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Approximate Date of Proposed Public Offering: From time to time after the effective date of the Registration Statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. R

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

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#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

	Amount		
	Being	Proposed Maximum	
Title of Securities	Registered	Aggregate	Amount of
Being Registered	(1)	Offering Price (2)	<b>Registration Fee</b>
Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share; preferred			
stock, \$0.001 par value per share; debt securities		\$ 100,000,000	\$ 12,450.00 (3)

(1) There are being registered hereunder a presently indeterminate number of shares of common stock, shares of preferred stock and debt securities to be offered on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis.

Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act (2) of 1933. In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of all securities offered from time to time pursuant to the prospectus included as a part of this Registration Statement exceed \$100,000,000.

(3) Previously paid with this registration statement on June 26, 2018.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such dates as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED September 18, 2018

Base Prospectus \$100,000,000 Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. Common Stock Preferred Stock Debt Securities

Tortoise Pipeline & Energy Fund, Inc. (the "Company," "we" or "our") is a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of North American pipeline companies that transport natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs"), crude oil and refined products and to a lesser extent, in other energy infrastructure companies. Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 80% of our total assets (including assets obtained through leverage) in equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. More than 75% of these companies will generally be structured as corporations or limited liability companies domiciled in the United States or Canada. We may invest up to 25% of our total assets in master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities, primarily through direct investments, and will not invest in private companies. We may invest up to 20% of its total assets in debt securities, including those rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). We will not invest more than 10% of our total assets in any single issuer and will not engage in short sales. We also write covered call options to seek to enhance long-term return potential across economic environments, increase current income and mitigate portfolio risk through option income.

We have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code.

We may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, including through a rights offering to existing stockholders, up to \$100,000,000 aggregate initial offering price of our common stock (\$0.001 par value per share), preferred stock (\$0.001 par value per share) or debt securities, which we refer to in this prospectus collectively as our securities, in one or more offerings. We may offer our common stock, preferred stock or debt securities separately or in concurrent separate offerings, in amounts, at prices and on terms set forth in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. In addition, from time to time, certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock in one or more offerings. The sale of such stock by certain of our stockholders may involve shares of common stock that were issued to the stockholders in one or more private transactions and will be registered by us for resale. The identity of any selling stockholder, the number of shares of our common stock to be offered by such selling stockholder, and the percentage of common stock held by any selling stockholder after the offering, will be set forth in a prospectus supplement carefully before you decide to invest in any of our securities. We will not receive any of the proceeds from common stock sold by any selling stockholder.

We may offer our securities, or certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock, directly to one or more purchasers through agents that we or they designate from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the particular offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us or any selling stockholder and such agents or underwriters or among the underwriters or the basis upon which such

amount may be calculated. For more information about the manner in which we may offer our securities, or a selling stockholder may offer our common stock, see "Plan of Distribution" and "Selling Stockholders." Our securities may not be sold through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "TTP." As of September 17, 2018, the last reported sale price for our common stock was \$17.19.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You could lose some or all of your investment. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 26 of this prospectus. You should consider carefully these risks together with all of the other information contained in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before making a decision to purchase our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we use this prospectus to offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, sets forth concisely the information that you should know before investing. You should read this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement, which contain important information, before deciding whether to invest in our securities. You should retain this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement for future reference. A statement of additional information, dated , 2018, as supplemented from time to time, containing additional information, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus. You may request a free copy of the statement of additional information, the table of contents of which is on page 75 of this prospectus, request a free copy of our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports, request other information or make stockholder inquiries, by calling toll-free at 1-866-362-9331 or by writing to us at 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211. Our annual, semi-annual and quarterly reports and the statement of additional information also are available on our investment adviser's website at www.tortoiseadvisors.com. Information included on such website does not form part of this prospectus. You can review and copy documents we have filed at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Call 1-202-551-5850 for information. The SEC charges a fee for copies. You can get the same information free from the SEC's website (http://www.sec.gov). You may also e-mail requests for these documents to publicinfo@sec.gov or make a request in writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549.

Our securities do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement in making your investment decisions. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different or inconsistent information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The information appearing in this prospectus and in any related prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the dates on their covers. Our business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since such dates. We will advise investors of any material changes to the extent required by applicable law.

## <u>Table of Contents</u> CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement and the statement of additional information contain "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words "may," "will," "intend," "expect," "estimate," "continue," "plan," "anticipate," "could," "should" and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this prospectus as well as in any accompanying prospectus supplement. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial, petroleum and other markets, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement are made as of the date of this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the "Risk Factors" section of this prospectus. We urge you to review carefully that section for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in our securities.

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The following summary contains basic information about us and our securities. It is not complete and may not contain all of the information you may want to consider before investing in our securities. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in any related prospectus supplement and in the statement of additional information, especially the information set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 26 of this prospectus.

## The Company

We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of North American pipeline companies that transport natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs"), crude oil and refined products and to a lesser extent, in other energy infrastructure companies. Our investment objective is to seek a high level of total return with an emphasis on current distributions paid to stockholders. For purposes of our investment objective, total return includes capital appreciation of, and all distributions received from, securities in which we invest regardless of the tax character of the distributions. We consider our investment objective a nonfundamental investment policy. We cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objective.

We are a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). We were organized as a corporation on July 19, 2011, pursuant to a charter (the "Charter") governed by the laws of the State of Maryland. Our fiscal year ends on November 30. We commenced operations in October 2011 following our initial public offering. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "TTP." As of August 31, 2018, we had net assets of approximately \$196.1 million attributable to our common stock. As of August 31, 2018, we had outstanding \$16.0 million of our Mandatory Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Tortoise Preferred Shares") and \$34.0 million of our privately placed Senior Notes (the "Tortoise Notes").

We have an unsecured 364 day rolling evergreen credit facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia, which currently allows us to borrow up to \$35.0 million. Outstanding balances under the credit facility generally accrue interest at a variable annual rate equal to the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.125%, with a fee of 0.15% on any unused balance of the credit facility. As of August 31, 2018, the effective rate was 3.24%. We may draw on the facility from time to time to fund investments in accordance with our investment policies and for general corporate purposes. As of August 31, 2018, we had outstanding approximately \$20.8 million under the credit facility.

## Investment Adviser

Our investment adviser is Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. (the "Adviser"), a registered investment adviser specializing in energy investing across the energy value chain, including infrastructure and MLPs. As of August 31, 2018, the Adviser managed assets of approximately \$18.4 billion, including the assets of publicly traded closed-end management investment companies, open-end funds, private funds and other accounts. The Adviser's investment committee relative to the Company is comprised of six individuals. See "Management of the Company".

The principal business address of the Adviser is 11550 Ash Street, Suite 300, Leawood, Kansas 66211.

## The Offering

We may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to \$100,000,000 of our securities, including common stock pursuant to a rights offering, or certain of our stockholders who purchased shares from us in private placement transactions may offer our common stock, on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. Our securities will be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more prospectus supplements to this prospectus. Subject to

certain conditions, we may offer our common stock at prices below our net asset value ("NAV"). We will provide information in the prospectus supplement for the expected trading market, if any, for our preferred stock or debt securities.

While the number and amount of securities we may issue pursuant to this registration statement is limited to \$100,000,000 of securities, our board of directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") may, without any action by the stockholders, amend our Charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue under our Charter or the 1940 Act.

We may offer our securities, or certain of our stockholders may offer our common stock, directly to one or more purchasers through agents that we or they designate from time to time, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The prospectus supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our securities, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us or any selling stockholder and such agents or underwriters or among underwriters or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. See "Plan of Distribution" and "Selling Stockholders." Our securities may not be sold through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of our securities.

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Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sale of our securities primarily to invest in energy infrastructure companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies as described under "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies" within approximately three months of receipt of such proceeds. We may also use proceeds from the sale of our securities to retire all or a portion of any debt we incur, to redeem preferred stock or for working capital purposes, including the payment of distributions, interest and operating expenses, although there is currently no intent to issue securities primarily for this purpose. A portion of distributions paid to you may represent a return of capital. We will not receive any of the proceeds from a sale of our common stock by any selling stockholder.

## Federal Income Tax Status of Company

We have elected to be treated as a regulated investment company (a "RIC") under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"). Therefore, we generally are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on income and gains that we distribute each taxable year to stockholders if we meet certain minimum distribution requirements. As a RIC, we are required to meet asset diversification tests and to meet and maintain our RIC status annual qualifying income and distribution tests. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Matters."

## Distributions

We rely on exemptive relief permitting us to make long-term capital gain distributions throughout our fiscal year. Our Board of Directors has adopted a policy with the purpose of distributing over the course of each year, through periodic distributions as nearly equal as practicable and any required special distributions, an amount closely approximating our total taxable income during the year and, if so determined by the Board, all or a portion of the return of capital paid by portfolio companies during the year. In accordance with this policy, we distribute a fixed amount per share, currently \$0.4075, each quarter to our common shareholders. This amount is subject to change from time to time at the discretion of the Board. Although the level of distributions is independent of our performance, we expect such distributions to correlate with our performance over time. Each quarterly distribution is expected to be at the fixed amount established by the Board, except for extraordinary distributions in light of our performance for the entire calendar year and enable us to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate its distribution policy at any time without prior notice to stockholders if it believes such action to be in the best interests of us and our stockholders. There is no assurance that we will continue to make regular distributions. Distributions can be classified as ordinary income, qualified dividends, capital gains, return of capital or some combination thereof, and each classification shall be taxed differently on a shareholder's tax returns. The portion of the dividends classified as a return of capital is not currently considered taxable income, however, such return of capital shall reduce a shareholder's cost basis in its investment and potentially increasing such shareholder's taxable gain upon sale of its shares. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Matters." Our preferred stock and debt securities will pay distributions and interest, respectively in accordance with their terms.

## Principal Investment Policies

We seek to provide stockholders an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. We focus our investments primarily on North American pipeline companies (including non-U.S. companies) that primarily engage in the business of transporting natural gas, natural gas liquids ("NGLs"), crude oil and refined products, and, to a lesser extent, on other energy infrastructure companies. Energy infrastructure companies own and operate a network of asset systems that transport, store, distribute, gather, process, explore, develop, manage or produce crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas or NGLs, or that provide electric power generation (including renewable energy), transmission and/or distribution.

Under normal circumstances, we invest at least 80% of our total assets (including assets obtained through leverage) in equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. More than 75% of these companies will generally be structured as corporations or limited liability companies domiciled in the United States or Canada. We may invest up to 25% of our total assets in master limited partnerships ("MLPs"). We also write covered call options to seek to enhance long-term return potential across economic environments, increase current income and mitigate portfolio risk through option income. We typically expect to write call options that are approximately 5-15% out-of-the-money on up to approximately 20% of the total value of our portfolio, although these percentages may vary depending on the cash flow requirements of the portfolio and our Adviser's assessment of market conditions. Our covered call strategy is focused on other energy companies that are integral links in the value chain for pipeline companies.

We have adopted the following additional nonfundamental investment policies:

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We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in restricted securities, primarily through direct placements. Subject to this policy, we may invest without limitation in illiquid securities. The types of restricted securities that we may purchase include privately issued securities of publicly traded energy infrastructure companies.

We will not invest in private companies.

We may invest up to 20% of our total assets in debt securities of energy infrastructure companies, including securities rated below investment grade (commonly referred to as "junk bonds"). Below investment grade debt securities will be rated at least B3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and at least B- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group ("S&P") at the time of purchase, or comparably rated by another statistical rating organization or if unrated, determined to be of comparable quality by the Adviser. We currently do not have a specific maturity policy.

We will not invest more than 10% of total assets in any single issuer.

We will not engage in short sales.

