: 1973	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Term—Indefinite Length of Service—Since 2012	Chief Financial Officer, Destra Capital Management LLC

#### **Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight**

The Board of Trustees oversees the operations and management of the Destra Funds, including the duties performed for the Destra Funds by Destra, the investment adviser. None of the Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Trust, nor any of their immediate family members, has ever been a director, officer or employee of, or consultant to, Destra, Destra Capital Investments LLC, Destra Capital Management LLC, or their affiliates. In addition, the officers of the Trust hold the same positions with the other Destra Funds as they hold with the Trust.

The management of the Fund, including general supervision of the duties performed for the Fund under the advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Trustees set broad policies for the Fund, choose the Trust's officers, and hire the Fund's investment adviser, sub-adviser and other service providers. The officers of the Trust manage the day-to-day operations and are responsible to the Trust's Board. The Trust's Board is composed of three Independent Trustees and one Interested Trustee. The Interested Trustee, Nicholas Dalmaso serves as both the Chief Executive Officer for the Destra Funds and the Chairman of the Board of the Destra Funds.

Annually, the Board will review its governance structure and the committee structures, their performance and functions and reviews any processes that would enhance Board governance over the Fund's business. The Board has determined that its leadership structure is appropriate based on the characteristics of the funds it serves and the characteristics of the Destra Funds as a whole.

In order to streamline communication between Destra and the Independent Trustees and create certain efficiencies, the Board has a Lead Independent Trustee who is responsible for: (i) coordinating activities of the Independent Trustees; (ii) working with Destra, Fund counsel and the independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees to determine the agenda for Board meetings; (iii) serving as the principal contact for and facilitating communication between the Independent Trustees and the Fund's service providers, particularly Destra; and (iv) any other duties that the Independent Trustees may delegate to the Lead Independent Trustee. The Lead Independent Trustee is selected by the Independent Trustees and serves until his successor is selected. Louis A. Holland. Jr. currently serves as the Lead Independent Trustee.

The Board has established three standing committees (as described below) and has delegated certain of its responsibilities to those committees. The Board and its committees meet frequently throughout the year to oversee the Fund's activities, review contractual arrangements with and performance of service providers, oversee compliance with regulatory requirements, and review Fund performance. The Independent Trustees are represented by independent legal counsel at all Board and committee meetings. Generally, the Board acts by majority vote of all the Trustees, including a majority vote of the Independent Trustees if required by applicable law.

The three standing committees of the Destra Funds are: the Nominating and Governance Committee, the Valuation Committee and the Audit Committee. The Nominating and Governance Committee is responsible for appointing and nominating non-interested persons to

the Trust's Board of Trustees. Ms. Ferguson and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Holland are members of the Nominating and Governance Committee. If there is no vacancy on the Board of Trustees, the Board will not actively seek recommendations from other parties, including shareholders. When a vacancy on the Board of Trustees of the Destra Funds occurs and nominations are sought to fill such vacancy, the Nominating and Governance Committee may seek nominations from those sources it deems appropriate in its discretion, including shareholders of the Fund. To submit a recommendation for nomination as a candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees, shareholders of the Fund shall mail such recommendation to Nicholas Dalmaso, Secretary, at the Fund's address, 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 15, Lisle, IL 60532. Such recommendation shall include the following information: (i) evidence of Fund ownership of the person or entity recommending the candidate (if a Fund shareholder); (ii) a full description of the proposed candidate's background, including their education, experience, current employment and date of birth; (iii) names and addresses of at least three professional references for the candidate; (iv) information as to whether the candidate is an "interested person" in relation to the Fund, as such term is defined in the 1940 Act, and such other information that may be considered to impair the candidate's independence; and (v) any other information that may be helpful to the Committee in evaluating the candidate. If a recommendation is received with satisfactorily completed information regarding a candidate during a time when a vacancy exists on the Board or during such other time as the Nominating and Governance Committee is accepting recommendations, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee and the counsel to the Independent Trustees. Recommendations received at any other time will be kept on file until such time as the Nominating and Governance Committee is accepting recommendations, at which point they may be considered for nomination. During the last fiscal year, the Nominating and Governance Committee did not meet.

The Valuation Committee is responsible for the oversight of the pricing procedures of the Fund. Ms. Ferguson and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Holland are members of the Valuation Committee. During the last fiscal year, the Valuation Committee did not meet.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Fund's accounting and financial reporting process, the system of internal controls, audit process and evaluating and appointing independent auditors (subject also to Board approval). Ms. Ferguson and Messrs. Fitzgerald and Holland serve on the Audit Committee. During the last fiscal year, the Audit Committee held two meetings.

As part of the general oversight of the Fund, the Board is involved in the risk oversight of the Fund. The Board has adopted and periodically reviews policies and procedures designed to address the Fund's risks. Oversight of investment and compliance risk, including oversight of any sub-advisers, is performed primarily at the Board level in conjunction with Destra's investment oversight group and the Trust's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"). Oversight of other risks also occurs at the committee level. Destra's investment oversight group reports to the Board at quarterly meetings regarding, among other things, Fund performance and the various drivers of such performance as well as information related to sub-advisers and their operations and processes. The Board reviews reports on the Fund's and the service providers' compliance policies and procedures at each quarterly Board meeting and receives an annual report from the CCO regarding the operations of the Fund's and the service providers' compliance programs.

The Audit Committee reviews with Destra the Fund's major financial risk exposures and the steps Destra has taken to monitor and control these exposures, including the Fund's risk assessment and risk management policies and guidelines. The Audit Committee also, as appropriate, reviews in a general manner the processes other Board committees have in place with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The Nominating and Governance Committee monitors all matters related to the corporate governance of the Fund. The Valuation Committee monitors valuation risk and compliance with the Fund's Valuation Procedures and oversees the pricing agents and actions by Destra's Pricing Committee with respect to the valuation of portfolio securities.

Not all risks that may affect the Fund can be identified nor can controls be developed to eliminate or mitigate their occurrence or effects. It may not be practical or cost effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, the processes and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness, and some risks are simply beyond the reasonable control of the Fund or Destra or other service providers. Moreover, it is necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Fund's goals. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Fund's ability to manage risk is subject to substantial limitations.

#### **Board Diversification and Trustee Qualifications**

As described above, the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board oversees matters related to the nomination of Trustees. The Nominating and Governance Committee seeks to establish an effective Board with an appropriate range of skills and diversity, including, as appropriate, differences in background, professional experience, education, vocations, and other individual characteristics and traits in the aggregate. Each Trustee must meet certain basic requirements, including relevant skills and experience, time availability, and if qualifying as an Independent Trustee, independence from Destra, sub-advisers, underwriters or other service providers, including any affiliates of these entities.

For each current Trustee each of the experiences, qualifications and attributes described in "Management" and described below have led to the conclusion, as of the date of this SAI, that each Trustee should serve as a trustee. References to the experiences, qualifications, attributes and skills of Board Members are pursuant to requirements of the SEC, do not constitute holding out of the Board or any Board Member as having any special expertise or experience and shall not impose any greater responsibility or liability on any such person or on the Board by reason thereof.

Diana S. Ferguson. Ms. Ferguson has experience as Chief Financial Officer of the Chicago Board of Education, Folgers Coffee Company, Merisant Worldwide and Sara Lee Foodservice; as Senior Vice President of Folgers Coffee Company and Sara Lee Foodservice and as Executive Vice President of Merisant Worldwide. Her work experience and educational background has prepared her to be a Trustee.

William M. Fitzgerald, Sr. Mr. Fitzgerald has experience as a founder of Global Infrastructure Asset Management LLC, a Managing Director of Nuveen Investments LLC and

Chief Investment Officer of Nuveen Asset Management. His work experience in the mutual fund industry and educational background has prepared him to be a Trustee.

Louis A. Holland, Jr. Mr. Holland has experience as President and Chief Financial Officer of CUMOTA LLC and Managing Director of Nuveen Investments. His work experience in the mutual fund industry and educational background has prepared him to be a Trustee.

*Nicholas Dalmaso*. Mr. Dalmaso was the initial Trustee of the Trust. He has experience as General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer at Claymore Securities, Inc. His work experience in the mutual fund industry and educational background has prepared him to be a Trustee.

The following compensation table provides information (including reimbursement for travel and out-of-pocket expenses) for the past fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The Trust has no retirement or pension plans. The officers and Trustee who is an "interested person" as designated above serve without any compensation from the Trust. The Trust has no employees. Its officers are compensated by Destra.

Name of Person, Position	Aggregate Compensation From the Trust	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued As Part of Trust Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation From Destra Funds Paid to Trustees
Diana S. Ferguson, Trustee	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
William M. Fitzgerald, Sr., Trustee	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
Louis A. Holland, Jr., Trustee	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
Nicholas Dalmaso, Trustee	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

The Independent Trustees shall be paid \$4,500 as annual compensation for serving as an Independent Trustees of the Trust and \$500 as annual compensation for serving on a committee of the Board of Trustees. Such compensation is paid in four equal installments in conjunction with each quarterly Board meeting. In addition, the Trustees are reimbursed by the Trust for expenses incurred as a result of their attendance at meetings of the Trustees or any committees of the Board.

The Trust does not have a retirement or pension plan.

#### Share Ownership

As of December 31, 2013, the dollar range of equity securities beneficially owned by the trustees is provided in the following table:

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund*	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies
Diana S. Ferguson	None	None
William M. Fitzgerald, Sr.	None	None
Louis A. Holland, Jr.	\$1 - \$10,000	\$10,001 - \$50,000
Nicholas Dalmaso	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

As of December 31, 2013, none of the Independent Trustees or their immediate family members owned, beneficially, or of record, any securities in (i) an investment adviser or principal underwriter of the Fund or (ii) a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with an investment adviser or principal underwriter of the Fund.

# **Control Persons and Principal Shareholders**

A control person is a shareholder that 1) beneficially owns, directly or through controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company, 2) acknowledges or asserts the existence of control, or 3) has a final adjudication under section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act that control exists. A principal shareholder is any person who owns of record or beneficially 5% or more of the outstanding shares of any class of the Fund. Shareholders owning voting securities in excess of 25% may determine the outcome of any matter affecting and voted on by shareholders of the Fund. Any control person of a class, as noted below, may be able to significantly influence the outcome of any item presented to shareholders for approval.

