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<b>REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT</b>	x
<b>OF 1940</b>	
<b>Amendment No. 3</b>	x

**DOUBLELINE INCOME SOLUTIONS FUND**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Approximate Date of Proposed Public Offering:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this 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: "

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

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If appropriate, check the following box:

" This post-effective amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed registration statement.

" This form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act and the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>Title of Securities Being Registered</b>	<b>Amount Being Registered(1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(2)</b>
Common Shares, par value \$.00001	40,000 shares	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 136.40

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- (1) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee, pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (2) A registration fee of \$136.40 was previously paid in connection with the initial filing on January 15, 2013.

**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 this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to section 8(a), may determine.**

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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION MARCH 22, 2013

The information in this preliminary 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 it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state or jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

## Shares

# DoubleLine Income Solutions Fund

## Common Shares

DoubleLine Income Solutions Fund (the Fund) is a newly organized, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company.

**Investment objectives.** The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income; its secondary objective is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund cannot assure you that it will achieve its investment objectives.

**Principal investment strategies.** The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objectives by investing in a portfolio of investments selected for their potential to provide high current income, growth of capital, or both. The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments anywhere in the world, including in emerging markets. The Fund's investment adviser, DoubleLine Capital LP (DoubleLine or the Adviser), allocates the Fund's assets among debt security market sectors, and among investments within those sectors, in an attempt to construct a portfolio providing the potential for a high level of current income and for capital appreciation consistent with what DoubleLine considers an appropriate level of risk in light of market conditions prevailing at the time.

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**No Prior History.** Because the Fund is newly organized, its common shares of beneficial interest (the Common Shares) have no history of public trading. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value. Because shares of closed-end funds typically trade initially at a discount from the price at which they are sold to the public in their initial offering, investors who sell their shares within a short period after completion of the initial public offering may lose money on their investments in the Fund even if there is no change in the net asset value of the Fund.

The Fund anticipates that its Common Shares will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance, under the trading or ticker symbol DSL.

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Investment in the Fund's Common Shares involves certain risks. Before buying any of the Fund's Common Shares, you should read the discussion of the principal risks of investing in the Fund in **Principal Risk Factors** beginning on page 65 of this prospectus.

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.

	Per Share	Total(1)
Public offering price	\$ 25.000	\$
Sales load(2)	\$ 1.125	\$
Estimated offering expenses	\$ 0.050	\$
Proceeds, after expenses, to the Fund	\$ 23.825	\$

*(notes on following page)*

The underwriters expect to deliver the Common Shares to purchasers on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

**UBS Investment Bank**

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Citigroup**

**Morgan Stanley**

**Wells Fargo Securities  
Stifel**

**Barclays**

**RBC Capital Markets**

BB&T Capital Markets  
Janney Montgomery Scott  
Newbridge Securities Corporation

Deutsche Bank  
Sterne Agee

Henley & Company LLC  
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.  
Pershing LLC  
Wedbush Securities Inc.

J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L. Lyons, LLC

Maxim Group LLC  
Southwest Securities  
Wunderlich Securities

**The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2013**

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(1) The Fund has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional Common Shares at the public offering price less the sales load within 45 days of the date of this prospectus, solely to cover overallocments, if any. If this option is exercised in full, the total Public Offering Price, Sales Load, Estimated Offering Expenses and Proceeds, After Expenses, to the Fund will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_, \$ \_\_\_\_\_, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \$ \_\_\_\_\_, respectively. See Underwriters.

(2) The Adviser (and not the Fund) has agreed to pay from its own assets a structuring fee to UBS Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Barclays Capital Inc. The Adviser (and not the Fund) may also pay certain qualifying underwriters a structuring fee, sales incentive fee, or additional compensation in connection with the offering. See Underwriters Additional Compensation.

(3) The Fund will pay offering costs (other than the sales load) up to an aggregate of \$0.05 per Common Share sold in this offering. The Adviser has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses of the Fund and (ii) offering costs of the Fund (other than the sales load but including the distribution assistance payment to TSC Distributors, LLC ( TSCD ) described below) to the extent that they exceed \$0.05 per Common Share. The Adviser has agreed to pay up to 0.10% of the total gross assets raised in the Fund's initial public offering to TSCD, as payment for providing certain distribution-related services, as well as reasonable out of pocket expenses related to the Fund's roadshow. To the extent the Fund has not otherwise paid offering expenses that exceed \$0.05 per Common Share, the Fund will reimburse the Adviser for the full amount of such payments to TSCD. If the Fund were to issue 10,000,000 Common Shares at a total price to the public of \$250,000,000, total offering expenses are estimated at \$1,650,000 (approximately \$0.165 per Common Share), of which the Fund would pay \$500,000 (\$0.05 per Common Share or 0.20% of the Public Offering Price) and the Adviser \$1,150,000 (approximately \$0.115 per Common Share). The Adviser expects to pay approximately \$100,000 in organizational expenses of the Fund. The actual size of the offering and related expenses may vary substantially from these estimates. See Summary of Fund Expenses.

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The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments based on DoubleLine's assessment of the potential returns and risks of different sectors of the debt security markets and of particular securities and other investments. Such securities may include, by way of example, U.S. Government securities; debt securities issued by domestic or foreign corporate or other issuers; obligations of foreign sovereigns or their agencies or instrumentalities; equity, mortgage, or hybrid real estate investment trust ( REIT ) securities that trade on an exchange (*i.e.*, the Fund may not purchase REIT securities that do not trade on an exchange); bank loans (including, among others, senior loans, delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities); municipal securities and other debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises; collateralized loan obligations; payment-in-kind securities; zero-coupon bonds; inflation-indexed bonds; structured notes and other hybrid instruments; convertible securities; credit-linked trust certificates; preferred securities; commercial paper; and cash and cash equivalents. The rate of interest on the debt and other income-producing investments that the Fund may purchase may be fixed, floating, or variable.