We may change our nonfundamental investment policies without stockholder approval and will provide notice to stockholders of material changes (including notice through stockholder reports); provided, however, that a change in the policy of investing at least 80% of our total assets in equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies requires at least 60 days' prior written notice to stockholders. Unless otherwise stated, these investment restrictions apply at the time of purchase and we will not be required to reduce a position due solely to market value fluctuations. The term total assets includes assets obtained through leverage for the purpose of each investment restriction.

Under adverse market or economic conditions for temporary defensive positions, we may invest up to 100% of our total assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its instrumentalities or agencies, short-term debt securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other bank obligations, commercial paper rated in the highest category by a rating agency or other liquid fixed income securities deemed by the Adviser to be consistent with a defensive posture (collectively, "short-term securities"), or we may hold cash. We also may invest in short-term securities or cash pending investment of offering proceeds to meet working capital needs including, but not limited to, for collateral in connection with certain investment techniques, to hold a reserve pending payment of distributions, and to facilitate the payment of expenses and settlement of trades. To the extent we invest in short-term securities or cash on a temporary basis or for defensive purposes, such investments are inconsistent with, and may result in us not achieving, our investment objective.

## Use of Leverage by the Company

The borrowing of money and the issuance of preferred stock and debt securities represents the leveraging of our common stock. The issuance of additional common stock may enable us to increase the aggregate amount of our leverage. We reserve the right at any time to use financial leverage to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act (50% of total assets for preferred stock and 33 1/3% of total assets for debt securities) or we may elect to reduce the use of leverage or use no leverage at all. Our policy is to utilize leverage in an amount that on average represents approximately 25% of our total assets. We consider market conditions at the time leverage is incurred and monitor for asset coverage ratios relative to 1940 Act requirements and our financial covenants on an ongoing basis. Leverage as a percent of total assets will vary depending on market conditions, but will normally range between 20% and 30%. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions will be determined by our Board of Directors. Additionally, the percentage of our assets attributable to leverage may vary significantly during periods of extreme market volatility and will increase during periods of declining market prices of our portfolio holdings.

The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased income and capital appreciation for common stockholders, but at the same time, it creates special risks that may adversely affect common stockholders. Our Adviser's fee is based upon a percentage of our "Managed Assets" (defined as our total assets (including any assets attributable to any leverage that may be outstanding) minus the sum of accrued liabilities other than (1) debt entered into for purposes of leverage and (2) the aggregate liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock). Our Adviser's fee is higher when we are leveraged. Therefore, the Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which will create a conflict of interest between the Adviser and our common stockholders, who will bear the costs of our leverage. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful during any period in which it is used. The use of leverage involves risks, which can be significant. See "Leverage" and "Risk Factors — Additional Risks to Common Stockholders — Leverage Risk."

We may use interest rate transactions for hedging purposes only, in an attempt to reduce the interest rate risk arising from our leveraged capital structure. We do not intend to hedge the interest rate risk of our portfolio holdings. Accordingly, if no leverage is outstanding, we currently do not expect to engage in interest rate transactions. Interest rate transactions that we may use for hedging purposes may expose us to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with our portfolio holdings. See "Leverage — Hedging Transactions" and "Risk Factors — Company Risks — Hedging Strategy Risk."

#### <u>Table of Contents</u> Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest may arise from the fact that the Adviser and its affiliates carry on substantial investment activities for other clients, in which we have no interest. Our Adviser or its affiliates may have financial incentives to favor certain of these accounts over us. Any of the Adviser's or its affiliates' proprietary accounts and other customer accounts may compete with us for specific trades. The Adviser or its affiliates may give advice and recommend securities to, or buy or sell securities for, other accounts and customers, which advice or securities recommended may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought or sold for, us, even though their investment objectives may be the same as, or similar to, our objective. Certain of the funds and accounts managed by our Adviser may invest in the equity securities of a particular company, while other funds and accounts managed by our Adviser may invest in the debt securities of the same company.

Our Adviser has written allocation policies and procedures that it will follow in addressing any conflicts. When two or more clients advised by our Adviser or its affiliates seek to purchase or sell the same securities, the securities actually purchased or sold will be allocated among the clients on a good faith equitable basis by our Adviser in its discretion and in accordance with each client's investment objectives and our Adviser's procedures.

From time to time, our Adviser may seed proprietary accounts for the purpose of evaluating a new investment strategy that eventually may be available to clients through one or more product structures. Such accounts also may serve the purpose of establishing a performance record for the strategy. Our Adviser's management of accounts with proprietary interests and nonproprietary client accounts may create an incentive to favor the proprietary accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities, and the timing and aggregation of investments. Our Adviser's proprietary seed accounts may include long-short strategies, and certain client strategies may permit short sales. A conflict of interest arises if a security is sold short at the same time as a long position, and continuously short selling in a security may adversely affect the stock price of the same security held long in client accounts. Our Adviser has adopted various policies to mitigate these conflicts, including policies that require our Adviser to avoid favoring any account, and that prohibit client and proprietary accounts from engaging in short sales with respect to individual stocks held long in client accounts. Our Adviser's policies also require transactions in proprietary accounts to be placed after client transactions.

Situations may occur when we could be disadvantaged because of the investment activities conducted by the Adviser and its affiliates for their other funds or accounts. Such situations may be based on, among other things, the following: (1) legal or internal restrictions on the combined size of positions that may be taken for us or the other accounts, thereby limiting the size of our position; (2) the difficulty of liquidating an investment for us or the other accounts where the market cannot absorb the sale of the combined position; or (3) limits on co-investing in private placement securities under the 1940 Act. Our investment opportunities may be limited by affiliations of the Adviser or its affiliates with energy infrastructure companies.

The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased income and capital appreciation for common stockholders, but at the same time creates special risks that may adversely affect common stockholders. Because our management fee is based upon a percentage of our Managed Assets, our management fee is higher when we are leveraged. Therefore, our Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which will create a conflict of interest between our Adviser and our common stockholders, who will bear the costs of our leverage. See "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies — Conflicts of Interest."

## **Company Risks**

Our NAV, our ability to make distributions, our ability to service debt securities and preferred stock, and our ability to meet asset coverage requirements depends on the performance of our investment portfolio. The performance of our investment portfolio is subject to a number of risks, including the following:

Capital Markets Volatility Risk. Our capital structure and performance may be adversely impacted by weakness in the credit markets and stock market if such weakness results in declines in the value of MLPs in which we invest. If the value of our investments declines or remains volatile, there is a risk that we may be required to reduce outstanding leverage, which could adversely affect our stock price and ability to pay distributions at historical levels. A sustained economic slowdown may adversely affect the ability of MLPs to sustain their historical distribution levels, which in turn, may adversely affect our ability to sustain distributions at historical levels. MLPs that have historically relied heavily on outside capital to fund their growth may be impacted by a slowdown in the capital markets. The performance of the MLP sector is dependent on several factors including the condition of the financial sector, the general economy and the commodity markets.

Concentration Risk. Our strategy of concentrating in pipeline and other energy infrastructure investments means that our performance will be closely tied to the performance of the energy infrastructure sector, which includes midstream, upstream and downstream energy industries. For further information about investments we may make in pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies, see "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies - Pipeline & Other Energy Infrastructure Companies." Our concentration in these investments may present more risk than if we were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. A downturn in these investments would have a greater impact on us than on a fund that does not concentrate in such investments. Risks inherent in the business of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies include: (1) supply and demand risk, (2) operating risk, (3) regulatory risk, (4) environmental risk, (5) price volatility risk, (6) terrorism risk, (7) natural disaster risk and (8) climate change regulation risk.

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Industry Specific Risk. Energy infrastructure companies also are subject to risks specific to the industry they serve. For risks specific to the pipeline, processing, propane, coal and marine shipping industries, see "Risk Factors -Company Risks - Industry Specific Risk."

MLP Risk. We invest primarily in equity securities of MLPs. As a result, we are subject to the risks associated with an investment in MLPs, including cash flow risk, tax risk, deferred tax risk and capital markets risk. Cash flow risk is the risk that MLPs will not make distributions to holders (including us) at anticipated levels or that such distributions will not have the expected tax character. MLPs also are subject to tax risk, which is the risk that an MLP might lose its partnership status for tax purposes. Deferred tax risk is the risk that we incur a current tax liability on that portion of an MLP's income and gains that is not offset by tax deductions and losses. Capital markets risk is the risk that MLPs will be unable to raise capital to meet their obligations as they come due or execute their growth strategies, complete future acquisitions, take advantage of other business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures.

Equity Securities Risk. MLP common units and other equity securities can be affected by macro-economic and other factors affecting the stock market in general, expectations of interest rates, investor sentiment toward MLPs or the energy sector, changes in a particular issuer's financial condition, or unfavorable or unanticipated poor performance of a particular issuer (in the case of MLPs, generally measured in terms of DCF). Prices of common units of individual MLPs and other equity securities also can be affected by fundamentals unique to the partnership or company, including size, earnings power, coverage ratios and characteristics and features of different classes of securities. See "Risk Factors - Company Risks - Equity Securities Risk" and "Risk Factors - Additional Risks to Common Stockholders - Leverage Risk."

Below Investment Grade Securities Risk. Investing in below investment grade debt instruments (commonly referred to as "junk bonds") involves additional risks than investment grade securities. Adverse changes in economic conditions are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of a below investment grade issuer to make principal payments and interest payments than an investment grade issuer. An economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of highly leveraged issuers to service their obligations or to repay their obligations upon maturity. Similarly, downturns in profitability in the energy infrastructure industry could adversely affect the ability of below investment grade issuers in that industry to meet their obligations. The market values of lower quality securities tend to reflect individual developments of the issuer to a greater extent than do higher quality securities, which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates.

The secondary market for below investment grade securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities. There are fewer dealers in the market for below investment grade securities than investment grade obligations. The prices quoted by different dealers may vary significantly, and the spread between the bid and asked price is generally much larger than for higher quality instruments. Under adverse market or economic conditions, the secondary market for below investment grade securities could contract further, independent of any specific adverse change in the condition of a particular issuer, and these instruments may become illiquid. As a result, it may be more difficult to sell these securities or we may be able to sell the securities only at prices lower than if such securities were widely traded. This may affect adversely our ability to make required distribution or interest payments on our outstanding senior securities. Prices realized upon the sale of such lower-rated or unrated securities, under these circumstances, may be less than the prices used in calculating our NAV. See "Risk Factors - Company Risk - Below Investment Grade Securities Risk."

Hedging Strategy Risk. We may use interest rate transactions for hedging purposes only, in an attempt to reduce the interest rate risk arising from our leveraged capital structure. There is no assurance that the interest rate hedging transactions into which we enter will be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate risk. Hedging transactions are subject to correlation risk, which is the risk that payment on our hedging transactions may not correlate exactly with our payment obligations on senior securities. Interest rate transactions that we may use for hedging purposes, such as swaps, caps and floors, will expose us to certain risks that differ from the risks associated with our portfolio

holdings. See "Risk Factors - Company Risks - Hedging Strategy Risk."

Restricted Security Risk. We may invest up to 30% of total assets in restricted securities, primarily through direct placements. Restricted securities are less liquid than securities traded in the open market because of statutory and contractual restrictions on resale. Such securities are, therefore, unlike securities that are traded in the open market, which can be expected to be sold immediately if the market is adequate. This lack of liquidity creates special risks for us. See "Risk Factors - Company Risks - Restricted Security Risk."

Non-U.S. Securities Risk. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers (including Canadian issuers) involve risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities and instruments of U.S. companies, including non-uniform accounting standards and requirements, less governmental supervision and regulation, inability to pass through foreign income tax credits, inability to enforce judgments abroad, less publicly available information and higher expenses, among others. See "Risk Factors - Company Risks - Non- U.S. Securities Risk.