As of January 10, 2014, the following persons or organizations held beneficially or of record 5% or more of the shares of the Fund.

Fund/Class Destra Focused Equity Fund Class A:	Name Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	Address 101 Montgomery San Francisco, CA 94104	Percentage of Ownership 9.2186%
	UBS Financial Services, Inc.	163 Eugenia Drive Naples, FL 34108	9.1063%
Destra Focused Equity Fund Class C:	UBS Financial Services, Inc.	3213 Wellshire Court Plano, TX 75093	6.7694%
Destra Focused Equity Fund Class I:	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	101 Montgomery San Francisco, CA 94104	24.5519%
	Evergreen Financing Company, LLC	525 Market St., 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94105	18.3620%

As of December 31, 2013, the officers and trustees of the Fund, in the aggregate, owned less than 1% of the equity securities of the Fund.

#### **Investment Adviser and Sub-Adviser**

#### **Investment Adviser**

Destra Capital Advisors LLC ("Destra") is the investment adviser of the Fund, with responsibility for the overall management of the Fund. It is also responsible for managing the Fund's business affairs and providing day-to-day administrative services to the Fund. Destra, 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 15, Lisle, IL 60532, is a Delaware limited liability company and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Destra Capital Management LLC, a holding company. It is an affiliate of Destra Capital Investments LLC, the principal underwriter of the Fund's shares. Destra Capital Investments LLC is also located at 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 15, Lisle, IL 60532.

For the management services provided by Destra, the Fund has agreed to pay a monthly fee in an annual amount equal to 0.85% of the Fund's daily net assets. Destra has agreed to contractually waive its management fee and/or assume the other expenses in order to limit the total annual fund operating expenses of the Fund to certain limits until at least February 1, 2022.

The following table shows the management fees (net of fee waivers and expense reimbursements, where applicable) paid by the Fund to Destra and the fees waived by Destra for the specified periods.

	Amount of Management Fees	
	(Net of Fee Waivers and	Amount of Fees Waived
	Expense Reimbursements by	and Expenses
	<u>Destra</u> )	Reimbursed by Destra
	40	44.50.504
For fiscal year ended September	\$0	\$152,534
30, 2011*		
For fiscal year ended September	\$0	\$442,289
30, 2012		
For fiscal year ended September	\$282,211	\$150,463
30, 2013		

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.

The Fund, Destra and other related entities have adopted codes of ethics which significantly restrict Destra Funds personnel with access to non-public portfolio information from certain personal investment transactions. These codes of ethics contain policies restricting securities trading in personal accounts of the officers, Trustees and others who normally come into possession of information on portfolio transactions. These codes of ethics are on public file with, and are available from, the SEC.

#### **Sub-Adviser**

Destra has selected WestEnd Advisors ("WestEnd" or the "Sub-Adviser"), Two Morrocroft Centre, 4064 Colony Road, Suite 130, Charlotte, NC 28211, as sub-adviser to manage the investment portfolio of the Fund. Pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement, Destra has agreed to pay an annualized advisory fee to WestEnd a portfolio management fee (the "Management Fee") equal to 50% of the advisory fee paid to Destra for its services to the Fund (net of any waivers, reimbursement payments, supermarket fees and alliance fees waived, reimbursed or paid by the Destra in respect of the Fund).

The following table shows the fees paid by Destra to WestEnd for its services for the specified periods.

	Amount Paid by Destra to WestEnd
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2011*	\$0
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2012	\$0
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2013	\$73,016
* The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.	

#### **Portfolio Managers**

The following paragraphs provide certain information with respect to the portfolio managers of the Fund and the material conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with their management of the investments of the Fund, on the one hand, and the investments of other client accounts for which they have responsibility, on the other hand.

The Fund's portfolio is managed by a team, which is led by Robert L. Pharr, Managing Partner and Chief Investment Officer, and also consists of Frederick O. Porter, CFA, Partner and Investment Analyst, and Edmund N. Durden, Partner and Investment Analyst. The investment team is responsible for the day-to-day management of investment strategies of the Fund.

Other Accounts Managed. The tables below illustrate other accounts where each of the above-mentioned portfolio managers has significant day-to-day management responsibilities as of December 31, 2013. The portfolio managers all manage the same accounts as a team. The portfolio managers do not receive performance based fees with respect to any account that they manage.

Portfolio		Number of	
<u>Manager</u>	Type of Account Managed	Accounts	$\mathbf{Assets}^*$
Robert L. Pharr	Registered Investment Companies	3	\$573.12
			million
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	5	\$421.20
			million
	Other Accounts	1,272	\$1,766.98
	Other recounts		million
Edmund N.	Registered Investment Companies	3	\$573.12
Durden			million
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	5	\$421.20
			million
	Other Accounts	1,272	\$1,766.98
	Other recounts		million
Frederick O. Porter	Registered Investment Companies	3	\$573.12
			million
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles	5	\$421.20
			million
	Other Accounts	1,272	\$1,766.98
	Other recounts		million

<sup>\*</sup> Total assets reflect accounts managed jointly as part of a team.

Conflicts of Interest. WestEnd's portfolio manager manages other accounts with similar objectives as the Fund, which may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. WestEnd does not believe these conflicts are material. To the extent that conflicts arise that are material, WestEnd believes its policies and procedures are designed to effectively manage those conflicts in an appropriate way.

For each investment strategy offered, investment decisions are made at the product level. All accounts in a particular strategy hold the same securities in the same relative quantities. Any changes to the model are executed across all accounts in the strategy at or around the same time (subject to WestEnd's trading procedures), provided client-imposed restrictions do not require exclusion.

A potential conflict of interest may exist as a result of WestEnd's portfolio managers managing the Fund along with Other Accounts, which, in theory, may allow the portfolio managers to allocate investment opportunities in a way that favors the Other Accounts over the Fund. Notwithstanding this theoretical conflict of interest, it is WestEnd's policy to manage each account based on its investment objectives and restrictions. WestEnd has adopted policies and procedures designed to allocate investment opportunities on a fair and equitable basis and in a manner consistent with each account's investment objectives and restrictions.

Compensation. Key personnel are provided with competitive compensation including salaries, bonuses and equity participation. Bonuses are paid on the success of the company as a whole, and are not specifically based upon investment product performance. WestEnd's compensation program supports retention, and the firm's corporate culture fosters close teamwork, as well as the means for excellence to be recognized and rewarded.

Ownership of Securities. As of December 31, 2013, the portfolio managers beneficially owned the following dollar range of equity securities issued by the Fund.

Name of Portfolio	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Beneficially Owned in
<u>Manager</u>	Fund Managed
Robert L. Pharr	\$500,001 — \$1,000,000
Edmund N. Durden	None
Frederick O. Porter	None

#### **Proxy Voting Policies**

The Fund has adopted a proxy voting policy that seeks to ensure that proxies for securities held by the Fund are voted consistently and solely in the best economic interests of the Fund.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for oversight of the Fund's proxy voting process. The Board has delegated day-to-day proxy voting responsibility to Destra, who utilizes Glass, Lewis & Co. Glass, Lewis & Co.'s Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures are set forth in Appendix A.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies (if any) relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 will be available upon request and without charge on the Fund's website at http://destracapital.com, by calling (877) 287-9646 or by accessing the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### Administrator

The Bank of New York Mellon ("BNYM") serves as administrator pursuant to a Joinder Agreement between the Trust and BNYM, dated March 25, 2011, which joins the Trust to a Fund Administration and Accounting Agreement between Destra Investment Trust and BNYM, dated November 1, 2010. BNYM, located at 101 Barclay Street, 13E, New York, New York 10286, provides administrative services and valuation and computation services. The following

table sets forth total administrative fees paid by the Fund to BNYM for the specified periods.

For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$5,046
2011*	
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$44,888
2012	
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$41,193
2013	

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.

#### **Portfolio Transactions**

The Sub-Adviser is responsible for decisions to buy and sell securities for the Fund and for the placement of the Fund's securities business, the negotiation of the commissions to be paid on brokered transactions, the prices for principal trades in securities, and the allocation of portfolio brokerage and principal business. It is the policy of the Sub-Adviser to seek the best execution at the best security price available with respect to each transaction, and with respect to brokered transactions, in light of the overall quality of brokerage and research services provided to the adviser and its advisees. The best price to the Fund means the best net price without regard to the mix between purchase or sale price and commission, if any. Purchases may be made from underwriters, dealers, and, on occasion, the issuers. Commissions will be paid on the Fund's futures and options transactions, if any. The purchase price of portfolio securities purchased from an underwriter or dealer may include underwriting commissions and dealer spreads. The Fund may pay mark-ups on principal transactions. In selecting broker-dealers and in negotiating commissions, the portfolio manager considers, among other things, the firm's reliability, the quality of its execution services on a continuing basis and its financial condition. Brokerage will not be allocated based on the sale of the Fund's shares.

Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 permits an investment adviser, under certain circumstances, to cause an account to pay a broker or dealer who supplies brokerage and research services a commission for effecting the transaction in excess of the amount of commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting the transaction. Brokerage and research services include, but are not limited to, (a) furnishing advice as to the value of securities, the advisability of investing, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities; (b) furnishing analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts; and (c) effecting securities transactions and performing functions incidental thereto (such as clearance, settlement, and custody).

In light of the above, in selecting brokers, the portfolio managers consider investment and market information and other research, such as economic, securities and performance measurement research, provided by such brokers, and the quality and reliability of brokerage services, including execution capability, performance and financial responsibility. Accordingly, the commissions charged by any such broker may be greater than the amount another firm might charge if the portfolio managers determine in good faith that the amount of such commissions is reasonable in relation to the value of the research information and brokerage services provided

by such broker to the Sub-Adviser or the Fund. The Sub-Adviser believes that the research information received in this manner provides the Fund with benefits by supplementing the research otherwise available to the Fund. The Investment Management Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement provide that such higher commissions will not be paid by the Fund unless the Sub-Adviser determines in good faith that the amount is reasonable in relation to the services provided. The investment advisory fees paid by the Fund to Destra under the Investment Management Agreement and the sub-advisory fees paid by Destra to the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement are not reduced as a result of receipt by either Destra or the Sub-Adviser of research services.