Liquidity Risk. Certain MLP securities may trade less frequently than those of other companies due to their smaller capitalizations. Investments in securities that are less actively traded or over time experience decreased trading volume may be difficult to dispose of when we believe it is desirable to do so, may restrict our ability to take advantage of other opportunities, and may be more difficult to value.

Non-Diversification Risk. We are classified as "non-diversified" under the 1940 Act. As a result, we can invest a greater portion of our assets in obligations of a single issuer than a "diversified" fund. We may therefore be more susceptible than a diversified fund to being adversely affected by any single corporate, economic, political or regulatory occurrence. We intend to maintain our status as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code, and thus we intend to satisfy the diversification requirements of Subchapter M, including its less stringent diversification requirements that apply to the percentage of our total assets that are represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and certain other securities.

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Covered Call Risk. We cannot guarantee that our covered call option strategy will be effective. There are several risks associated with transactions in options on securities. The significant differences between the securities and options markets could result in an imperfect correlation between these markets. The use of options may require us to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times or for prices other than current market values, may limit the amount of appreciation we can realize on an investment, or may cause us to hold a security we might otherwise sell. There can be no assurance that a liquid market will exist when we seek to close out an option position. Factors such as supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price of the underlying security in relation to the exercise price of the option, the dividend or distribution yield of the underlying security, the actual or perceived volatility of the underlying security and the time remaining until the expiration date, could impact or cause to vary over time the amount of income we are able to generate through our covered call option strategy. The number of covered call options we can write is limited by the number of shares of the corresponding common stock we hold. Furthermore, our covered call option transactions may be subject to limitations established by each of the exchanges, boards of trade or other trading facilities on which such options are traded. If we fail to maintain any required asset coverage ratios in connection with any use by us of leverage, we may be required to redeem or prepay some or all of our leverage instruments. Such redemption or prepayment would likely result in our seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any option transaction. Early termination of an option could result in a termination payment by or to us. See "Risk Factors-Company Risks -Covered Call Risk."

Tax Risk. We intend to elect to be treated, and to qualify each year, as a "regulated Investment Company" under the Code. To maintain our qualification for federal income tax purposes as a RIC under the Code, we must meet certain source-of-income, asset diversification and annual distribution requirements. If for any taxable year we fail to qualify for the special federal income tax treatment afforded to regulated investment companies, all of our taxable income will be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates (without any deduction for distributions to our stockholders) and our income available for distribution will be reduced.

Management Risk. The Adviser was formed in October 2002 to provide portfolio management services to institutional and high net worth investors seeking professional management of their MLP investments. The Adviser has been managing our portfolio since we began operations in October 2011. As of August 31, 2018, the Adviser had client assets under management of approximately \$18.4 billion. To the extent that the Adviser's assets under management continue to grow, the Adviser may have to hire additional personnel and, to the extent it is unable to hire qualified individuals, its operations may be adversely affected.

See "Risk Factors — Company Risks" for a more detailed discussion of these and other risks of investing in our securities.

## Additional Risks to Common Stockholders

Leverage Risk. We are currently leveraged and intend to continue to use leverage primarily for investment purposes. Leverage, which is a speculative technique, could cause us to lose money and can magnify the effect of any losses. Weakness in the credit markets may cause our leverage costs to increase and there is a risk that we may not be able to renew or replace existing leverage on favorable terms or at all. If the cost of leverage is no longer favorable, or if we are otherwise required to reduce our leverage, we may not be able to maintain common stock distributions at historical levels and common stockholders will bear any costs associated with selling portfolio securities. If our net asset value of our portfolio declines or remains subject to heightened market volatility, there is an increased risk that we will be unable to maintain coverage ratios for debt securities and preferred stock mandated by the 1940 Act, rating agency guidelines or contractual terms of bank lending facilities or privately placed notes. If we do not cure any deficiencies within specified cure periods, we will be required to redeem such senior securities in amounts that are sufficient to restore the required coverage ratios or, in some cases, offer to redeem all of such securities. As a result, we may be required to sell portfolio securities at inopportune times, and we may incur significant losses upon the sale of such securities. There is no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be successful.

Market Impact Risk. The sale of our common stock (or the perception that such sales may occur) may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for our common stock. An increase in the number of common shares available may put downward pressure on the market price for our common stock.

Dilution Risk. The voting power of current stockholders will be diluted to the extent that such stockholders do not purchase shares in any future common stock offerings or do not purchase sufficient shares to maintain their percentage interest.

If we are unable to invest the proceeds of such offering as intended, our per share distribution may decrease and we may not participate in market advances to the same extent as if such proceeds were fully invested as planned.

Market Discount Risk. Our common stock has traded both at a premium and at a discount in relation to NAV. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV.

See "Risk Factors — Additional Risks to Common Stockholders" for a more detailed discussion of these risks.

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Additional Risks to Senior Security Holders

Additional risks of investing in senior securities, include the following:

Interest Rate Risk. Distributions and interest payable on our senior securities are subject to interest rate risk. To the extent that distributions or interest on such securities are based on short-term rates, our leverage costs may rise so that the amount of distributions or interest due to holders of senior securities would exceed the cash flow generated by our portfolio securities. To the extent that our leverage costs are fixed, our leverage costs may increase when our senior securities mature. This might require that we sell portfolio securities at a time when we would otherwise not do so, which may adversely affect our future ability to generate cash flow. In addition, rising market interest rates could negatively impact the value of our investment portfolio, reducing the amount of assets serving as asset coverage for senior securities.

Senior Leverage Risk. Our preferred stock will be junior in liquidation and with respect to distribution rights to our debt securities and any other borrowings. Senior securities representing indebtedness may constitute a substantial lien and burden on preferred stock by reason of their prior claim against our income and against our net assets in liquidation. We may not be permitted to declare distributions with respect to any series of our preferred stock unless at such time we meet applicable asset coverage requirements and the payment of principal or interest is not in default with respect to debt securities or any other borrowings.

Our debt securities, upon issuance, are expected to be unsecured obligations and, upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will rank: (1) senior to all of our outstanding common stock and any outstanding preferred stock; (2) on a parity with any of our unsecured creditors and any unsecured senior securities representing our indebtedness; and (3) junior to any of our secured creditors. Secured creditors of ours may include, without limitation, parties entering into interest rate swap, floor or cap transactions, or other similar transactions with us that create liens, pledges, charges, security interests, security agreements or other encumbrances on our assets.

Ratings and Asset Coverage Risk. To the extent that senior securities are rated, a rating does not eliminate or necessarily mitigate the risks of investing in our senior securities, and a rating may not fully or accurately reflect all of the credit and market risks associated with that senior security. A rating agency could downgrade the rating of our shares of preferred stock or debt securities, which may make such securities less liquid in the secondary market, though probably with higher resulting interest rates. If a rating agency downgrades, or indicates a potential downgrade to, the rating assigned to a senior security, we may alter our portfolio or redeem a portion of our senior securities. We may voluntarily redeem a senior security under certain circumstances to the extent permitted by its governing documents.

Inflation Risk. Inflation is the reduction in the purchasing power of money resulting from an increase in the price of goods and services. Inflation risk is the risk that the inflation adjusted or "real" value of an investment in preferred stock or debt securities or the income from that investment will be worth less in the future. As inflation occurs, the real value of the preferred stock or debt securities and the distributions or interest payable to holders of preferred stock or debt securities declines.

Decline in Net Asset Value Risk. A material decline in our NAV may impair our ability to maintain required levels of asset coverage for our preferred stock or debt securities.

See "Risk Factors — Additional Risks to Senior Security Holders" for a more detailed discussion of these risks.

SUMMARY OF COMPANY EXPENSES

The following table and example contain information about the costs and expenses that common stockholders will bear directly or indirectly. In accordance with SEC requirements, the table below shows our expenses, including leverage costs, as a percentage of our net assets as of November 30, 2017, and not as a percentage of gross assets or Managed Assets. By showing expenses as a percentage of net assets, expenses are not expressed as a percentage of all of the assets we invest. The table and example are based on our capital structure as of November 30, 2017. As of that date, we had approximately \$69.3 million in senior securities outstanding, including \$16.0 million of our Tortoise Preferred Shares, Tortoise Notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$34.0 million and \$19.3 million outstanding under our unsecured credit facility. Such senior securities represented 26.7% of total assets as of November 30, 2017.

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Stockholder Transaction Expenses

Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price)	(1)
Offering Expenses Borne by the Company (as a percentage of offering price)	(1)
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees (in dollars) <sup>(2)</sup>	15

Annual Expenses	Percentage of Net A Attributable to Com Stockholders	
Management Fee	1.50	%
Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds (includes issuance costs) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.92	%
Distribution Payments on Preferred Stock (includes issuance costs) <sup>(4)</sup>	0.38	%
Other Expenses <sup>(5)</sup>	0.30	%
Total Annual Expenses <sup>(6)</sup>	3.10	%

Example:

The following example illustrates the expenses that common stockholders would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock, assuming (1) total annual expenses of 3.10% of net assets attributable to common shares; (2) a 5% annual return; and (iii) all distributions are reinvested at NAV:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Total Expenses Paid by Common Stockholders <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 31	\$ 95	\$ 162	\$ 340

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, our actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

(1) If the securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, the prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable sales load, the estimated offering expenses borne by us and a revised expense example.

(2) Stockholders will pay a transaction fee plus brokerage charges if they direct the Plan Agent to sell common stock held in a Plan account. See "Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

Reflects the weighted average cost of interest payable on the Tortoise Notes and unsecured credit facility at (3)borrowing rates as of November 30, 2017, including amortization of issuance costs, expressed as a percentage of net assets as of November 30, 2017.

(4) Reflects the weighted average cost of distributions payable on Tortoise Preferred Shares as of November 30, 2017, including amortization of issuance costs, expressed as a percentage of net assets as of November 30, 2017.

(5) Other Expenses are based on amounts incurred for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017.

The table presents certain of our annual expenses stated as a percentage of our net assets attributable to our(6) common shares. This results in a higher percentage than the percentage attributable to our annual expenses stated as a percentage of our Managed Assets. See "Leverage-Annual Expenses" on page 24.

(7) The example does not include sales load or estimated offering costs. If the securities to which this prospectus relates are sold to or through underwriters, the prospectus supplement will set forth any applicable sales load, the

estimated offering expenses borne by us and a revised expense example reflecting such sales load and offering expenses.

The purpose of the table and the example above is to help investors understand the fees and expenses that they, as common stockholders, would bear directly or indirectly. For additional information with respect to our expenses, see "Management of the Company."

## <u>Table of Contents</u> FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Information contained in the table below under the heading "Per Common Share Data" and "Supplemental Data and Ratios" shows our per common share operating performance. The information in this table is derived from our financial statements audited by Ernst & Young LLP, whose report on such financial statements is contained in our 2017 Annual Report and is incorporated by reference into the statement of additional information, both of which are available from us upon request. See "Available Information" in this prospectus.