The Sub-Adviser places portfolio transactions for other advisory accounts managed by it. Research services furnished by firms through which the Fund effects its securities transactions may be used by the Sub-Adviser in servicing all of its accounts; not all of such services may be used by the Sub-Adviser in connection with the Fund. The Sub-Adviser believes it is not possible to measure separately the benefits from research services to each of the accounts (including the Fund) managed by it. Because the volume and nature of the trading activities of the accounts are not uniform, the amount of commissions in excess of those charged by another broker paid by each account for brokerage and research services will vary. However, the Sub-Adviser believes such costs to the Fund will not be disproportionate to the benefits received by the Fund on a continuing basis. The Sub-Adviser seeks to allocate portfolio transactions equitably whenever concurrent decisions are made to purchase or sell securities by the Fund and another advisory account. In some cases, this procedure could have an adverse effect on the price or the amount of securities available to the Fund. In making such allocations between the Fund and other advisory accounts, the main factors considered by the Sub-Adviser are the respective investment objectives, the relative size of portfolio holdings of the same or comparable securities, the availability of cash for investment and the size of investment commitments generally held.

The following table sets forth the aggregate amount of brokerage commissions paid by the Fund for the specified periods.

Aggregate Amount of

	Brokerage Commissions
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$2,732
2011*	
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$42,425
2012	<b>422</b> 100
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$22,198
2013	
* The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.	

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the Fund did not pay commissions to brokers in return for research services.

Payments to financial intermediaries based on transactional charges may include the payment or reimbursement of all or a portion of "ticket charges." Ticket charges are fees charged to salespersons purchasing through a financial intermediary firm in connection with

mutual fund purchases, redemptions, or exchanges. The payment or reimbursement of ticket charges creates an incentive for salespersons of an intermediary to sell shares of Destra funds over shares of funds for which there is lesser or no payment or reimbursement of any applicable ticket charge. Destra and its affiliates consider a number of factors in making payments to financial intermediaries, including the distribution capabilities of the intermediary, the overall quality of the relationship, expected gross and/or net sales generated by the relationship. redemption and retention rates of assets held through the intermediary, the willingness of the intermediary to cooperate with Destra's marketing efforts, access to sales personnel and the anticipated profitability of sales through the institutional relationship. These factors may change from time to time.

The following table sets forth the aggregate amount of ticket charges paid to brokerdealer firms with respect to the sale of Fund shares for the specified periods.

	Name	Amount of Compensation Paid
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2011*		\$0
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2012	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	\$15,132
	UBS Financial Services Inc.	\$2,532
	National Financial Services LLC	\$2,310
	Raymond James & Associates/Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.	\$623
	Pershing LLC	\$602
	Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	\$116
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2013	Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	\$21,958
	UBS Financial Services Inc.	\$8,877
	National Financial Services LLC	\$4,513
	Raymond James & Associates/Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.	\$1,067
	Pershing LLC Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.	\$4,203 \$296
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For fiscal year ended September 30, 2013

From inception through the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013

Amount of Compensation
Paid:
\$40,914
Aggregate Amount of
Compensation Paid:
\$62,229

The Fund acquired, during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the securities of the following regular broker or dealer as defined in Rule 10b-1 under the 1940 Act or of the parents of the broker or dealer:

	Value of Holding at September 30,	
Issuer	2013	
National Financial Services, Inc.	\$1,451,793	

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not purchase portfolio securities from any underwriting syndicate of which Destra Capital Investments LLC is a member except under certain limited conditions set forth in Rule 10f-3. The Rule sets forth requirements relating to, among other things, the terms of a security purchased by the Fund, the amount of securities that may be purchased in any one issue and the assets of the Fund that may be invested in a particular issue. In addition, purchases of securities made pursuant to the terms of the Rule must be approved at least quarterly by the Board of Trustees, including a majority of the independent trustees.

#### **Net Asset Value**

As stated in the Fund's Prospectus, the net asset value ("NAV") of the shares of each class of the Fund is determined once each day the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open, as of the close of its regular trading session (normally 4:00 p.m., New York time, Monday through Friday). The per share NAV for each class of the Fund is computed by dividing the total value of securities and other assets allocated to the class, less liabilities allocated to that class, by the total number of outstanding shares for the class. In determining NAV, securities listed on an Exchange, the Nasdaq National Market, and foreign markets are generally valued at the closing sale prices on such markets. If such price is lacking for the trading period immediately preceding the time of determination, such securities are valued at their current bid price. Municipal securities held by the Fund are traded primarily in the over-the-counter markets. Valuations of such securities are furnished by one or more pricing services employed by the Fund and approved by the trustees and are based upon a computerized matrix system or appraisals obtained by a pricing service, in each case in reliance upon information concerning market transactions and quotations from recognized municipal securities dealers. Other securities that are traded on the over-the-counter markets are generally valued at their closing bid prices. Foreign securities and currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using the applicable exchange rate in effect at the close of the NYSE. The Fund will determine the market value of individual securities held by it

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.

by using prices provided by one or more professional pricing services which may provide market prices to other funds, or, as needed, by obtaining market quotations from independent broker-dealers. Short-term securities maturing within 60 days or less are valued on an amortized cost basis. Debt securities with a remaining maturity of greater than 60 days are valued in accordance with the evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service. The evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service is an evaluation that reflects such factors as security prices, yields, maturities, and ratings.

Securities for which market quotations are not readily available or are deemed unreliable are valued at fair value determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the supervision of the trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). Circumstances in which fair value pricing may be utilized include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a nonsignificant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a non-valued security and a restricted or non-public security. The Fund may use a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent third party to value international equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the NYSE.

Trading in securities on European and Far Eastern securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets is normally completed well before the close of business on each business day in New York (i.e., a day on which the NYSE is open). In addition, European or Far Eastern securities trading generally or in a particular country or countries may not take place on all business days in New York. Furthermore, trading takes place in Japanese markets on certain Saturdays and in various foreign markets on days which are not business days in New York and on which the Fund's NAV is not calculated. The Fund calculates its NAV per share, and therefore effects sales, redemptions, and repurchases of its shares, as of the close of the NYSE once each day on which the NYSE is open. Such calculation may not take place contemporaneously with the determination of the prices of the foreign portfolio securities used in such calculation. If an event that is expected to affect the value of a portfolio security occurs after the close of the principal exchange or market on which that security is traded, and before the close of the NYSE, then that security may be valued in good faith under the Valuation Procedures.

To the extent there are any errors in the Fund's NAV calculation, Destra may, at its discretion, reprocess individual shareholder transactions so that each shareholder's account reflects the accurate corrected NAV.

#### **Purchases**

Shares of the Fund can generally be purchased only through institutional channels such as financial intermediaries and retirement platforms. Shares or classes of the Fund may be purchased without upfront sales charges by certain retirement plans and clients of investment advisers, but these clients will typically pay asset-based fees for their investment advisers' advice, which are on top of the Fund's expenses. Certain shares or classes of the Fund may also be purchased without upfront sales charges or transactional charges by persons who invest

through mutual fund "supermarket" programs of certain financial intermediaries that typically do not provide investment recommendations or the assistance of an investment professional.

Certain designated organizations are authorized to receive purchase orders on the Fund's behalf and those organizations are authorized to designate their agents and affiliates as intermediaries to receive purchase orders. Purchase orders are deemed received by the Fund when authorized organizations, their agents, or affiliates receive the order provided that such designated organizations or their agents or affiliates transmit the order to the Fund within contractually specified periods. The Fund is not responsible for the failure of any designated organization or its agents or affiliates to carry out its obligations to its customers. In order to receive a day's price, your order for any class of Shares must be received in good order by the close of the regular trading session of the NYSE as described above in "Net Asset Value." Your financial intermediary may charge you a separate or additional fee for processing purchases of Shares. Your financial intermediary, plan documents or the Fund's Prospectus will provide you with detailed information about investing in the Fund.

The expenses to be borne by specific classes of Shares may include (i) transfer agency fees attributable to a specific class of Shares, (ii) printing and postage expenses related to preparing and distributing materials such as shareholder reports, prospectuses and proxy statements to current shareholders of a specific class of Shares, (iii) SEC and state securities registration fees incurred by a specific class of Shares, (iv) the expense of administrative personnel and services required to support the shareholders of a specific class of Shares, (v) litigation or other legal expenses relating to a specific class of Shares, (vii) directors' fees or expenses incurred as a result of issues relating to a specific class of Shares, (vii) accounting expenses relating to a specific class of Shares and (viii) any additional incremental expenses subsequently identified and determined to be properly allocated to one or more classes of Shares.

The Fund anticipates that the operating expenses for the Class P shares will be in excess of the operating expenses for the other share classes due to the services provided to the Class P shares that are not provided to the other share classes. Accordingly, the Fund may pay up to 0.25% of net assets in an annual administrative fee for Class P shares for certain administrative services or other shareholder services provided by intermediaries on behalf of the shareholders of the Fund.

The Trust has established an Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program (the "Program") as required by the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 ("USA PATRIOT Act"). In order to ensure compliance with this law, the Trust's Program provides for the development of internal practices, procedures and controls, designation of anti-money laundering compliance officers, an ongoing training program, and an independent audit function to determine the effectiveness of the Program.

Procedures to implement the Program include, but are not limited to, determining that financial intermediaries have established proper anti-money laundering procedures, reporting suspicious and/or fraudulent activity, checking shareholder names against designated government lists, including the Office of Foreign Asset Control, and a review of all new account

applications. The Trust does not intend to transact business with any person or entity whose identity cannot be adequately verified under the provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act.

The Fund does not issue share certificates. Shares will be registered in the name of the investor or the investor's financial adviser. A change in registration or transfer of shares held in the name of a financial adviser may only be made by an order in good form from the financial adviser acting on the investor's behalf.

# **Class A Shares**

The price you pay for Class A shares is the public offering price, which is the NAV next determined after the Fund or its agent receives in good order your order plus an initial sales charge, if applicable, based on the amount invested as set forth in the table. The Fund receives the NAV. The sales charge is allocated between your financial intermediary and Destra Capital Investments LLC, the Fund's distributor (the "Distributor"), as shown in the table, except where Destra Capital Investments LLC, in its discretion, allocates up to the entire amount to your financial intermediary. Sales charges, as expressed as a percentage of offering price, a percentage of your net investment, and as a percentage of the sales charge reallowed to financial intermediaries, are shown in the table. The dollar amount of your initial sales charge is calculated as the difference between the public offering price and the NAV of those shares. Since the offering price is calculated to two decimal places using standard rounding criteria, the number of shares purchased and the dollar amount of your sales charge as a percentage of the offering price and of your net investment may be higher or lower than the amounts set forth in the table depending on whether there was a downward or upward rounding. Although you pay no initial sales charge on purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, Destra Capital Investments LLC may pay, from its own resources, a commission to your financial intermediary on such investments.

	Class A Shares Sales Charge as a Percentage of:			
			<b>Amount of Sales</b>	
			Charge	
			Reallowed to	
			Financial	
			Intermediaries as	
			a Percentage of	
<b>Amount of Purchase at Offering</b>	Offering	Net Amount	Offering	
Price	Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Invested	Price	
Less than \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%	5.00%	
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000	4.50%	4.71%	3.75%	
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000	3.50%	3.63%	2.75%	
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	2.50%	2.56%	2.00%	
\$500,000 but less than \$1,000,000	2.00%	2.04%	1.60%	
\$1,000,000 or more	None <sup>(2)</sup>	None	None <sup>(3)</sup>	

- 1 Offering Price includes the initial sales charge.
- 2 A contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% may apply to Class A shares purchased without an initial sales charge if redeemed within 12 months of purchase.
- 3 Destra Capital Investments LLC may pay financial intermediaries commission on a purchase by a single shareholder of Class A shares as follows:
  - 1.00% on amounts from \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000;
  - plus 0.50% on amounts greater than \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000;
  - plus 0.25% on amounts over \$10,000,000.

Below is an example of the method of computing the offering price of Class A shares of the Fund. The example assumes a purchase on September 30, 2013 of Class A shares of the Fund subject to the schedule of sales charges set forth in the Prospectus at a price based upon the net asset value of the Class A shares.

Net asset value per share	\$19.75
Per share sales charge: 5.75% of public offering price (6.10% of net asset	\$1.20
value per share)	
Per share offering price to the public	\$20.95

As described in the Prospectus, there are several ways you can combine multiple purchases of Class A shares of the Fund and other Destra Funds that are offered with a sales charge to take advantage of lower sales charges.

# Qualifying for a Reduction or Waiver of Class A Shares Sales Charge

You may be able to lower or eliminate your sales charge on Class A shares under certain circumstances. For example, when purchasing new Class A or Class C shares, you can combine Class A shares and Class C shares you already own (either in this Fund or certain other Destra funds) with your current purchase to take advantage of the breakpoints in the sales charge schedule as set forth above. The circumstances under which you may combine such ownership of shares and purchases are described below. If you would like more information on aggregating shares to take advantage of the breakpoints, please contact your financial intermediary.

Class A shares of the Fund may be purchased without an initial sales charge by the following persons (and their spouses and children under 21 years of age): (i) registered representatives and other employees of intermediaries that have selling agreements with Destra Capital Investments to sell Class A shares; (ii) directors, officers and employees of Destra Capital Management LLC, and their immediate family members, and its affiliates; and (iii) Trustees and officers, and their immediate family members, of the Fund. Immediate family members are defined as spouses or domestic partners, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, siblings, a sibling's spouse and a spouse's siblings. Additionally, certain financial intermediaries have entered into an agreement with Destra Capital Investments that allows the waiver of the initial sales charge on purchases of Class A shares. In order to obtain a sales charge discount, you should inform your financial intermediary of other accounts in which there are Fund holdings eligible to be aggregated to meet a sales charge breakpoint. These other accounts may include the accounts described under "Aggregating Accounts." It is possible that your financial intermediary will require

documentation, such as an account statement, to prove that the accounts are eligible for aggregation. The Letter of Intent described below requires historical cost information in certain circumstances. You should retain records necessary to show the price you paid to purchase Fund shares, as the Fund, their agents, or your financial intermediary may not retain this information.

Right of Accumulation. You may purchase Class A shares of the Fund at a reduced sales charge determined by aggregating the dollar amount of the new purchase (measured by the offering price) and the total prior day's net asset value (net amount invested) of all eligible shares (as set forth herein) and applying the sales charge applicable to such aggregate amount. Shares eligible for aggregation include Class A shares of the Fund and of certain other classes (Class A shares and Class C shares) of Destra funds then held by you, or held in accounts identified under "Aggregating Accounts." In order for your purchases and holdings to be aggregated for purposes of qualifying for such discount, they must have been made through one financial intermediary and you must provide sufficient information to your financial intermediary at the time of initial purchase of shares that qualify for the right of accumulation to permit verification that the purchase qualifies for the reduced sales charge. The right of accumulation is subject to modification or discontinuance at any time with respect to all shares purchased thereafter.

Letter of Intent. You can also reduce the sales charge on the purchase of Class A shares by signing a Letter of Intent indicating your intention to purchase \$50,000 or more of Class A shares (including Class A shares in other series of the Destra funds) over a 13-month period. The term of the Letter of Intent will commence upon the date you sign the Letter. In order to apply purchases towards the intended amount, you must refer to such Letter when placing all orders.

When calculating the applicable sales charge to a purchase pursuant to a Letter of Intent, the amount of investment for purposes of applying the sales load schedule includes: (i) the historical cost (what you actually paid for the shares at the time of purchase, including any sales charges) of all Class A shares acquired during the term of the Letter of Intent; minus (ii) the value of any redemptions of Class A shares made during the term of the Letter of Intent. Each investment made during the period receives the reduced sales charge applicable to the total amount of the investment goal. A portion of shares purchased may be held in escrow to pay for any applicable sales charge. If the goal is not achieved within the period, you must pay the difference between the sales charges applicable to the purchases made and the charges previously paid, or an appropriate number of escrowed shares will be redeemed. Please contact your financial intermediary to obtain a Letter of Intent application.

Aggregating Accounts. In calculating the applicable breakpoint and sales charge on large purchases or those made through the exercise of a Letter of Intent or right of accumulation, investments made by you (and your spouse and children under age 21) on any given day may be aggregated if made for your own account(s) and/or certain other accounts such as: trust accounts established by the above individuals (or the accounts of the primary beneficiary of the trust if the person who established the trust is deceased); solely controlled business accounts; and single participant retirement plans. To receive a reduced sales charge under the right of accumulation or a Letter of Intent, you must notify your financial intermediary of any eligible accounts that you, your spouse and your children under age 21 have at the time of your purchase.

You may access information regarding sales loads, breakpoint discounts and purchases of the Fund's shares, free of charge, and in a clear and prominent format, on our website at destracapital.com, and by following the appropriate hyperlinks to the specific information.

#### Class C Shares

Class C shares of the Fund are purchased at the NAV per share as determined at the close of the regular trading session of the NYSE next occurring after a purchase order is received in good order by the Fund or its authorized agent.

Destra Capital Investments LLC may compensate your financial intermediary at the time of sale at a commission rate of up to 1.00% of the NAV of the Class C shares purchased. Service providers to qualified plans will not receive this amount if they receive 12b-1 fees from the time of initial investment of qualified plan assets in Class C shares.

#### **Class P Shares and Class I Shares**

Class P shares and Class I shares of the Fund are purchased at the NAV per share as determined at the close of the regular trading session of the NYSE next occurring after a purchase order is received in good order by the Fund or its authorized agent. In addition, Class P shares allow for payment of up to 0.25% of net assets to financial intermediaries for providing distribution and/or other shareholder services to their clients.

# **Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plans**

# **Class A Shares**

As described in the Prospectus, Class A shares have adopted distribution and shareholder servicing plans (the "Class A Plan") in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Class A Plan is a compensation type plan and permits the payment at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class A shares of the Fund for activities that are primarily intended to result in the sale and/or shareholder servicing of Class A shares of such Fund, including, but not limited to, printing and delivering prospectuses, statements of additional information, shareholder reports, proxy statements, and marketing materials related to Class A shares to prospective and existing investors; providing educational materials regarding Class A shares; providing facilities to answer questions from prospective and existing investors about the Fund; receiving and answering correspondence; complying with federal and state securities laws pertaining to the sale of Class A shares; assisting investors in completing application forms and selecting dividend and other account options; and any other activities for which "service fees" may be paid under Rule 2830 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") Conduct Rules. Payments under the Class A Plan are not tied exclusively to actual distribution and shareholder service expenses, and the payments may exceed distribution and shareholder service expenses actually incurred. Destra Capital Investments LLC, the Fund's distributor, authorizes the payments to financial intermediaries based on the value of Fund shares held by such intermediaries' customers.

#### **Class C Shares**

As described in the Prospectus, Class C shares have adopted a distribution and shareholder servicing plan (the "Class C Plan") in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Class C Plan is a compensation type plan and permits the payment at an annual rate of up to 0.75% of the average daily net assets of Class C shares of the Fund for activities which are primarily intended to result in the sale of Class C shares of such Fund. In addition, the Class C Plan permits the payment of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class C shares of the Fund for shareholder servicing activities including, but not limited to, providing facilities to answer questions from existing investors about the Fund; receiving and answering correspondence; assisting investors in changing dividend and other account options and any other activities for which "service fees" may be paid under Rule 2830 of the FINRA Conduct Rules. Payments under the Class C Plan are not tied exclusively to actual distribution and shareholder service expenses, and the payments may exceed distribution and shareholder service expenses actually incurred.