	Year Ended November 30, 2017		Year Ended November 30, 2016		Year Ended November 30, 2015		Year Ended November 30, 2014		Year Ended November 30, 2013	
Per Common Share Data <sup>(2)</sup> Net Asset Value, beginning of year Income (Loss) from Investment	\$ 23.42		\$ 19.71		\$ 35.04		\$ 30.33		\$ 25.24	
Operations Net investment loss <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.05	)	0.04		0.22		0.08		0.10	
		)				`				
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) <sup>(2)</sup> Total income (loss) from investment	(2.92	)	5.30		(13.60	)	6.26		6.62	
operations	(2.97	)	5.34		(13.38	)	6.34		6.72	
Distributions to Common Stockholders										
Net investment income	(0.05	)	(0.38	)	(0.34	)	(0.02	)	(0.57	)
Net realized gain	(0.25	)	(1.25	)	(1.61	)	(1.61	)	(1.03	)
Return of capital	(1.33	)	-		-		-		(0.03	)
Total distributions to common										
stockholders	(1.63	)	(1.63	)	(1.95	)	(1.63	)	(1.63	)
Net Asset Value, end of year	\$18.82		\$23.42		\$19.71		\$ 35.04		\$ 30.33	
Per common share market value, end of										
year	\$17.01		\$21.55		\$17.47		\$ 32.50		\$28.11	
Total investment return based on market										
value <sup>(3)</sup>	(14.18	)%	34.89	%	(41.19	)%	21.68	%	23.44	%
Supplemental Data and Ratios		,			,					
Net assets applicable to common										
stockholders, end of year (000's)	\$188,517		\$234,539		\$ 197,443		\$ 350,975		\$ 303,797	
Average net assets (000's)	\$219,359		\$ 192,888		\$ 292,473		\$ 357,486		\$ 289,876	
Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets	. ,		. ,		. ,		. ,		. ,	
Advisory fees	1.43	%	1.48	%	1.44	%	1.37	%	1.42	%
Other operating expenses	0.26		0.29		0.22		0.18		0.19	
Total operating expenses, before fee										
waiver	1.69		1.77		1.66		1.55		1.61	
Fee waiver		)	(0.07	)		)	(0.19	)		)
Total operating expenses	1.69	/	1.70		1.52		1.36		1.35	,
Leverage expenses	1.06		1.23		0.93		0.75		0.90	
Total expenses	2.75	%	2.93	%		%	2.11	%		%
Ratio of net investment loss to average net			, •							
assets before fee waiver	(0.21	)%	0.12	%	0.60	%	0.02	%	0.08	%
Ratio of net investment loss to average net		,,,		, 0		, .		, ,		
assets after fee waiver	(0.21	)%	0.19	%	0.74	%	0.21	%	0.34	%
Portfolio turnover rate	24.23	%	90.22	%		%	18.45	%		%
	225	70	/0.22	,0	10.01	70	10.10	10	01.10	,0

Credit facility borrowings, end of year										
(000's)	\$ 19,300		\$16,600		\$ 16,900		\$ 26,000		\$22,200	
Senior notes, end of year (000's)	\$ 34,000		\$ 34,000		\$ 54,000		\$49,000		\$49,000	
Preferred stock, end of year (000's)	\$16,000		\$16,000		\$16,000		\$16,000		\$16,000	
Per common share amount of senior notes										
outstanding, end of year	\$ 3.39		\$ 3.39		\$ 5.39		\$4.89		\$4.89	
Per common share amount of net assets,										
excluding senior notes, end of year	\$22.21		\$ 26.81		\$25.10		\$ 39.93		\$35.22	
Asset coverage, per \$1,000 of principal										
amount of senior notes and credit facility										
borrowings <sup>(4)</sup>	\$4,837		\$ 5,951		\$4,010		\$ 5,893		\$ 5,492	
Asset coverage ratio of senior notes and										
credit facility borrowings <sup>(4)</sup>	484	%	595	%	401	%	589	%	549	%
Asset coverage, per \$25 liquidation value										
per share of mandatory redeemable										
preferred stock <sup>(5)</sup>	\$93		\$113		\$82		\$121		\$112	
Asset coverage ratio of preferred stock <sup>(5)</sup>	372	%	452	%	327	%	486	%	448	%

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(1)Information presented relates to a share of common stock outstanding for the entire year.

- (2) The per common share data for the years ended November 30, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 do not reflect the change in estimate of investment income and return of capital.
- Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the beginning of the period and a (3)sale at the closing price on the last day of the period reported (excluding brokerage commissions). This calculation also assumes reinvestment of distributions at actual prices pursuant to the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. Represents value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior notes, credit facility
- (4) borrowings and preferred stock at the end of the year divided by senior notes and credit facility borrowings outstanding at the end of the year.
- Represents value of total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior notes, credit facility
- (5) borrowings and preferred stock at the end of the year divided by the sum of senior notes, credit facility borrowings and preferred stock outstanding at the end of the year.

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The following table sets forth information about our outstanding senior securities as of each fiscal year ended November 30 since our inception. This information has been derived from our audited financial statements, which are incorporated by reference into the statement of additional information.

Year	Title of Security	Total Principal Amount/Liquidation Preference Outstanding	Asset Coverage per \$1,000 of Principal Amount	Asset Coverage per Share (\$25,000 Liquidation Preference)	Average Estimated Fair Value Per \$25,000 Denomination or per Share Amount
0011	N				
2011	Notes Series A Private Senior Notes	¢ <b>5</b> 000 000	¢ 11 206		¢ 5 000 000
		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 11,296 \$ 11,206		\$ 5,000,000 \$ 8,516,373 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Series B Private Senior Notes	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 11,296 \$ 11,206		<i>ф 0,010,070</i>
	Series C Private Senior Notes	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 11,296		ф <u>_</u> ,> о ., <u>_</u> > е
	Series D Private Senior Notes	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 11,296		\$7,967,951 (1)
	Preferred Stock				
	Series A	\$ 8,000,000		\$ 213	\$7,961,945 <sup>(2)</sup>
	Selies A	\$ 8,000,000		φ 215	ψ7,701,743
	Borrowings				
	Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	\$ -	\$ 11,296		
		\$ 32,500,000	+,-> 0		
		+ , ,			
2012	Notes				
	Series A Private Senior Notes	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 5,093		\$10,000,000
	Series B Private Senior Notes	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 5,093		\$17,156,461 (1)
	Series C Private Senior Notes	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 5,093		\$6,241,837 (1)
	Series D Private Senior Notes	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 5,093		\$16,863,911 (1)
	Preferred Stock				
	Series A	\$ 16,000,000		\$ 102	\$16,658,901 <sup>(2)</sup>
	Borrowings				
	Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 16,600,000	\$ 5,093		
		\$ 81,600,000			
2013	Notes				
	Series A Private Senior Notes	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 5,492		\$10,000,000
	Series B Private Senior Notes	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 5,492		\$17,241,010 (1)
	Series C Private Senior Notes	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 5,492		\$6,229,324 (1)
	Series D Private Senior Notes	\$ 16,000,000	\$ 5,492		\$16,577,547 (1)
	Preferred Stock	<b>•</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		<b>•</b> • • • •	
	Series A	\$ 16,000,000		\$ 112	\$16,637,226 (2)
	<b>.</b> .				

Borrowings

Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility \$ 22,200,000 \$ 5,492 \$ 87,200,000

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2014 Notes Series A Private Senior Notes	\$10,000,000	\$5,893		\$10,000,000
Series B Private Senior Notes	\$17,000,000	\$5,893		\$17,097,712 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series C Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$5,893		\$6,294,377 (1)
Series D Private Senior Notes	\$16,000,000	\$5,893		\$17,157,058 <sup>(1)</sup>
Preferred Stock				
Series A	\$16,000,000		\$121	\$16,929,123 <sup>(2)</sup>
Borrowings				
Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	\$26,000,000	\$5,893		
	\$91,000,000			
2015 Notes				
Series A Private Senior Notes	\$10,000,000	\$4,010		\$10,000,000
Series C Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$4,010		\$6,195,782 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series D Private Senior Notes	\$16,000,000	\$4,010		\$16,931,308 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series E Private Senior Notes	\$10,000,000	\$4,010		\$10,000,000
Series F Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$4,010		\$6,081,767 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series G Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$4,010		\$6,000,000
Preferred Stock				
Series A	\$16,000,000		\$82	\$16,615,541 <sup>(2)</sup>
Borrowings				
Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	<sup>3)</sup> \$16,900,000	\$4,010		
	\$86,900,000			
2016 Notes				
Series C Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$5,951		\$6,159,150 (1)
Series D Private Senior Notes	\$16,000,000			\$16,778,429(1)
Series F Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$5,951		\$6,084,014 (1)
Series G Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$5,951		\$6,084,014 (1)
Preferred Stock				
Series A	\$16,000,000		\$113	\$16,496,612 <sup>(2)</sup>
Domousings				
Borrowings Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility <sup>(3)</sup>	<sup>3)</sup> \$16,600,000	\$5,951		
Chiseedred Revolving Credit Facility	\$66,600,000	ψ0,751		
	. ,			
2017 Notes				
Series C Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000	\$4,837		\$6,084,443 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series D Private Senior Notes	\$16,000,000	\$4,837		\$16,659,759 <sup>(1)</sup> \$6,060,572 <sup>(1)</sup>
Series F Private Senior Notes Series G Private Senior Notes	\$6,000,000 \$6,000,000	\$4,837 \$4,837		\$6,069,573 <sup>(1)</sup> \$6,000,000
Series O Filvate Seriior Notes	φ <b>υ,000,000</b>	94,0 <i>31</i>		φυ,υυυ,υυυ
Preferred Stock				
Series A	\$16,000,000		\$93	\$16,275,897 <sup>(2)</sup>

Borrowings Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility<sup>(3)</sup> \$19,300,000 \$4,837 \$69,300,000

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The estimated fair value of each series of fixed-rate Notes was calculated by discounting future cash flows by a rate equal to the current U.S. Treasury rate with an equivalent maturity date, plus either 1) the spread between the interest rate on recently issued debt and the U.S. Treasury rate with a similar maturity date or 2) if there has not

(1) been a recent debt issuance, the spread between the AAA corporate finance debt rate and the U.S. Treasury rate with an equivalent maturity date plus the spread between the fixed rates of the Notes and the AAA corporate finance debt rate. The estimated fair value of the Series A, Series E, and Series G Notes approximates the carrying amount because the interest rates fluctuate with changes in interest rates available in the current market.

The estimated fair value of each series of MRP Shares was calculated by discounting future cash flows by a rate equal to the current U.S. Treasury rate with an equivalent maturity date, plus either 1) the spread between the (2) interest rate on recently issued preferred stock and the U.S. Treasury rate with a similar maturity date or 2) if there has not been a recent preferred stock issuance, the spread between the AA corporate finance debt rate and the U.S. Treasury rate with an equivalent maturity date plus the spread between the fixed rates of the MRP Stock and the AA corporate finance debt rate.

On June 15, 2015, we entered into a 364 day rolling evergreen credit agreement establishing a \$35,000,000 (3)unsecured credit facility. We currently expect to seek to renew the credit facility at an amount sufficient to meet our operating needs.

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Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "TTP." Shares of our common stock commenced trading on the NYSE on October 31, 2011.

Our common stock has historically traded at a discount in relation to NAV. We cannot predict whether our shares will trade in the future at a premium or discount to NAV. The provisions of the 1940 Act generally require that the public offering price of common stock (less any underwriting commissions and discounts) must equal or exceed the NAV per share of a company's additional common stock (calculated within 48 hours of pricing). Our issuance of additional common stock may have an adverse effect on prices in the secondary market for our common stock by increasing the number of shares of common stock available, which may put downward pressure on the market price for our common stock. Shares of common stock of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from NAV. See "Risk Factors — Additional Risks to Common Stockholders — Market Discount Risk."

The following table sets forth for each of the periods indicated the high and low closing market prices for our shares of common stock on the NYSE, the NAV per share and the premium or discount to NAV per share at which our shares of common stock were trading. See "Determination of Net Asset Value" for information as to the determination of our NAV.

	Market P	rice <sup>(1)</sup>		Premium/	(Discou	unt) to $NAV^{(3)}$	5)
Month Ended	High	Low	$NAV^{(2)}$	High		Low	
November 30, 2015	20.69	17.08	22.81	-9.3	%	-25.1	%
December 31, 2015	17.49	12.58	19.71	-11.3	%	-36.2	%
January 31, 2016	14.70	9.75	16.64	-11.7	%	-41.4	%
February 29, 2016	13.17	9.96	14.83	-11.2	%	-32.8	%
March 31, 2016	15.06	12.92	14.47	4.1	%	-10.7	%
April 30, 2016	18.00	13.84	16.92	6.4	%	-18.2	%
May 31, 2016	17.68	16.33	19.72	-10.3	%	-17.2	%
June 30, 2016	18.84	17.39	20.23	-6.9	%	-14.0	%
July 31, 2016	19.42	18.40	21.76	-10.8	%	-15.4	%
August 31, 2016	20.40	17.91	21.48	-5.0	%	-16.6	%
September 30, 2016	21.23	19.81	21.80	-2.6	%	-9.1	%
October 31, 2016	21.49	20.36	23.71	-9.4	%	-14.1	%
November 30, 2016	21.73	18.71	22.37	-2.9	%	-16.4	%
December 31, 2016	22.23	21.56	23.42	-5.1	%	-7.9	%
January 31, 2017	22.28	21.32	24.32	-8.4	%	-12.3	%
February 28, 2017	22.22	21.16	24.17	-8.1	%	-12.5	%
March 31, 2017	21.84	20.15	23.54	-7.2	%	-14.4	%
April 30, 2017	21.75	21.13	23.62	-7.9	%	-10.5	%
May 31, 2017	21.48	19.97	23.04	-6.8	%	-13.3	%
June 30, 2017	20.22	17.70	20.97	-3.6	%	-15.6	%
July 31, 2017	20.16	18.85	20.87	-3.4	%	-9.7	%
August 31, 2017	20.12	17.79	21.77	-7.6	%	-18.3	%
September 30, 2017	19.34	18.58	19.92	-2.9	%	-6.7	%
October 31, 2017	19.35	17.57	20.79	-6.9	%	-15.5	%
November 30, 2017	18.20	16.38	19.35	-5.9	%	-15.3	%
December 31, 2017	18.80	17.29	18.82	-0.1	%	-8.1	%
January 31, 2018	20.04	19.04	20.15	-0.5	%	-5.5	%
February 28, 2018	19.30	16.93	20.36	-5.2	%	-16.8	%
March 31, 2018	17.37	15.77	17.34	0.2	%	-9.1	%

April 30, 2018	17.43	16.04	16.52	5.5	%	-2.9	%
May 31, 2018	18.19	16.71	18.01	1.0	%	-7.2	%
June 30, 2018	17.54	16.78	18.71	-6.3	%	-10.3	%
July 31, 2018	17.90	16.90	18.97	-5.6	%	-10.9	%
August 31, 2018	18.84	17.69	19.84	-5.0	%	-10.8	%

(1)Based on high and low closing market price for the respective month.

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(2) Based on the NAV at the beginning of each respective month, calculated on the close of business on the last business day of the prior month.

(3) Calculated based on the market value and net asset value information presented in the table. Percentages are rounded.

The last reported NAV per share, the market price and percentage discount to NAV per share of our common stock on August 31, 2018 were \$19.58, \$17.69 and 9.7% respectively. As of August 31, 2018, we had 10,016,413 shares of our common stock outstanding and net assets of approximately \$196.1 million.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds of any sale of our securities primarily to invest in energy infrastructure companies in accordance with our investment objective and policies as described under "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies" within approximately three months of receipt of such proceeds. We may also use proceeds from the sale of our securities to retire all or a portion of any debt we incur, to redeem preferred stock or for working capital purposes, including the payment of distributions, interest and operating expenses, although there is currently no intent to issue securities primarily for this purpose. Our investment, we anticipate that we will invest the proceeds in securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term or long-term debt obligations. A delay in the anticipated use of proceeds could lower returns, reduce our distribution to common stockholders and reduce the amount of cash available to make distribution and interest payments on preferred stock and debt securities, respectively. We will not receive any of the proceeds from a sale of our common stock by any selling stockholder.

#### THE COMPANY

We are a nondiversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. We were organized as a corporation on July 19, 2011, pursuant to the Charter governed by the laws of the State of Maryland. Our fiscal year ends on November 30. We commenced operations in October 2011 following our initial public offering. Our common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "TTP." As of August 31, 2018, we had net assets of approximately \$196.1 million attributable to our common stock. As of August 31, 2018, we had outstanding \$16.0 million of our Tortoise Preferred Shares and \$34.0 million of our Tortoise Notes.

The following table provides information about our outstanding securities as of August 31, 2018:

		Amount Held by the Company or for its	Amount
Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Account	Outstanding
Common Stock Notes:	100,000,000	-	10,016,413
Series $C^{(1)}$	\$ 6,000,000	-	\$6,000,000
Series D <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 16,000,000	-	\$16,000,000
Series F <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 6,000,000	-	\$6,000,000
Series G <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 6,000,000	-	\$6,000,000
Preferred Stock:			
Series A <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 16,000,000	-	\$16,000,000

- (1) The Series C Notes mature on December 15, 2018 and bear a fixed interest rate of 3.49%.
- (2) The Series D Notes mature on December 15, 2021 and bear a fixed interest rate of 4.08%.
- (3) The Series F Notes mature on December 12, 2020 and bear a fixed interest rate of 3.01%.
- (4) The Series G Notes mature on December 12, 2022 and bear a floating interest rate of 3-month LIBOR plus 1.05%.
- (5) The Series A MRP Shares have a mandatory redemption date of December 15, 2018 and bear a fixed interest rate of 4.29%.

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## Investment Objective

Our investment objective is to provide our stockholders a high level of total return, with an emphasis on current distributions. We seek to provide our stockholders with an efficient vehicle to invest in a portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. We intend to focus primarily on pipeline companies that engage in the business of transporting natural gas, NGLs, crude oil and refined products through pipelines, and, to a lesser extent, on other energy infrastructure companies. These pipeline companies own and operate long haul, gathering and local gas distribution pipelines.

#### Pipeline & Other Energy Infrastructure Companies

Under normal circumstances, we will invest at least 80% of our total assets in equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. We consider a company to be a pipeline company if 50% of its assets, cash flow or revenue is associated with the operation or ownership of energy pipelines and complementary assets or it operates in the energy pipeline industry as defined by the standard industrial classification ("SIC") system. We consider a company to be an energy infrastructure company if at least 50% of its assets, revenues or cash flows are derived from energy infrastructure operations or ownership. Energy infrastructure companies own and operate a network of asset systems that transport, store, distribute, gather, process, explore, develop, manage or produce crude oil, refined petroleum products (including biodiesel and ethanol), natural gas or NGLs, or that provide electric power generation (including renewable energy), transmission and/or distribution.

We may invest up to 25% of our total assets in securities of MLPs. We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities, primarily through direct investments in securities of listed companies.

## Investment Process and Risk Management

Our Adviser seeks to invest in securities that offer a combination of quality, growth and yield intended to result in superior total returns over the long run. Our Adviser's investment process utilizes fundamental analysis and a comparison of quantitative, qualitative, and relative value factors.

Our Adviser's investment decisions are driven by proprietary financial, risk, and valuation models developed and maintained by our Adviser which assist in the evaluation of investment decisions and risk. Financial models, based on business drivers with historical and multi-year operational and financial projections, quantify growth, facilitate sensitivity and credit analysis, and aid in peer comparisons. The risk models assess a company's asset quality, management, and stability of cash flows. Valuation models are multiple stage dividend growth models based on a discounted cash flow framework. Our Adviser also uses traditional valuation metrics such as cash flow multiples and current yield in its investment process.

Our Adviser's investment committee is responsible for approving investment decisions and monitoring our investments. In conducting due diligence, our Adviser relies on first-hand sources of information, such as company filings, meetings and conference calls with management, site visits, government information, etc. Although our Adviser intends to use research provided by broker-dealers and investment firms, primary emphasis will be placed on proprietary analysis and valuation models conducted and maintained by our Adviser's in-house investment analysts. To determine whether a company meets its investment criteria, our Adviser will generally look for the targeted investment characteristics as described herein. All decisions to invest in a company must be approved by the unanimous decision of our investment committee.

The due diligence process followed by our Adviser is comprehensive and includes:

review of historical and prospective financial information;

diligence of quarterly updates and conference calls;

analysis of financial models and projections;

meetings with management and key employees;

on-site visits; and

screening of relevant partnership and other key documents.

Market Opportunity

We believe that pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies we target provide attractive investment opportunities for the following reasons:

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Large and Diverse Investable Universe. We primarily target the large and diverse North American pipeline market with an aggregate capitalization over \$400 billion. As a RIC, we may efficiently target pipeline companies regardless of their underlying structure, as we generally will not be subject to tax at the fund level. As such, we have the ability and flexibility to target and access traditional pipeline corporations alongside MLPs, which we believe have solid business fundamentals as well as attractive and expanded growth opportunities.

Substantial North American Opportunity. Pipeline infrastructure asset footprints generally expand with growth in energy demand and changes in geographic areas where energy is produced. North America has an abundant and accessible natural gas supply located in domestic shale deposits. As a result of technology improvements, the United States has enough natural gas to last for approximately 80 to 100 years, according to various industry sources. Demand has continued to increase for natural gas as a clean, reliable, domestically produced energy source. Oil supply on the North American continent has expanded as a result of oil shale deposits and the Canadian oil sands. Canada's crude oil reserves are now the second largest in the world, with the United States importing more oil from Canada than any other country.

Significant Capital Requirements. Significant new pipeline infrastructure build-out and the capital to support it is needed to efficiently connect growing areas of energy demand with new areas of supply. Pipeline and related infrastructure projects are expected to support growing population centers and facilitate the transportation of natural gas and crude oil across North America. For the three years from 2018 through 2020, we expect over \$115 billion to be needed to support North American pipeline infrastructure build-out — approximately \$70 billion of this is anticipated to be needed by pipeline corporations.

Historically Defensive Sector. Pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies have historically demonstrated solid business fundamentals, which we believe results from their long-lived real assets, relatively inelastic demand, monopolistic nature with high barriers to entry and partial inflation protection through regulated rates. As a result, pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies have historically produced predictable cash flows and generated increasing demand for an essential service across business cycles. Projected population growth of nearly 100 million people is expected to increase energy consumption by 6% in the Americas from 2015 to 2040. New pipeline infrastructure will be needed to support these demographic changes and growth.

Targeted Investment Characteristics

The majority of our investments generally have the following targeted characteristics:

Essential infrastructure focus on long-lived, tangible pipeline and other energy infrastructure assets that are essential to economic productivity.

Defensible operating assets due to regulation, natural monopolies, availability of land or high costs of new development.

Total return potential, including potential for a current cash yield and dividend or distribution growth. We do not intend to invest in start-up companies or companies with speculative business plans.

Predictable revenues driven by relatively inelastic demand.

Stable operating structures with relatively low maintenance expenditures, economies of scale, and an appropriate ratio of debt to equity and payout/coverage ratio relative to dividends or distributions.

Operations-focused management teams with successful track records and knowledge, experience, and focus in their segments of energy infrastructure.

### **Investment Policies**

We seek to achieve our investment objective by investing primarily in securities of North American pipeline companies and other energy infrastructure companies that our Advisor believes offer a high level of total return. We also may invest in other securities as described below if the Adviser expects to achieve our objective with such investments.

The following are our fundamental investment limitations set forth in their entirety. We may not:

issue senior securities, except as permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder;

borrow money, except as permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder;

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make loans, except by the purchase of debt obligations, by entering into repurchase agreements or through the lending of portfolio securities and as otherwise permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and interpretive positions of the SEC thereunder;

concentrate (invest 25% or more of total assets) our investments in any particular industry, except that we will concentrate our assets in the group of industries constituting the energy infrastructure sector;

underwrite securities issued by others, except to the extent that we may be considered an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), in the disposition of restricted securities held in our portfolio;

purchase or sell real estate unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments, except that we may invest in securities or other instruments backed by real estate or securities of companies that invest in real estate or interests therein; and

purchase or sell physical commodities unless acquired as a result of ownership of securities or other instruments, except that we may purchase or sell options and futures contracts or invest in securities or other instruments backed by physical commodities.