Destra Capital Investments LLC is entitled to retain all fees paid under the Class C Plan for the first 12 months on any investment in Class C shares to recoup its expenses with respect to the payment of commissions on sales of Class C shares. Financial intermediaries will become eligible for compensation under the Class C Plan beginning in the 13th month following the purchase of Class C shares, although Destra Capital Investments LLC may, pursuant to a written agreement between Destra Capital Investments LLC and a particular financial intermediary, pay such financial intermediary 12b-1 fees prior to the 13th month following the purchase of Class C shares. However, certain financial intermediaries may elect to not receive the initial 1% commission, in which case, Destra Capital Investments authorizes the payment of the monthly 12b-1 fees to such financial intermediary beginning on the first month following the purchase of Class C shares as such fees accrue. The Class C shares for which a financial intermediary elects to not receive the initial 1% commission will not be subject to a CDSC.

# **Class P Shares**

As described in the Prospectus, Class P shares have adopted distribution and shareholder servicing plans (the "Class P Plan") in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. The Class P Plan is a compensation type plan and permits the payment at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of Class P shares of the Fund for activities that are primarily intended to result in the sale and/or shareholder servicing of Class P shares of such Fund, including, but not limited to, printing and delivering prospectuses, statements of additional information, shareholder reports, proxy statements, and marketing materials related to Class P shares to prospective and existing investors; providing educational materials regarding Class P shares; providing facilities to answer questions from prospective and existing investors about the Fund; receiving and answering correspondence; complying with federal and state securities laws pertaining to the sale of Class P shares; assisting investors in completing application forms and selecting dividend and other account options; and any other activities for which "service fees" may be paid under Rule 2830 of the FINRA Conduct Rules. Payments under the Class P Plan is not tied exclusively to actual distribution and shareholder service expenses, and the payments may exceed distribution and shareholder service expenses actually incurred. Payments are made

to Destra Capital Investments LLC, who may make ongoing payments to financial intermediaries based on the value of Fund shares held by such intermediaries' customers.

#### 12b-1 Fees Incurred

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the Fund incurred 12b-1 fees pursuant to the Class A Plan, Class C Plan and Class P Plan (individually, a "*Plan*" and collectively, the "*Plans*") in the amounts set forth in the table below.

12b-1 Fees Incurred by the Fund for the Fiscal
Year Ended September 30, 2013

	Tear Enaca September 60, 2016
Class A	\$74,353
Class C	\$23,933
Class P	\$0

# Renewal, Amendment and Termination

The Plans and any Rule 12b-1 related agreement that is entered into by the Fund in connection with the Plans will continue in effect for a period of more than one year only so long as continuance is specifically approved at least annually by a vote of a majority of the trustees, and of a majority of the trustees who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plans or any related agreements ("12b-1 Trustees"). With the exception of Destra Capital Investments LLC, and its affiliates, no "interested person" of the Fund, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act, and no Trustee of the Fund has a direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Plans or any related agreement. All material amendments to any Plan must be approved by a majority vote of the trustees, including a majority of the 12b-1 Trustees, at a meeting called for that purpose. In addition, any Plan may be terminated as to the Fund at any time, without penalty, by vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of that class of that Fund or by vote of a majority of the 12b-1 Trustees.

# Redemptions

Redemptions, like purchases, may generally be effected only through institutional channels such as financial intermediaries and retirement platforms. In certain circumstances, Class I shares may be redeemed directly with the Fund. Certain designated organizations are authorized to receive redemption orders on the Fund's behalf and those organizations are authorized to designate their agents and affiliates as intermediaries to receive redemption orders. Redemption orders are deemed received by the Fund when authorized organizations, their agents, or affiliates receive the order. The Fund is not responsible for the failure of any designated organization or its agents or affiliates to carry out its obligations to its customers.

Shares normally will be redeemed for cash, although the Fund retains the right to redeem some or all of its shares in-kind under unusual circumstances, in order to protect the interests of remaining shareholders, to accommodate a request by a particular shareholder that does not adversely affect the interests of the remaining shareholders, or in connection with the liquidation of the Fund, by delivery of securities selected from its assets at its discretion. If shares are redeemed in-kind, the redeeming shareholder may incur brokerage costs in converting the assets to cash. The method of valuing securities used to make redemptions in-kind will be the same as the method of valuing portfolio securities described under "Net Asset Value" and such valuation will be made as of the same time the redemption price is determined.

The Fund reserves the right to postpone payment of redemption proceeds for up to seven calendar days. Additionally, the right to require the Fund to redeem its shares may be suspended, or the date of payment may be postponed beyond seven calendar days, whenever: (i) trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC, or the NYSE is closed (except for holidays and weekends); (ii) the SEC permits such suspension and so orders; or (iii) an emergency exists as determined by the SEC so that disposal of securities or determination of NAV is not reasonably practicable.

#### **Class A Shares**

A contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") of 1.00% will be deducted with respect to Class A shares purchased without a sales load and redeemed within 12 months of purchase, unless waived, as discussed in the Prospectus. Any applicable CDSC will be 1.00% of the lesser of the original purchase price or the value of the redemption of the Class A shares redeemed.

# **Class C Shares**

A CDSC of 1.00% will be deducted with respect to Class C shares redeemed within 12 months of purchase, unless waived, as discussed in the Prospectus. Any applicable CDSC will be 1.00% of the lesser of the original purchase price or the value of the redemption of the Class C shares redeemed.

# **Class P Shares and Class I Shares**

A redemption fee of 2.00% will be deducted from a shareholder's redemption proceeds with respect to Class P shares and Class I shares of the Fund redeemed within 90 days of purchase, unless waived, as discussed in the Prospectus.

# **Processing or Service Fees**

Broker-dealers may charge their customers a processing or service fee in connection with the purchase or redemption of Fund shares. Each individual dealer determines and should disclose to its customers the amount and applicability of such a fee. Processing or service fees typically are fixed, nominal dollar amounts and are in addition to the sales and other charges described in the Prospectus and this SAI. Consult your broker-dealer for specific information about any processing or service fees you may be charged.

# **Tax Matters**

#### **Federal Income Tax Matters**

This section summarizes some of the main U.S. federal income tax consequences of owning shares of the Fund. This section is current as of the date of this SAI. Tax laws and interpretations change frequently, and these summaries do not describe all of the tax consequences to all taxpayers. For example, these summaries generally do not describe your situation if you are a corporation, a non-U.S. person, a broker/dealer, or other investor with special circumstances. In addition, this section does not describe your state, local or foreign tax consequences.

This federal income tax summary is based in part on the advice of counsel to the Fund. The Internal Revenue Service could disagree with any conclusions set forth in this section. In addition, Fund's counsel was not asked to review, and has not reached a conclusion with respect to the federal income tax treatment of the assets to be deposited in the Fund. Consequently, these summaries may not be sufficient for you to use for the purpose of avoiding penalties under federal tax law.

As with any investment, you should seek advice based on your individual circumstances from your own tax advisor.

# **Fund Status**

The Fund intends to qualify as a "regulated investment company" under the federal tax laws. If the Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and distributes its income as required by the tax law, the Fund generally will not pay federal income taxes.

# Qualification as a Regulated Investment Company

As a regulated investment company, the Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on the portion of its investment company taxable income, as that term is defined in the Code, without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and net capital gain (i.e., the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) that it distributes to shareholders, provided that it distributes at least 90% of its investment company taxable income and 90% of its net tax-exempt interest income for the year (the "Distribution Requirement") and satisfies certain other requirements of the Code that are described below. The Fund also intends to make such distributions as are necessary to avoid the otherwise applicable 4% non-deductible excise tax on certain undistributed earnings.

In addition to satisfying the Distribution Requirement, the Fund must, among other things, derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from (1) dividends, interest, certain payments with respect to loans of stock and securities, gains from the sale or disposition of stock, securities or non-U.S. currencies and other income (including but not limited to gains from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies, and (2) net income derived from an interest in "qualified

publicly traded partnerships" (as such term is defined in the Code). The Fund must also satisfy an asset diversification test in order to qualify as a regulated investment company. Under this test, at the close of each quarter of the Fund's taxable year, (1) 50% or more of the value of the Fund's assets must be represented by cash, United States government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's assets and 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer and (2) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's assets may be invested in securities of (a) any one issuer (other than U.S. government securities or securities of other regulated investment companies), or of two or more issuers which the Fund controls and which are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses or (b) in the securities of one or more "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as such term is defined in the Code). There are certain exceptions for failure to qualify if the failure is for reasonable cause or is *de minimis*, and certain corrective action is taken and certain tax payments are made by the Fund.

# **Distributions**

Fund distributions are generally taxable. After the end of each year, you will receive a tax statement that separates the Fund's distributions into two categories, ordinary income distributions and capital gains dividends. Ordinary income distributions are generally taxed at your ordinary tax rate, however, as further discussed below, certain ordinary income distributions received from the Fund may be taxed at the capital gains tax rates. Generally, you will treat all capital gains dividends as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your shares. To determine your actual tax liability for your capital gains dividends, you must calculate your total net capital gain or loss for the tax year after considering all of your other taxable transactions, as described below. In addition, the Fund may make distributions that represent a return of capital for tax purposes and thus will generally not be taxable to you. The tax status of your distributions from the Fund is not affected by whether you reinvest your distributions in additional shares or receive them in cash. The income from the Fund that you must take into account for federal income tax purposes is not reduced by amounts used to pay a deferred sales fee, if any. The tax laws may require you to treat distributions made to you in January as if you had received them on December 31 of the previous year. Under the "Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010," income from the Fund may also be subject to a new 3.8 percent "medicare tax" imposed for taxable years beginning after 2012. This tax will generally apply to your net investment income if your adjusted gross income exceeds certain threshold amounts, which are \$250,000 in the case of married couples filing joint returns and \$200,000 in the case of single individuals.

# **Dividends Received Deduction**

A corporation that owns shares generally will not be entitled to the dividends received deduction with respect to many dividends received from the Fund because the dividends received deduction is generally not available for distributions from regulated investment companies. However, certain ordinary income dividends on shares that are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Fund from certain corporations may be reported by the Fund as being eligible for the dividends received deduction.

# Sale or Redemption of Shares

If you sell or redeem your shares, you will generally recognize a taxable gain or loss. To determine the amount of this gain or loss, you must subtract your tax basis in your shares from the amount you receive in the transaction. Your tax basis in your shares is generally equal to the cost of your shares, generally including sales charges. In some cases, however, you may have to adjust your tax basis after you purchase your shares.