Our policy of investing at least 80% of our total assets (including assets obtained through leverage) in equity securities of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies is nonfundamental and may be changed by the Board of Directors without stockholder approval, provided that stockholders receive at least 60 days' prior written notice of any change.

We have adopted the following additional non-fundamental investment policies:

- We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers (including Canadian issuers),
- which may include securities issued by companies organized and/or having securities traded on an exchange outside the U.S. or may be securities of U.S. companies that are denominated in the currency of a different country;

We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities, primarily through direct investments in securities of listed companies. For purposes of this limitation, "restricted securities" include (i) registered securities of public companies subject to a lock-up period, (ii) unregistered securities of public companies with registration rights, and (iii) unregistered securities of public companies that become freely tradable with the passage of time;

We will not invest in privately held companies;

We may invest up to 20% of our total assets in debt securities, including those rated below investment grade, commonly referred to as "junk bonds";

We will not invest more than 10% of our total assets in any single issuer; and

We will not engage in short sales.

As a RIC, we may invest up to 25% of our total assets in securities of MLPs.

Unless otherwise stated, these investment restrictions apply at the time of purchase. Furthermore, we will not be required to reduce a position due solely to market value fluctuations.

During the period in which we are investing the net proceeds of this offering, we may deviate from our investment policies by investing the net proceeds in money market mutual funds, cash, cash equivalents, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its instrumentalities or agencies, high quality, short-term money market instruments, short-term debt securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other bank obligations, commercial paper or other liquid debt securities. Under adverse market or economic conditions, we may invest 100% of our total assets in these securities. To the extent we invest in these securities on a temporary basis or for defensive purposes, we may not achieve our investment objective.

### **Investment Securities**

The types of securities in which we may invest include, but are not limited to, the following:

Equity Securities. Equity investments generally represent an equity ownership interest, or the right to acquire an ownership interest, in an issuer. Different types of equity securities provide different voting and dividend rights and priority in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy. An adverse event, such as unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of a particular equity investment that we hold. In addition, prices of equity investments are sensitive to general movements in the stock market, and a drop in the stock market may depress the price of equity investments we own. Equity investment prices fluctuate for several reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or rising interest rates, which increases borrowing costs and the costs of capital. We currently expect that such equity investments will include the following:

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Common Stock. Common stock represents an ownership interest in the profits and losses of a corporation, after payment of amounts owed to bondholders, other debt holders, and holders of preferred stock. Holders of common stock generally have voting rights, but we do not generally expect to have voting control in any of the companies in which we invest.

Common Units of MLPs. As a RIC, we may invest no more than 25% of our total assets in securities of MLPs. An MLP is a publicly traded company organized as a limited partnership or LLC and treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. MLP common units represent an equity ownership interest in a partnership and provide limited voting rights. MLP common unit holders have a limited role in the partnership's operations and management. Some energy infrastructure companies in which we may invest have been organized as LLCs, which are treated in the same manner as MLPs for federal income tax purposes. Common units of an LLC represent an equity ownership in an LLC. Interests in common units of an MLP or LLC entitle the holder to a share of the company's success through distributions and/or capital appreciation. Unlike MLPs, LLC common unit holders typically have voting rights.

Equity Securities of MLP Affiliates. In addition to securities of MLPs, we may also invest in equity securities issued by MLP affiliates, such as MLP I-Shares and common shares of corporations that own MLP general partner interests. I-Shares represent an indirect ownership interest in MLP common units issued by an MLP affiliate, which is typically a publicly traded LLC. The I-Share issuer's assets consist exclusively of I-units. I-Shares differ from MLP common units primarily in that instead of receiving cash distributions, holders of I-Shares receive distributions in the form of additional I-Shares. Issuers of MLP I-Shares are corporations and not partnerships for tax purposes; however, the MLP does not allocate income or loss to the I-Share issuer. Because the issuers of MLP I-Shares are not partnerships for tax purposes, MLP I-Shares are not subject to the 25% limitation regarding investments in MLPs and other entities treated as qualified publicly traded partnerships. MLP affiliates also include the publicly traded equity securities of LLCs that own, directly or indirectly, general partner interests of MLPs. General partner interests often confer direct board participation rights and in many cases, operating control, over the MLP.

Other Equity Securities. We may also invest in all types of publicly traded equity securities, including but not limited to, preferred equity, convertible securities, depository receipts, limited partner interests, rights and warrants of underlying equity securities, exchange traded funds, limited liability companies and REITs.

Non-U.S. Securities. We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in securities issued by non-U.S. issuers (including Canadian issuers). These securities may be issued by companies organized and/or having securities traded on an exchange outside the U.S. or may be securities of U.S. companies that are denominated in the currency of a different country.

Restricted Securities. We may invest up to 30% of our total assets in unregistered or otherwise restricted securities, primarily through direct investments in securities of listed companies. For purposes of this limitation, "restricted securities" include (i) registered securities of public companies subject to a lock-up period, (ii) unregistered securities of public companies with registration rights, and (iii) unregistered security subject to such a lock-up period will no longer be considered a "restricted security" upon expiration of the lock-up period, an unregistered security of a public company with registration rights will no longer be considered a "restricted security" upon the elapse of the requisite time period.

An issuer may be willing to offer the purchaser more attractive features with respect to securities issued in direct investments because it has avoided the expense and delay involved in a public offering of securities. Adverse conditions in the public securities markets also may preclude a public offering of securities.

Restricted securities obtained by means of direct investments are less liquid than securities traded in the open market because of statutory and contractual restrictions on resale. Such securities are, therefore, unlike securities that are traded in the open market, which can be expected to be sold immediately if the market is adequate. This lack of liquidity creates special risks for us. However, we could sell such securities in private transactions with a limited number of purchasers or in public offerings under the 1933 Act.

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Debt Securities. We may invest up to 20% of our total assets in debt securities, including securities rated below investment grade, commonly referred to as "junk bonds." Our debt securities may have fixed or variable principal payments and various types of interest rate and reset terms, including fixed rate, floating rate, adjustable rate, zero coupon, contingent, deferred and payment in kind features, and may include securities that are or are not exchange traded. To the extent that we invest in below investment grade debt securities, such securities will be rated, at the time of investment, at least B- by S&P or B3 by Moody's or a comparable rating by at least one other rating agency or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. If a security satisfies our minimum rating criteria at the time of purchase and is subsequently downgraded below such rating, we will not be required to dispose of such security. If a downgrade occurs, the Adviser will consider what action, including the sale of such security, is in the best interest of us and our stockholders.

Temporary Investments and Defensive Investments. Pending investment of offering or leverage proceeds, we may invest offering proceeds in money market mutual funds, cash, cash equivalents, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its instrumentalities or agencies, short-term money market instruments, short-term debt securities, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other bank obligations, commercial paper or other liquid debt securities. We may invest in these instruments on a temporary basis to meet working capital needs, including, but not limited to, for collateral in connection with certain investment techniques, to hold a reserve pending payment of distributions, and to facilitate the payment of expenses and settlement of trades.

Under adverse market or economic conditions, we may invest 100% of our total assets in these securities. The yield on these securities may be lower than the returns on pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies or yields on lower rated fixed income securities. To the extent we invest in these securities for defensive purposes, we may not achieve our investment objective.

#### Covered Call Options Strategy

We also seek to provide current income from gains earned through an option strategy. We currently intend to write (sell) call options on selected equity securities in our portfolio and to only write call options on securities we hold in our portfolio ("covered calls"). The notional amount of such calls is expected to be less than approximately 20% of the total value of our portfolio, although this percentage may vary depending on the cash flow requirements of the portfolio and on our Adviser's assessment of market conditions. Under current market conditions, we presently intend to write covered calls that are generally one to three month terms and generally range from 5% to 15% out of the money, although this may vary from time to time. We currently intend to focus our covered call strategy on other energy infrastructure companies that our Adviser believes are integral links in the energy infrastructure value chain for pipeline companies, although we may write options on other securities in our portfolio or indices in certain market environments.

A call option on a security is a contract that gives the holder of such call option the right to buy the security underlying the call option from the writer of such call option at a specified price (exercise price) at any time during the term of the option. At the time the call option is sold, the writer of a call option receives a premium from the buyer of such call option.

If we write a call option on a security or basket of securities, we have the obligation upon exercise of such call option to deliver the underlying security or securities upon payment of the exercise price. As the writer of such call options, in effect, during the term of the option, in exchange for the premium received by us, we sell the potential appreciation above the exercise price in the value of securities covered by the options. Therefore, we forego part of the potential appreciation for part of our equity portfolio in exchange for the call premium received, but retain the risk of potential decline in those securities below the price which is equal to the excess of the exercise price of the call option over the premium per share received on the call option.

If we write a call option, we may terminate our obligation by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by purchasing a call option with the same terms as the option previously written. However, once we have been assigned an exercise notice, we will be unable to effect a closing purchase transaction. There can be no assurance that a closing purchase transaction can be effected when we so desire.

Other principal factors affecting the market value of an option include supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price and price volatility of the underlying security and the time remaining until the expiration date of the option. Gains and losses on investments in options depend, in part, on the ability of our Adviser to predict correctly the effect of these factors.

When we write a call option, an amount equal to the premium received by us will be recorded as a liability and will be subsequently adjusted to the current fair value of the option written. Premiums received from writing options that expire unexercised are treated by us as realized gains from investments on the expiration date. If we repurchase a written call option prior to its exercise, the difference between the premium received and the amount paid to repurchase the option is treated as a realized gain or realized loss. If a call option is exercised, the premium is added to the proceeds from the sale of the underlying security in determining whether we have realized a gain or loss.

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Although our Adviser will attempt to take appropriate measures to minimize the risks relating to writing covered call options, there can be no assurance that we will succeed in any option-writing program we undertake.

### Portfolio Turnover

Our annual portfolio turnover rate may vary greatly from year to year. Although we cannot accurately predict our annual portfolio turnover rate, it is not expected to exceed 30% under normal circumstances, not including purchases and sales of equity securities and call options in connection with our covered call option program. As such, on an overall basis, our annual turnover rate may exceed 100%. A higher turnover rate results in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that the Company bears and may result in greater realization of taxable capital gains. See "Certain Federal Income Tax Matters."

#### Conflicts of Interest

Conflicts of interest may arise from the fact that the Adviser and its affiliates carry on substantial investment activities for other clients, in which we have no interest, some of which may have investment strategies similar to ours. The portfolio managers of our Adviser must allocate time and investment ideas across multiple accounts. Trades may be executed for some accounts that may adversely impact the value of securities held by other accounts. In addition, conflicts of interest may arise from the fact that a related person of our Adviser has an interest in a client organized as a limited liability company, similar to a general partner interest in a partnership, for which the Adviser also serves as manager. The Adviser or its affiliates may have financial incentives to favor certain of such accounts over us. For example, our Adviser may have an incentive to allocate potentially more favorable investment opportunities to other funds and clients that pay our Adviser an incentive or performance fee. Performance and incentive fees also create the incentive to allocate potentially riskier, but potentially better performing, investments to such funds and other clients in an effort to increase the incentive fee. Our Adviser also may have an incentive to make investments in one fund, having the effect of increasing the value of a security in the same issuer held by another fund or client, which, in turn, may result in an incentive fee being paid to our Adviser by that other fund or client. Certain of the Adviser's client accounts may invest in the equity securities of a particular company, while other client accounts may invest in the debt securities of the same company. Any of the Adviser's or its affiliates' proprietary accounts and other customer accounts may compete with us for specific trades. The Adviser or its affiliates may give advice and recommend securities to, or buy or sell securities for, us, which advice or securities may differ from advice given to, or securities recommended or bought or sold for, other accounts and customers, even though their investment objectives may be the same as, or similar to, our objectives. Our Adviser has written allocation policies and procedures designed to address potential conflicts of interest. For instance, when two or more clients advised by the Adviser or its affiliates seek to purchase or sell the same publicly traded securities, the securities actually purchased or sold will be allocated among the clients on a good faith, fair and equitable basis by the Adviser in its discretion and in accordance with the client's various investment objectives and the Adviser's procedures. In some cases, this system may adversely affect the price or size of the position we may obtain or sell. In other cases, our ability to participate in volume transactions may produce better execution for us. When possible, our Adviser combines all of the trade orders into one or more block orders, and each account participates at the average unit or share price obtained in a block order. When block orders are only partially filled, our Adviser considers a number of factors in determining how allocations are made, with the overall goal to allocate in a manner so that accounts are not preferred or disadvantaged over time. Our Adviser also has allocation policies for transactions involving private placement securities, which are designed to result in a fair and equitable participation in offerings or sales for each participating client.

The Adviser also serves as investment adviser for four other publicly traded closed-end management investment companies, all of which invest in the energy sector. See "Management of the Company — Investment Adviser."

The Adviser will evaluate a variety of factors in determining whether a particular investment opportunity or strategy is appropriate and feasible for the relevant account at a particular time, including, but not limited to, the following: (1)

the nature of the investment opportunity taken in the context of the other investments at the time; (2) the liquidity of the investment relative to the needs of the particular entity or account; (3) the availability of the opportunity (i.e., size of obtainable position); (4) the transaction costs involved; and (5) the investment or regulatory limitations applicable to the particular entity or account. Because these considerations may differ when applied to us and relevant accounts under management in the context of any particular investment opportunity, our investment activities, on the one hand, and other managed accounts, on the other hand, may differ considerably from time to time. In addition, our fees and expenses will differ from those of the other managed accounts. Accordingly, investors should be aware that our future performance and future performance of other accounts of the Adviser may vary.

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From time to time, our Adviser may seed proprietary accounts for the purpose of evaluating a new investment strategy that eventually may be available to clients through one or more product structures. Such accounts also may serve the purpose of establishing a performance record for the strategy. Our Adviser's management of accounts with proprietary interests and nonproprietary client accounts may create an incentive to favor the proprietary accounts in the allocation of investment opportunities, and the timing and aggregation of investments. Our Adviser's proprietary seed accounts may include long-short strategies, and certain client strategies may permit short sales. A conflict of interest arises if a security is sold short at the same time as a long position, and continuously short selling in a security may adversely affect the stock price of the same security held long in client accounts. Our Adviser has adopted various policies to mitigate these conflicts, including policies that require our Adviser to avoid favoring any account, and that prohibit client and proprietary accounts from engaging in short sales with respect to individual stocks held long in client accounts. Our Adviser's policies also require transactions in proprietary accounts to be placed after client transactions.

Situations may occur when we could be disadvantaged because of the investment activities conducted by the Adviser and its affiliates for their other funds or accounts. Such situations may be based on, among other things, the following: (1) legal or internal restrictions on the combined size of positions that may be taken for us or the other accounts, thereby limiting the size of our position; (2) the difficulty of liquidating an investment for us or the other accounts where the market cannot absorb the sale of the combined position; or (3) limits on co-investing in negotiated transactions under the 1940 Act, as discussed further below.

Under the 1940 Act, we may be precluded from co-investing in negotiated private placements of securities with our affiliates, including other funds managed by the Adviser. As such, we will not co-invest its other clients' assets in negotiated private placement transactions in which we invest unless we obtain an exemptive order allowing such co-investment. The Adviser will observe a policy for allocating negotiated private placement opportunities among its clients that takes into account the amount of each client's available cash and its investment objectives. These allocation policies may result in the allocation of investment opportunities to an affiliated company rather than to us.

To the extent we are precluded from co-investing, our Adviser will allocate private investment opportunities among its clients, including but not limited to us and our affiliated companies, based on allocation policies that take into account several suitability factors, including the size of the investment opportunity, the amount each client has available for investment and the client's investment objectives. These allocation policies may result in the allocation of investment opportunities to an affiliated company rather than to us.

To the extent that the Adviser sources and structures private investments, certain employees of the Adviser may become aware of actions planned, such as acquisitions, that may not be announced to the public. It is possible that we could be precluded from investing in or selling securities of companies about which the Adviser has material, non-public information; however, it is the Adviser's intention to ensure that any material, non-public information available to certain employees of the Adviser is not shared with the employees responsible for the purchase and sale of publicly traded securities. Our investment opportunities also may be limited by affiliations of the Adviser or its affiliates with energy infrastructure companies.

The Adviser and its principals, officers, employees, and affiliates may buy and sell securities or other investments for their own accounts and may have actual or potential conflicts of interest with respect to investments made on our behalf. As a result of differing trading and investment strategies or constraints, positions may be taken by principals, officers, employees, and affiliates of the Adviser that are the same as, different from, or made at a different time than positions taken for us. Further, the Adviser may at some time in the future, manage additional investment funds with the same investment objective as ours.

The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased income and capital appreciation for common stockholders, but at the same time creates special risks that may adversely affect common stockholders. Because our management fee is based upon a percentage of our Managed Assets, our management fee is higher when we are leveraged.

Therefore, our Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which will create a conflict of interest between our Adviser and our common stockholders, who will bear the costs of our leverage.

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#### Use of Leverage

We currently engage in leverage and may borrow money or issue additional debt securities, and/or issue additional preferred stock, to provide us with additional funds to invest. The borrowing of money and the issuance of preferred stock and debt securities represents the leveraging of our common stock. The issuance of additional common stock may enable us to increase the aggregate amount of our leverage or to maintain existing leverage. We reserve the right at any time to use financial leverage to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act (50% of total assets for preferred stock and 33 1/3% of total assets for debt securities) or we may elect to reduce the use of leverage or use no leverage at all. Our policy is to utilize leverage in an amount that on average represents approximately 25% of our total assets. We consider market conditions at the time leverage is incurred and monitor for asset coverage ratios relative to 1940 Act requirements and our financial covenants on an ongoing basis. Leverage as a percent of total assets will vary depending on market conditions, but will normally range between 20% and 30%. We generally will not use leverage unless we believe that leverage will serve the best interests of our stockholders. The principal factor used in making this determination is whether the potential return is likely to exceed the cost of leverage. We will not issue additional leverage where the estimated costs of issuing such leverage and the on-going cost of servicing the payment obligations on such leverage exceed the estimated return on the proceeds of such leverage. We note, however, that in making the determination of whether to issue leverage, we must rely on estimates of leverage costs and expected returns. Actual costs of leverage vary over time depending on interest rates and other factors. Actual returns vary, of course, depending on many factors. Additionally, the percentage of our assets attributable to leverage may vary significantly during periods of extreme market volatility and will increase during periods of declining market prices of our portfolio holdings. Our Board also will consider other factors, including whether the current investment opportunities will help us achieve our investment objective and strategies.

We have also established a 364 day rolling evergreen unsecured credit facility with The Bank of Nova Scotia which currently allows us to borrow up to \$35.0 million. Outstanding balances under the credit facility generally accrue interest at a variable annual rate equal to the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.125%, with a fee of 0.15% on any unused balance of the credit facility. As of August 31, 2018, the effective rate was 3.24%. We may draw on the facility from time to time to fund investments in accordance with our investment policies and for general corporate purposes. As of August 31, 2018, we had outstanding approximately \$20.8 million under the credit facility.

Under the 1940 Act, we are not permitted to issue preferred stock unless immediately after such issuance, the value of our total assets (including the proceeds of such issuance) less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities is at least equal to 200% of the total of the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness plus the aggregate liquidation value of the outstanding preferred stock. Stated another way, we may not issue preferred stock that, together with outstanding preferred stock and debt securities, has a total aggregate liquidation value and outstanding principal amount of more than 50% of the value of our total assets, including the proceeds of such issuance, less liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities. In addition, we are not permitted to declare any distribution on our common stock, or purchase any of our shares of common stock (through tender offers or otherwise) unless we would satisfy this 200% asset coverage requirement test after deducting the amount of such distribution or share price, as the case may be. We may, as a result of market conditions or otherwise, be required to purchase or redeem preferred stock, or sell a portion of our investments when it may be disadvantageous to do so, in order to maintain the required asset coverage. Common stockholders would bear the costs of issuing additional preferred stock, which may include offering expenses and the ongoing payment of distributions. Under the 1940 Act, we may only issue one class of preferred stock. So long as Tortoise Preferred Shares are outstanding, any preferred stock offered pursuant to this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement will rank on parity with any outstanding Tortoise Preferred Shares.

Under the 1940 Act, we are not permitted to issue debt securities or incur other indebtedness constituting senior securities unless immediately thereafter, the value of our total assets (including the proceeds of the indebtedness) less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities is at least equal to 300% of the amount of the outstanding indebtedness. Stated another way, we may not issue debt securities or incur other indebtedness with an aggregate principal amount of more than 33 1/3% of the value of our total assets, including the amount borrowed, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities. We also must maintain this 300% "asset coverage" for as long as the indebtedness is outstanding. The 1940 Act provides that we may not declare any distribution on any class of shares of our stock, or purchase any of our shares of stock (through tender offers or otherwise), unless we would satisfy this 300% asset coverage requirement test after deducting the amount of the distribution or share purchase price, as the case may be except that dividends may be declared upon any preferred stock if such senior security representing indebtedness has an asset coverage of at least 200% at the time of declaration thereof after deducting the amount of such distribution. If the asset coverage for indebtedness declines to less than 300% as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise, we may be required to redeem debt securities, or sell a portion of our investments when it may be disadvantageous to do so. Under the 1940 Act, we may only issue one class of senior securities representing indebtedness. So long as Tortoise Notes are outstanding, any debt securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement will rank on parity with any outstanding Tortoise Notes.

Annual Expenses as a Percentage of Managed Assets

The table presented below presents our annual expenses stated as a percentage of our Managed Assets at November 30, 2017, which includes assets attributable to leverage.

Management Fee	1.10%
Other Expenses	0.22%
Subtotal	1.32%
Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds (includes issuance costs)	0.67%
Distribution Payments on Preferred Stock (includes issuance costs)	0.28%
Total Leverage Costs	0.95%
Total Annual Expenses (as a percentage of Managed Assets)	2.27%

### <u>Table of Contents</u> Hedging Transactions

In addition to writing covered call options as part of our investment strategy, the risks of which are described herein, we may utilize certain other derivative instruments for hedging or risk management purposes.

In an attempt to reduce the interest rate risk arising from our leveraged capital structure, we may use interest rate transactions such as swaps, caps and floors. There is no assurance that the interest rate hedging transactions into which we enter will be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate risk. Hedging transactions are subject to correlation risk, which is the risk that payment on our hedging transactions may not correlate exactly with our payment obligations on senior securities. The use of interest rate transactions is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an interest rate swap, we would agree to pay to the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the "counterparty") a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay to us a variable rate payment intended to approximate our variable rate payment obligations on outstanding leverage. The payment obligations would be based on the notional amount of the swap. In an interest rate cap, we would pay a premium to the counterparty up to the interest rate cap and, to the extent that a specified variable rate index exceeds a predetermined fixed rate of interest, would receive from the counterparty payments equal to the difference based on the notional amount of such cap. In an interest rate floor, we would be entitled to receive, to the extent that a specified index falls below a predetermined interest rate, payments of interest on a notional principal amount from the party selling the interest rate floor. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, our use of interest rate transactions could affect our ability to make required interest or distribution payments on our outstanding leverage. To the extent there is a decline in interest rates, the value of the interest rate transactions could decline. If the counterparty to an interest rate transaction defaults, we would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the interest rate transaction to offset our cost of financial leverage. We intend to enter into transactions only with counterparties that meet certain standards of creditworthiness set by our Adviser and to continually monitor the creditworthiness of any counterparties.