# **Capital Gains and Losses and Certain Ordinary Income Dividends**

If you are an individual, the maximum marginal federal tax rate for net capital gain is generally 20% for taxpayers in the 39.6% tax bracket, 15% for taxpayers in the 25%, 28%, 33% and 35% tax brackets and 0% for taxpayers in the 10% and 15% tax brackets. Net capital gain equals net long-term capital gain minus net short-term capital loss for the taxable year. Capital gain or loss is long-term if the holding period for the asset is more than one year and is short-term if the holding period for the asset is one year or less. You must exclude the date you purchase your shares to determine your holding period. However, if you receive a capital gain dividend from the Fund and sell your share at a loss after holding it for six months or less, the loss will be recharacterized as long-term capital loss to the extent of the capital gain dividend received. The tax rates for capital gains realized from assets held for one year or less are generally the same as for ordinary income. The Internal Revenue Code treats certain capital gains as ordinary income in special situations.

Ordinary income dividends received by an individual shareholder from a regulated investment company such as the Fund are generally taxed at the same rates that apply to net capital gain (as discussed above), provided certain holding period requirements are satisfied and provided the dividends are attributable to qualifying dividends received by the Fund itself. The Fund will provide notice to its shareholders of the amount of any distribution which may be taken into account as a dividend which is eligible for the capital gains tax rates.

#### **In-Kind Distributions**

Under certain circumstances, as described in the prospectus, you may receive an in-kind distribution of Fund securities when you redeem shares or when the Fund terminates. This distribution will be treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes and you will generally recognize gain or loss, generally based on the value at that time of the securities and the amount of cash received. The Internal Revenue Service could however assert that a loss could not be currently deducted.

# **Exchanges**

If you exchange shares of your Fund for shares of another Destra Fund, the exchange would generally be considered a sale for federal income tax purposes.

# **Deductibility of Fund Expenses**

Expenses incurred and deducted by the Fund will generally not be treated as income taxable to you. In some cases, however, you may be required to treat your portion of these Fund expenses as income. In these cases you may be able to take a deduction for these expenses. However, certain miscellaneous itemized deductions, such as investment expenses, may be deducted by individuals only to the extent that all of these deductions exceed 2% of the individual's adjusted gross income. Some individuals may also be subject to further limitations on the amount of their itemized deductions, depending on their income.

# **Foreign Tax Credit**

If the Fund invests in any foreign securities, the tax statement that you receive may include an item showing foreign taxes the Fund paid to other countries. In this case, dividends taxed to you will include your share of the taxes the Fund paid to other countries. You may be able to deduct or receive a tax credit for your share of these taxes.

# **Investments in Certain Foreign Corporations**

If the Fund holds an equity interest in any "passive foreign investment companies" ("PFICs"), which are generally certain foreign corporations that receive at least 75% of their annual gross income from passive sources (such as interest, dividends, certain rents and royalties or capital gains) or that hold at least 50% of their assets in investments producing such passive income, the Fund could be subject to U.S. federal income tax and additional interest charges on gains and certain distributions with respect to those equity interests, even if all the income or gain is timely distributed to its shareholders. The Fund will not be able to pass through to its shareholders any credit or deduction for such taxes. The Fund may be able to make an election that could ameliorate these adverse tax consequences. In this case, the Fund would recognize as ordinary income any increase in the value of such PFIC shares, and as ordinary loss any decrease in such value to the extent it did not exceed prior increases included in income. Under this election, the Fund might be required to recognize in a year income in excess of its distributions from PFICs and its proceeds from dispositions of PFIC stock during that year, and such income would nevertheless be subject to the distribution requirement and would be taken into account for purposes of the 4% excise tax. Dividends paid by PFICs are not treated as qualified dividend income.

# **Foreign Investors**

If you are a foreign investor (i.e., an investor other than a U.S. citizen or resident or a U.S. corporation, partnership, estate or trust), you should be aware that, generally, subject to applicable tax treaties, distributions from the Fund will be characterized as dividends for federal income tax purposes (other than dividends which the Fund properly reports as capital gain dividends) and will be subject to U.S. income taxes, including withholding taxes, subject to certain exceptions described below. However, distributions received by a foreign investor from the Fund that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends may not be subject to U.S. federal income taxes, including withholding taxes, provided that the Fund makes certain

elections and certain other conditions are met. Distributions after June 30, 2014 may be subject to a U.S. withholding tax of 30% in the case of distributions to (i) certain non-U.S. financial institutions that have not entered into an agreement with the U.S. Treasury to collect and disclose certain information and are not resident in a jurisdiction that has entered into such an agreement with the U.S. Treasury and (ii) certain other non-U.S. entities that do not provide certain certifications and information about the entity's U.S. owners. Dispositions of shares by such persons may be subject to such withholding after December 31, 2016.

# **Frequent Trading**

The Fund's Frequent Trading Policy is as follows:

Frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares by Fund shareholders may present risks to other shareholders in the Fund. These risks may include disruption of portfolio investment strategies, with potential resulting harm to performance, and increased trading costs or Fund expenses. Therefore, the Board needs to assess whether it is in the best interests of the Fund, overall, to limit individual shareholders' rights to engage in frequent purchases and redemption of Fund shares.

The Fund was designed for long-term investors and is not designed for shareholders who engage in frequent purchases and redemption of Fund shares. These Frequent Trading Policies and Procedures endeavor to detect and deter frequent trading that may be harmful to shareholders, and that is pursued for the purpose of attempting to profit from anticipated short-term market moves up or down ("market timing").

(1) General. The Fund discourages and has established policies and procedures designed to detect and deter frequent trading by investors that is believed to be engaged in for the purpose of market timing.

Shares of the Fund may be held through accounts held in the name of a financial intermediary. These accounts may be comprised of multiple investors whose purchases and redemptions are aggregated and netted before being submitted to the Fund. The Fund may not have access to information regarding trading activity by individual investors in such accounts and therefore may be unable to monitor individual investors for violations of the Fund's policy. The Fund or its agents will seek to have financial intermediaries either provide the necessary individual investor information to the Fund or monitor the trading activity of the individual investors to detect and deter market timing.

(2) Restrictions on Purchases and Redemptions. The Fund reserves the right to reject or restrict any purchase order (including exchanges) from any investor for any reason including excessive, short-term or other abusive trading practices which may disrupt portfolio management strategies and harm performance. The Fund may, at Destra's sole discretion, exercise these rights for any reason, including any trading believed to fall within the definition of market timing.

The Fund also reserves the right to delay delivery of redemption proceeds up to seven days or to honor certain redemptions with securities, rather than cash.

(3) Redemption Fees. For Class P and I shares, to deter market timing, the Fund imposes a redemption fee on shares redeemed (or exchanged) within 90 days of purchase. The redemption fee is assessed on the value of the shares sold or exchanged and is retained by the Fund. Destra reserves the right to waive the redemption fee on behalf of the Fund in accordance with policies approved by the Board of Trustees and disclosed in the Prospectus SAI. Any such waiver will be reviewed by the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") and reported to the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Destra may not have access to information regarding trading activity by individual investor activity in omnibus accounts and therefore may be unable to monitor individual investors for imposition of the redemption fee. However, Destra will seek to have financial intermediaries monitor the trading activity of individual investors, assess the redemption fee and remit it to the Fund or have financial intermediaries provide the information on the trading activity of individual investors to the Fund.

(4) Agreements. The Fund, Destra or Destra Capital Investments LLC may not enter into any agreement, either explicit or implicit, with any Fund shareholder or other investor that would permit or facilitate market timing in the Fund.

The Fund directs Destra to establish specific procedures to detect and deter market timing in order to implement the foregoing policies. Under those procedures, Destra shall establish procedures for (i) identifying and reviewing potentially harmful trading activity in direct and omnibus accounts, (ii) identifying transactions subject to sales charges or redemption fees and exception to those policies, and (iii) reporting potential issues and exceptions to the Fund's CCO. If Destra determines that frequent trading in any account is due to market timing, Destra, on behalf of the Fund, may reject the purchase or impose restrictions on future purchases or exchanges from that investor until such investor no longer engages in market timing. Destra must document and maintain all records in connection with its procedures for six years. Destra will advise the Board of any material changes to its procedures and will periodically report its activities pursuant to these Frequent Trading Policies and Procedures to the Trust's CCO. The Trust's CCO will periodically report to the Board on the effectiveness of these Policies and Procedures.

#### Underwriter

Destra Capital Investments LLC, 901 Warrenville Road, Suite 15, Lisle, IL 60532, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Destra Capital Management LLC, serves as the principal underwriter of the shares of the Fund pursuant to a "best efforts" arrangement as provided by a distribution agreement with the Trust (the "Distribution Agreement"). Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, the Trust appointed Destra Capital Investments LLC to be its agent for the distribution of the Fund's shares on a continuous offering basis. The cash-compensation rate at which Destra Capital Investments LLC's registered representatives are paid for sales of

institutional products may differ based on a type of fund or a specific trust. The receipt of (or prospect of receiving) compensation described above may provide an incentive for a registered representative to favor sales of funds, or certain share classes of the Fund, for which they receive a higher compensation rate. You should consider these arrangements when evaluating any recommendations of your registered representative.

Destra Capital Investments LLC sells Shares to or through brokers, dealers, banks or other qualified financial intermediaries (collectively referred to as "Dealers"), or others, in a manner consistent with the then effective registration statement of the Trust for the Fund. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, Destra Capital Investments LLC, at its own expense, finances certain activities incident to the sale and distribution of the Fund's Shares, including printing and distributing of prospectuses and statements of additional information to other than existing shareholders, the printing and distributing of sales literature, advertising and payment of compensation and giving of concessions to Dealers. Destra Capital Investments LLC receives for its services the excess, if any, of the sales price of the Fund's Shares less the net asset value of those Shares, and remits a majority or all of such amounts to the Dealers who sold the Shares; Destra Capital Investments LLC may act as such a Dealer. Destra Capital Investments LLC also receives compensation pursuant to a distribution plan adopted by the Trust pursuant to Rule 12b-1 and described herein under "Distribution and Service Plan." Destra Capital Investments LLC receives any contingent deferred sales charges ("CDSCs") imposed on redemptions of Shares, but any amounts as to which a reinstatement privilege is not exercised are set off against and reduce amounts otherwise payable to Destra Capital Investments LLC pursuant to the distribution plan.