We may, but are not obligated to, enter into interest rate swap transactions intended to reduce our interest rate risk with respect to our interest and distribution payment obligations under our outstanding leverage.

To a lesser extent, we may, but do not currently intend to, use other hedging and risk management strategies to seek to manage other market risks. Such hedging strategies may be utilized to seek to protect against possible adverse changes in the market value of securities held in our portfolio or to otherwise protect the value of our portfolio. We may, but do not currently intend to, enter into currency exchange transactions to hedge our exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk to the extent we invest in non-U.S. dollar denominated securities of non-U.S. issuers. Our currency transactions will generally be limited to portfolio hedging involving portfolio positions. Portfolio hedging is the use of a forward contract with respect to a portfolio security position denominated or quoted in a particular currency. A forward contract is an agreement to purchase or sell a specified currency at a specified future date (or within a specified time period) and price set at the time of the contract. Forward contracts are usually entered into with banks, foreign exchange dealers or broker-dealers, are not exchange-traded, and are usually for less than one year. We may also purchase and sell other derivative investments such as exchange- listed and over-the-counter options on securities or indices, futures contracts and options thereon. We also may purchase derivative investments that combine features of these instruments.

For a further discussion of such derivative instruments, see "Risk Factors — Hedging and Derivatives Risk" in this prospectus and "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies — Our Investments — Hedging and Risk Management" in the statement of additional information.

Effects of Leverage

As of November 30, 2017, we were obligated to pay the following rates on our outstanding Tortoise Notes, Tortoise Preferred Shares and unsecured revolving credit facility.

	Aggregate Principal	Remaining		
	Amount/Liquidation	Term of Rate	Interest/Dividend Rate	
Title of Security	Preference	Period	per Annum	
Notes:				
Series C	\$ 6,000,000	1.0 year through 12/15/18	3.49	%
Series F	\$ 6,000,000	3.0 years through 12/12/20	3.01	%
Series D	\$ 16,000,000	4.0 years through 12/15/21	4.08	%
Series G	\$ 6,000,000	3 months	2.36	%
Preferred Stock:				
Series A	\$ 19,300,000	1.0 year through 12/15/18	4.29	%
Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility	\$ 16,000,000		2.50	%
	\$ 69,300,000			

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Assuming that the distribution rates payable on the Tortoise Preferred Shares and the interest rates payable on the Tortoise Notes and unsecured revolving credit facility remain as described above (an average annual cost of 3.54% based on the amount of leverage outstanding at November 30, 2017), the annual return that our portfolio must experience net of expenses, but excluding deferred and current taxes, in order to cover leverage costs would be 2.26%.

The following table is designed to illustrate the effect of the foregoing level of leverage on the return to a common stockholder, assuming hypothetical annual returns (net of expenses) of our portfolio of -10% to 10%. As the table shows, the leverage generally increases the return to common stockholders when portfolio return is positive or greater than the cost of leverage and decreases the return when the portfolio return is negative or less than the cost of leverage. The figures appearing in the table are hypothetical, and actual returns may be greater or less than those appearing in the table.

 Assumed Portfolio Return (net of expenses)
 -10 % -5 % 0 % 5 % 10 %

 Corresponding Common Share Return
 -18.65 % -11.04 % -3.44 % 4.17 % 11.78 %

Because we use leverage, the amount of the fees paid to the Adviser for investment advisory and management services are higher than if we did not use leverage because the fees paid are calculated based on our Managed Assets, which include assets purchased with leverage. Therefore, the Adviser has a financial incentive to use leverage, which creates a conflict of interest between the Adviser and our common stockholders. Because payments on any leverage would be paid by us at a specified rate, only our common stockholders would bear management fees and other expenses we incur.

We cannot fully achieve the benefits of leverage until we have invested the proceeds resulting from the use of leverage in accordance with our investment objective and policies. For further information about leverage, see "Risk Factors — Additional Risks to Common Stockholders — Leverage Risk."

### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in any of our securities involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or even that you may lose part or all of your investment. Therefore, before investing in any of our securities you should consider carefully the following risks, as well as any risk factors included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Company Risks**

We are a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company designed primarily as a long-term investment vehicle and not as a trading tool. An investment in our securities should not constitute a complete investment program for any investor and involves a high degree of risk. Due to the uncertainty in all investments, there can be no assurance that we will achieve our investment objective.

The following are the general risks of investing in our securities that affect our ability to achieve our investment objective. The risks below could lower the returns and distributions on common stock and reduce the amount of cash and net assets available to make distribution payments on preferred stock and interest payments on debt securities.

Capital Markets Volatility Risk. Our capital structure and performance may be adversely impacted by weakness in the credit markets and stock market if such weakness results in declines in the value of companies in which we invest. If the value of our investments decline or remain volatile, there is a risk that we may be required to reduce outstanding leverage, which could adversely affect our stock price and ability to pay distributions at historical levels. A sustained economic slowdown may adversely affect the ability of the companies in which we invest to obtain new debt or equity financing on acceptable terms. If funding is not available when needed, or is available only on unfavorable terms, we

or the companies in which we invest may not be able to meet obligations as they come due. Moreover, without adequate funding, pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies may be unable to execute their growth strategies, complete future acquisitions, take advantage of other business opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on their revenues and results of operations.

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Rising interest rates could limit the capital appreciation of equity units of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies as a result of the increased availability of alternative investments at competitive yields. Rising interest rates may increase the cost of capital for companies operating in this sector. A higher cost of capital or an inflationary period may lead to inadequate funding, which could limit growth from acquisition or expansion projects, the ability of such entities to make or grow dividends or distributions or meet debt obligations, the ability to respond to competitive pressures, all of which could adversely affect the prices of their securities.

Concentration Risk. Our strategy of concentrating in pipeline and other energy infrastructure investments means that our performance will be closely tied to the performance of the energy infrastructure sector, which includes midstream, upstream and downstream energy industries. For further information about investments we may make in pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies, see "Investment Objective and Principal Investment Strategies – Pipeline & Other Energy Infrastructure Companies." Our concentration in these investments may present more risk than if we were broadly diversified over numerous industries and sectors of the economy. A downturn in these investments would have a greater impact on us than on a fund that does not concentrate in such investments. At times, the performance of these investments may lag the performance of other industries or the market as a whole. Risks inherent in the business of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies include:

Supply and Demand Risk. A decrease in the production of natural gas, NGLs, crude oil, coal, refined petroleum products or other energy commodities, or a decrease in the volume of such commodities available for transporting, storing, gathering, processing, distributing, exploring, developing, managing or producing may adversely impact the financial performance and profitability of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. Production declines and volume decreases could be caused by various factors, including depletion of resources, declines in estimates of proved reserves, labor difficulties, political events, OPEC actions, changes in commodity prices, declines in production from existing facilities, environmental proceedings, increased regulations, equipment failures and unexpected maintenance problems, failure to obtain necessary permits, unscheduled outages, unanticipated expenses, inability to successfully carry out new construction or acquisitions, import supply disruption, increased competition from alternative energy sources or related commodity prices and other events. Alternatively, a sustained decline in or varying demand for such commodities could also adversely affect the financial performance of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies. Factors that could lead to a decline in demand include economic recession or other adverse economic conditions, higher fuel taxes or governmental regulations, increases in fuel economy, consumer shifts to the use of alternative fuel sources, changes in commodity prices or weather.

Operating Risk. Pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies are subject to many operating risks, including: equipment failure causing outages; structural, maintenance, impairment and safety problems; transmission or transportation constraints, inoperability or inefficiencies; dependence on a specified fuel source, including the transportation of fuel; changes in electricity and fuel usage; availability of competitively priced alternative energy sources; changes in generation efficiency and market heat rates; lack of sufficient capital to maintain facilities; significant capital expenditures to keep older assets operating efficiently; seasonality; changes in supply and demand for energy commodities; catastrophic and/or weather- related events such as fires, explosions, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes and similar occurrences; storage, handling, disposal and decommissioning costs; and environmental compliance. Breakdown or failure of a pipeline or other energy infrastructure company's assets may prevent the company from performing under applicable sales agreements, which in certain situations, could result in termination of the agreement or incurring a liability for liquidated damages. A company's ability to successfully and timely complete capital improvements to existing or other capital projects is contingent upon many variables. Should any such efforts be unsuccessful, a pipeline or other energy infrastructure company could be subject to additional costs and / or the write-off of its investment in the project or improvement. As a result of the above risks and other potential hazards associated with pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies, certain companies may become exposed to significant liabilities for which they may not have adequate insurance coverage. Any of the aforementioned risks or related regulatory and environmental risks could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies.

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Regulatory Risk. Pipeline and other energy infrastructure issuers are subject to regulation by various governmental authorities in various jurisdictions and may be adversely affected by the imposition of special tariffs and changes in tax laws, regulatory policies and accounting standards. Regulation exists in multiple aspects of their operations, including how facilities are constructed, maintained and operated, environmental and safety controls, and the prices they may charge for the products and services they provide. Various governmental authorities have the power to enforce compliance with these regulations and the permits issued under them, and violators are subject to administrative, civil and criminal penalties, including fines, injunctions or both. Stricter laws, regulations or enforcement policies could be enacted in the future which may increase compliance costs and may adversely affect the financial performance of energy infrastructure companies. Pipeline companies engaged in interstate pipeline transportation of natural gas, refined petroleum products and other products are subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") with respect to tariff rates these companies may charge for pipeline transportation services. An adverse determination by the FERC with respect to the tariff rates of a pipeline or other energy infrastructure company could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and its ability to make cash distributions to its equity owners. Prices for certain electric power companies are regulated in the U.S. with the intention of protecting the public while ensuring that the rate of return earned by such companies is sufficient to attract growth capital and to provide appropriate services but do not provide any assurance as to achievement of earnings levels. We could become subject to the FERC's jurisdiction if we are deemed to be a holding company of a public utility company or of a holding company of a public utility company, and we may be required to aggregate securities held by us or other funds and accounts managed by the Adviser and its affiliates, or be prohibited from buying certain securities or be forced to divest certain securities.

Environmental Risk. Pipeline and other energy infrastructure company activities are subject to stringent environmental laws and regulation by many federal, state and local authorities, international treaties and foreign governmental authorities. Failure to comply with such laws and regulations or to obtain any necessary environmental permits pursuant to such laws and regulations could result in fines or other sanctions. Congress and other domestic and foreign governmental authorities have either considered or implemented various laws and regulations to restrict or tax certain emissions, particularly those involving air and water emissions. Existing environmental regulations could be revised or reinterpreted, new laws and regulations could be adopted or become applicable, and future changes in environmental laws and regulations could occur, which could impose additional costs on the operation of power plants. Pipeline and other energy infrastructure companies have made and will likely continue to make significant capital and other expenditures to comply with these and other environmental laws and regulations. Changes in, or new, environmental restrictions may force energy infrastructure companies to incur significant expenses or expenses that may exceed their estimates. There can be no assurance that such companies would be able to recover all or any increased environmental costs from their customers or that their business, financial condition or results of operations would not be materially and adversely affected by such expenditures or any changes in domestic or foreign environmental laws and regulations, in which case the value of these companies' securities in our portfolio could be adversely affected. In addition, a pipeline or other energy infrastructure company may be responsible for any on-site liabilities associated with the environmental condition of facilities that it has acquired, leased or developed, regardless of when the liabilities arose and whether they are known or unknown.

Price Volatility Risk. The volatility of energy commodity prices can affect certain pipeline or other energy infrastructure companies due to the impact of prices on the volume of commodities transported, stored, gathered, processed, distributed, developed or produced. Most pipeline companies are not subject to direct commodity price exposure because they do not own the underlying energy commodity. Nonetheless, the price of a pipeline company security can be adversely affected by the perception that the performance of all such entities is directly tied to commodity prices. However, the operations, cash flows and financial performance of other energy infrastructure companies in which we will in