The following table sets forth the aggregate amounts of underwriting commissions with respect to the sale of Fund shares, the amount thereof retained by Destra Capital Investments LLC and the compensation on redemptions and repurchases received by Destra Capital Investments LLC for the Fund for the specified periods.

	Amount of	Amount	Amount of
	Underwriting	Retained by the	Compensation on
	<b>Commissions</b>	<b>Distributor</b>	Redemptions and
			Repurchases
For fiscal year ended September 30, 2011*	\$494	\$3,203	\$0
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$97,048	\$15,729	\$3,698
2012			
For fiscal year ended September 30,	\$46,098	\$9,396	\$2,911
2013			

<sup>\*</sup> The Fund's inception date was April 12, 2011.

Destra may, from time to time and from its own resources, pay, defray or absorb costs relating to distribution, including payments out of its own resources to the Distributor, or to otherwise promote the sale of Shares. Destra's available resources to make these payments include profits from advisory fees received from the Fund. The services Destra may pay for include, but are not limited to, advertising and attaining access to certain conferences and

seminars, as well as being presented with the opportunity to address investors and industry professionals through speeches and written marketing materials.

# **Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings**

The Destra Funds have adopted a portfolio holdings disclosure policy which governs the dissemination of the Fund's portfolio holdings and to ensure that the disclosure of information is in the best interests of the Fund Shareholders. In accordance with this policy, the Fund may provide portfolio holdings information to third parties no earlier than the time a report is filed with the SEC that is required to contain such information or one day after the information is posted on the Fund's publicly accessible website, destracapital.com. The Fund generally makes available top 10 portfolio holdings or issuer information on the Fund's website monthly with an approximately 15-day lag. The Fund generally makes available full portfolio holdings or issuer information on the Fund's website monthly with an approximately 30-day lag. Additionally, the Fund publishes on the website other portfolio characteristics monthly on a 15-day lag. This information will remain available on the website at least until the Fund files with the SEC its Forms N-CSR or Forms N-Q for the period that includes the date as of which the website information is current.

Additionally, the Fund may disclose portfolio holdings information that has not been included in a filing with the SEC or posted on the Fund's website (i.e., non-public portfolio holdings information) only if there is a legitimate business purpose for doing so and if the recipient is required, either by explicit agreement or by virtue of the recipient's duties to the Fund as an agent or service provider, to maintain the confidentiality of the information and to not use the information in an improper manner (e.g., personal trading). In this connection, the Fund may disclose on an ongoing, daily basis non-public portfolio holdings information in the normal course of its investment and administrative operations to various service providers, including its investment adviser and sub-adviser, independent registered public accounting firm (KPMG LLP), custodian (The Bank of New York Mellon), financial printer (Financial Graphic Service), proxy voting service(s), and to the legal counsel for the Fund (Chapman and Cutler LLP) and the independent trustees (Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP).

The Fund's investment adviser and sub-adviser may also provide certain portfolio holdings information to broker-dealers from time to time in connection with the purchase or sale of securities or requests for price quotations or bids on one or more securities. In providing this information, reasonable precautions are taken in an effort to avoid potential misuse of the disclosed information, including limitations on the scope of the portfolio holdings information disclosed, when appropriate.

Non-public portfolio holdings information may be provided to other persons if approved by the Fund's Trustee upon a determination that there is a legitimate business purpose for doing so, the disclosure is consistent with the interests of the Fund, and the recipient is obligated to maintain the confidentiality of the information and not misuse it.

Compliance officers of the Fund and its investment adviser and sub-adviser periodically monitor overall compliance with the policy to ascertain whether portfolio holdings information is disclosed in a manner that is consistent with the Fund's policy. Reports are made to the Fund's Board of Trustees on an annual basis.

There is no assurance that the Fund's policies on portfolio holdings information will protect the Fund from the potential misuse of portfolio holdings information by individuals or firms in possession of such information.

# **Other Service Providers**

KPMG LLP, 200 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, IL 60601, independent registered public accounting firm, has been selected as auditors for the Trust. In addition to audit services, KPMG LLP may provide assistance on accounting and tax and related matters.

The custodian of the assets of the Fund is The Bank of New York Mellon, 2 Hanson Place, Brooklyn, New York 11217. The custodian performs custodial, fund accounting and portfolio accounting services.

The Fund's transfer, shareholder services, and dividend paying agent is BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., 301 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

# **General Trust Information**

The Fund is a series of the Trust. The Trust is an open-end management investment company under the 1940 Act. The Trust was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 27, 2011. The Board of Trustees of the Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares in one or more series, which may be divided into classes of shares. Currently, there are two series authorized and outstanding, each of which may be generally divided into different classes of shares designated as Class A shares, Class C shares, Class P shares and Class I shares. Each class of shares represents an interest in the same portfolio of investments of the Fund. Each class of shares has equal rights as to voting, redemption, dividends and liquidation, except that each bears different class expenses, including different distribution and service fees, and each has exclusive voting rights with respect to any distribution or service plan applicable to its shares. There are no conversion, preemptive or other subscription rights. The Board of Trustees of the Trust has the right to establish additional series and classes of shares in the future, to change those series or classes and to determine the preferences, voting powers, rights and privileges thereof.

The Trust is not required and does not intend to hold annual meetings of shareholders. Shareholders owning more than 10% of the outstanding shares of the Fund have the right to call a special meeting to remove trustees or for any other purpose.

Under Massachusetts law applicable to Massachusetts business trusts, shareholders of such a trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the Declaration of Trust of the Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Trust and requires that notice of this disclaimer be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Trust or the

trustees. The Trust's Declaration of Trust further provides for indemnification out of the assets and property of the Trust for all losses and expenses of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Trust or the Fund itself was unable to meet its obligations. The Trust believes the likelihood of the occurrence of these circumstances is remote.

#### APPENDIX A

# **Proxy Voting Procedure**

#### U.S. Guidelines

# Election of Directors

The purpose of Glass Lewis' proxy research and advice is to facilitate shareholder voting in favor of governance structures that will drive performance, create shareholder value and maintain a proper tone at the top. Glass Lewis looks for talented boards with a record of protecting shareholders and delivering value over the medium- and long-term. Glass Lewis believes that boards working to protect and enhance the best interests of shareholders are independent, have directors with diverse backgrounds, have a record of positive performance, and have members with a breadth and depth of relevant experience.

# Auditor Ratification

Glass Lewis generally supports management's choice of auditor except when Glass Lewis believes the auditor's independence or audit integrity has been compromised. Where a board has not allowed shareholders to review and ratify an auditor, Glass Lewis typically recommends voting against the audit committee chairman. When there have been material restatements of annual financial statements or material weakness in internal controls, Glass Lewis usually recommends voting against the entire audit committee.

# Executive Compensation

Glass Lewis carefully reviews the compensation awarded to senior executives, as it believes that this is an important area in which the board's priorities are revealed. Glass Lewis strongly believes executive compensation should be linked directly with the performance of the business the executive is charged with managing. Glass Lewis believes the most effective compensation arrangements provide for an appropriate mix of performance-based short- and long-term incentives in addition to base salary.

Glass Lewis believes that comprehensive, timely and transparent disclosure of executive pay is critical to allowing shareholders to evaluate the extent to which the pay is keeping pace with company performance. When reviewing proxy materials, Glass Lewis examines whether the company discloses the performance metrics used to determine executive compensation. Glass Lewis recognizes performance metrics must necessarily vary depending on the company and industry, among other factors, and may include items such as total shareholder return, earning per share growth, return on equity, return on assets and revenue growth. However, Glass Lewis believes companies should disclose why the specific performance metrics were selected and how the actions they are designed to incentivize will lead to better corporate performance.

Moreover, Glass Lewis believes that it is rarely in shareholders' interests to disclose competitive data about individual salaries below the senior executive level. Such disclosure could create internal personnel discord that would be counterproductive for the company and its shareholders. While Glass Lewis favors full disclosure for senior executives and it views pay disclosure at the aggregate level (e.g., the number of employees being paid over a certain amount or in certain categories) as potentially useful, Glass Lewis does not believe shareholders need or will benefit from detailed reports about individual management employees other than the most senior executives.

#### Anti-Takeover Measures

Glass Lewis believes that poison pill plans are not generally in shareholders' best interests. They can reduce management accountability by substantially limiting opportunities for corporate takeovers. Rights plans can thus prevent shareholders from receiving a buy-out premium for their stock. Typically Glass Lewis recommends that shareholders vote against these plans to protect their financial interests and ensure that they have an opportunity to consider any offer for their shares, especially those at a premium. In certain circumstances, Glass Lewis will support a poison pill that is limited in scope to accomplish a particular objective, such as the closing of an important merger, or a pill that contains what Glass Lewis believes to be a reasonable qualifying offer clause.

# Compensation, Environmental, Social and Governance Shareholder Initiatives

Glass Lewis typically prefers to leave decisions regarding day-to-day management and policy decisions, including those related to social, environmental or political issues, to management and the board, except when there is a clear link between the proposal and value enhancement or risk mitigation. Glass Lewis feels strongly that shareholders should not attempt to micromanage the company, its businesses or its executives through the shareholder initiative process. Rather, Glass Lewis believes shareholders should use their influence to push for governance structures that protect shareholders and promote director accountability. Shareholders should then put in place a board they can trust to make informed decisions that are in the best interests of the business and its owners, and then hold directors accountable for management and policy decisions through board elections. However, Glass Lewis recognizes that support of appropriately crafted shareholder initiatives may at times serve to promote or protect shareholder value.

To this end, Glass Lewis evaluates shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis. Glass Lewis generally recommends supporting shareholder proposals calling for the elimination of, as well as to require shareholder approval of, antitakeover devices such as poison pills and classified boards. Glass Lewis generally recommends supporting proposals likely to increase and/or protect shareholder value and also those that promote the furtherance of shareholder rights. In addition, Glass Lewis also generally recommends supporting proposals that promote director accountability and those that seek to improve compensation practices, especially those promoting a closer link between compensation and performance.

# **International Guidelines**

# Election of Directors

Boards are put in place to represent shareholders and protect their interests. Glass Lewis seeks boards with a proven record of protecting shareholders and delivering value over the medium-and long-term. In Glass Lewis's view, boards working to protect and enhance the best interests of shareholders typically include some independent directors (the percentage will vary by local market practice and regulations), boast a record of positive performance, have directors with diverse backgrounds, and appoint directors with a breadth and depth of experience.

# Financial Reporting

Many countries require companies to submit the annual financial statements, director reports and independent auditors' reports to shareholders at a general meeting. Shareholder approval of such a proposal does not discharge the board or management. Glass Lewis will usually recommend voting in favor of these proposals except when there are concerns about the integrity of the statements/reports. However, should the audited financial statements, auditor's report and/or annual report not be published at the writing of its report, Glass Lewis will recommend that shareholders abstain from voting on this proposal.

In many countries, companies must submit the allocation of income for shareholder approval. Glass Lewis will generally recommend voting for such a proposal. However, Glass Lewis will give particular scrutiny to cases where the company's dividend payout ratio is exceptionally low or excessively high relative to its peers and the company has not provided a satisfactory explanation.

Glass Lewis generally supports management's recommendation regarding the selection of an auditor and support granting the board the authority to fix auditor fees except in cases where Glass Lewis believes the independence of an incumbent auditor or the integrity of the audit has been compromised.

# Compensation

Glass Lewis closely reviews companies' remuneration practices and disclosure as outlined in company filings to evaluate management-submitted advisory compensation report and policy vote proposals. In evaluating these proposals, which can be binding or non-binding depending on the country, Glass Lewis examines how well the company has disclosed information pertinent to its compensation programs, the extent to which overall compensation is tied to performance, the performance metrics selected by the company and the levels of remuneration in comparison to company performance and that of its peers.

# Governance Structure

Glass Lewis will evaluate proposed amendments to a company's articles of association on a case-by-case basis. Glass Lewis is opposed to the practice of bundling several amendments under a single proposal because it prevents shareholders from evaluating each amendment on its own merits. In such cases, Glass Lewis will analyze each change individually and will recommend voting for the proposal only when Glass Lewis believes that the amendments on balance are in the best interests of shareholders.

Glass Lewis believes that poison pill plans generally are not in the best interests of shareholders. Specifically, they can reduce management accountability by substantially limiting opportunities for corporate takeovers. Rights plans can thus prevent shareholders from receiving a buy-out premium for their stock. In certain limited circumstances, Glass Lewis will support a limited poison pill to accomplish a particular objective, such as the closing of an important merger, or a pill that contains what it believes to be a reasonable 'qualifying offer' clause.

#### Environmental and Social Risk

Glass Lewis believes companies should actively evaluate risks to long-term shareholder value stemming from exposure to environmental and social risks and should incorporate this information into their overall business risk profile. In addition, Glass Lewis believes companies should consider their exposure to changes in environmental or social regulation with respect to their operations as well as related legal and reputational risks. Companies should disclose to shareholders both the nature and magnitude of such risks as well as steps they have taken or will take to mitigate those risks.

When Glass Lewis identifies situations where shareholder value is at risk, it may recommend voting in favor of a reasonable and well-targeted shareholder proposal if it believes supporting the proposal will promote disclosure of and/or mitigate significant risk exposure. In limited cases where a company has failed to adequately mitigate risks stemming from environmental or social practices, Glass Lewis will recommend shareholders vote against: (i) ratification of board and/or management acts; (ii) approving a company's accounts and reports and/or; (iii) directors (in egregious cases).

# **Continental Europe Guidelines**

# Election of Directors

When companies disclose sufficient relevant information, Glass Lewis looks at each individual on the board and examine his or her relationships with the company, the company's executives and with other board members. The purpose of this inquiry is to determine whether pre-existing personal, familial or financial relationships are likely to impact the decisions of that board member. Where the company does not disclose the names and backgrounds of director nominees with sufficient time in advance of the shareholder meeting to evaluate their independence and performance, Glass Lewis will consider recommending abstaining on the directors' election.

# Financial Reporting

As a routine matter, shareholders in European companies are either asked to approve a company's accounts and reports or to acknowledge receipt of the accounts and reports, which have already been approved by the board and management. A company's consolidated financial statements combine the activities of the company with the activities of its subsidiaries. Some companies may seek separate approval of the consolidated and standalone accounts and reports. Unless there are concerns about the integrity of the financial statements or reports, Glass Lewis will recommend voting for these proposals. Glass Lewis will generally recommend voting for proposals seeking to acknowledge the receipt of a company's accounts and reports provided they are available to shareholders. However, in the event that the audited financial statements have not been made available, Glass Lewis does not believe shareholders have sufficient information to make an informed judgment regarding these matters. As such, Glass Lewis will recommend that shareholders abstain from voting on the relevant agenda items.

In many European markets, companies must submit the allocation of annual profits or losses for shareholder approval. Glass Lewis will generally recommend voting for such a proposal. With respect to dividends, Glass Lewis generally supports the board's proposed dividend (or the absence thereof). However, Glass Lewis will give particular scrutiny to cases where a company's dividend payout ratio, based on consolidated earnings, has decreased to an exceptionally low level (i.e. less than 10%) from a more reasonable payout ratio (i.e. over 10%), or where a company has eliminated dividend payments altogether without explanation. Glass Lewis will also scrutinize dividend payouts that are consistently excessively high relative to peers (i.e. over 100%) without satisfactory explanation. In most cases, Glass Lewis believes the board is in the best position to determine whether a company has sufficient resources to distribute a dividend to shareholders. As such, Glass Lewis will only recommend that shareholders refrain from supporting dividend proposals in exceptional cases.

# Executive Compensation

Glass Lewis carefully reviews the compensation awarded to senior executives, as it believes that this is an important area in which the board's priorities are revealed. Glass Lewis strongly believes executive compensation should be linked directly with the performance of the business the executive is charged with managing. Glass Lewis typically looks for compensation arrangements that provide for a mix of performance-based short- and long-term incentives in addition to base salary.

Glass Lewis believes that comprehensive, timely and transparent disclosure of executive pay is critical to allowing shareholders to evaluate the extent to which the pay is keeping pace with company performance. When reviewing proxy materials, Glass Lewis examines whether the company discloses the performance metrics used to determine executive compensation. Glass Lewis recognizes performance metrics must necessarily vary depending on the company and industry, among other factors, and may include items such as total shareholder return, earning per share growth, return on equity, return on assets and revenue growth. However, Glass Lewis

believes companies should disclose why the specific performance metrics were selected and how the actions they are designed to incentivize will lead to better corporate performance.

Moreover, Glass Lewis believes it is rarely in shareholders' interests to disclose competitive data about individual salaries below the senior executive level. Such disclosure could create internal personnel discord that would be counterproductive for the company and its shareholders. While Glass Lewis favors full disclosure for senior executives and it views pay disclosure at the aggregate level (e.g., the number of employees being paid over a certain amount or in certain categories) as potentially useful, it does not believe shareholders need or will benefit from detailed reports about individual management employees other than the most senior executives.

#### Governance Structure

Glass Lewis will evaluate proposed amendments to a company's articles of association on a case-by-case basis. Glass Lewis is opposed to the practice of bundling several amendments under a single proposal because it prevents shareholders from reviewing each amendment on its own merit. In such cases, Glass Lewis will analyze each change on its own. Glass Lewis will recommend voting for the proposal only when, on balance, it believes that the amendments are in the best interests of shareholders. In Europe, it is common for proposed technical amendments to a company's articles of association, resulting from changes to corporate law or necessary changes to the wording of an article without changing the meaning of the article, to be bundled together under a single proposal. In such cases, Glass Lewis will recommend voting for the proposal.

Shareholder ratification of board, management and/or auditors' acts during the previous fiscal year is required in many European markets. The legal consequences of the ratification vary by market, and Glass Lewis's analysis and recommendations take this into account. Glass Lewis will evaluate each proposal on a case-by-case basis. Unless there are any concerns about the integrity and performance of the individuals being ratified, Glass Lewis will generally recommend voting for this proposal. Glass Lewis may recommend voting against or abstaining from voting on a ratification proposal under the following conditions: (i) members of the board, management or auditing firm have been accused or convicted of fraud or other illegal activities that may be damaging to shareholders' interests; (ii) the report of the independent auditor notes a material weakness, serious restatement, or failure to comply with accounting norms; (iii) the board has consistently failed to address pressing shareholder concerns; or (iv) other exceptional cases in which the board has clearly failed to protect shareholders' interests. In addition, when Glass Lewis has serious concerns regarding the actions of the board and no members of the board are up for election, Glass Lewis is more likely to recommend voting against the ratification of board acts.

# Capital Management

Glass Lewis believes that adequate capital stock is important to a company's operation. European companies are authorized to increase share capital through several methods, which may or may not involve the issuance of shares.

In general, issuing an excessive amount of additional shares and/or convertible securities can dilute existing holders. Further, the availability of additional shares, where the board has discretion to implement a poison pill, can often serve as a deterrent to interested suitors. Accordingly, where Glass Lewis finds that the company has not detailed a plan for use of the proposed shares, or where the number of shares far exceeds those needed to accomplish a detailed plan, Glass Lewis typically recommends against the authorization of additional shares.

#### Shareholder Initiatives

Glass Lewis evaluates shareholder proposals on a case-by-case basis. Glass Lewis generally favor appropriately-crafted proposals that are likely to increase shareholder value and/or promote and protect shareholder rights. Glass Lewis typically prefers to leave decisions regarding day-to-day management of the business and policy decisions related to political, social or environmental issues to management and the board except when Glass Lewis sees a clear and direct link between the proposal and some economic or financial issue for the company. Glass Lewis feels strongly that shareholders should not attempt to micromanage the business or its executives through the initiative process. Rather, shareholders should use their influence to push for governance structures that protect shareholders, including actual director elections and then put in place a board they can trust to make informed and careful decisions that are in the best interests of the business and its owners. Glass Lewis believe that shareholders should hold directors accountable for management and policy decisions through the election of directors.