The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities of any kind. Mortgage-backed securities may include, among other things, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations, or securities of domestic or foreign private issuers.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities of issuers domiciled or organized in jurisdictions other than the United States, including securities of issuers domiciled or organized in emerging market countries. The Fund initially intends to invest a significant portion of its assets in securities of issuers

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domiciled or organized in emerging market countries, although the composition of the Fund's portfolio may change over time and from time to time such that a significant portion of the Fund's assets are not invested in securities of emerging markets issuers. Although the Fund intends initially to invest only in U.S. dollar-denominated investments, the Fund may take positions in various foreign (non-U.S.) currencies, including by actual holdings of those currencies and through forward, futures, swap, and option contracts with respect to foreign currencies, for hedging, or as a substitute for actual purchases or sales of the currencies in question; the Fund may over time also invest in investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar if DoubleLine determines that such investments present favorable investment opportunities. The Fund may (but is not required to) attempt to hedge some of its exposure to foreign currencies in order to reduce the risk of loss due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities rated below investment grade (securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's)) and BB+ or below by Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) and Fitch, Inc. (Fitch)) or unrated securities judged by DoubleLine to be of comparable quality. The Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in corporate debt instruments that are, at the time of purchase, rated lower than B3 by Moody's and lower than B- by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). In addition, the Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in debt securities and other income-producing investments that are not rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Debt securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and to repay principal, and are commonly referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds. Securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's and BB+ or below by S&P or Fitch are considered vulnerable to nonpayment and their issuers to be dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet their financial commitments. The Fund may invest in securities at risk of being in default as to the repayment of principal and/or interest at the time of acquisition by the Fund. However, the Fund will not normally invest in corporate debt securities rated at the time of investment lower than Ca3 by Moody's and lower than C by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). In the case of split ratings, DoubleLine will categorize the security according to the highest rating assigned.

The Fund may invest in securities of any or no maturity. The portfolio managers intend, under normal market conditions, to seek to construct an investment portfolio with a weighted average effective duration of not less than two years and not more than ten years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt instrument that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's portfolio duration adjusted for the anticipated effect of interest rate changes on bond and mortgage pre-payment rates. The effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio may from time to time vary materially from its target range, and there is no assurance that the effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio will not exceed the target range.

The Fund may use various derivative strategies for hedging purposes, or to gain, or reduce, long or short exposure to one or more asset classes, issuers, currencies or reference assets. The Fund also may enter into derivatives transactions with the purpose or effect of creating investment leverage.

**Leverage.** As soon as reasonably practicable following the completion of the initial public offering of the Fund's Common Shares, the Fund intends, subject to then favorable market conditions, to add leverage to its portfolio by using reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings, such as through loans or lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities. The Adviser currently expects that the leverage initially obtained through such instruments may represent approximately 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through the use of such instruments). Although it has no current intention to do so, the Fund also may determine to issue preferred shares to add leverage to its portfolio. The Fund also may enter into transactions other than reverse repurchase

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agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or the issuance of preferred shares that may give rise to a form of leverage or that have leverage embedded in them including, among others, transactions involving inverse floaters and related securities, credit default swap contracts and other transactions. Other such transactions include loans of portfolio securities, transactions involving derivative instruments, short sales and when-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions. These transactions may represent a form of investment leverage and will create special risks. The use of these forms of additional leverage will increase the volatility of the Fund's investment portfolio and could result in larger losses than if the strategies were not used. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will not (i) enter into reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions, (ii) borrow money through loans or draw on lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities, (iii) issue preferred shares, or (iv) enter into derivatives transactions with the intention on the part of the Adviser to create investment leverage, if as a result the amount of investment leverage the Adviser determines to be attributable to the activities listed in (i) through (iv) above in the aggregate would exceed 50% of the Fund's total assets (including, for purposes of the 50% limit, the amounts of leverage obtained through such activities) (the 50% leverage policy). Derivatives transactions entered into by the Fund to hedge, manage or reduce risk or to equitize a cash position will not be considered to have been made for the purpose of creating investment leverage and therefore will not be subject to the 50% leverage policy. It is possible that following the incurrence of any amount of investment leverage, the value of the assets of the Fund will decline due to market conditions or other factors and that the 50% leverage limit will as a result be exceeded. In that case, the leverage risk to holders of Common Shares will increase. See **Leverage** and **Principal Risk Factors** **Leverage Risk**.

The Fund will use leverage opportunistically and may choose to increase, decrease, or eliminate its use of leverage over time and from time to time based on DoubleLine's assessment of the yield curve environment, interest rate trends, market conditions, and other factors. By using leverage, the Fund may seek to obtain a higher return for Common Shareholders than if the Fund did not use leverage. Leveraging is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs involved. There can be no assurance that a leveraging strategy will be used or that it will be successful. See **Leverage** and **Principal Risk Factors** **Leverage Risk**.

Please read this prospectus carefully before deciding whether to invest and retain it for future reference. It sets forth concisely the information about the Fund that a prospective investor ought to know before investing in the Fund. The Fund has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) a statement of additional information (SAI) dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, containing additional information about the Fund. The SAI is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, which means it is part of this prospectus for legal purposes. The Fund also will produce both annual and semi-annual reports that will contain important information about the Fund. Copies of the SAI and the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports, when available, may be obtained upon request, without charge, by calling toll-free (877) DLine11 (877-354-6311) or by writing to the Fund at 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, California 90071. You also may call this toll-free telephone number to request other information about the Fund or to make shareholder inquiries. The annual report and the semi-annual report will be made available on the Fund's website at [www.doublelinefunds.com](http://www.doublelinefunds.com). Information on, or accessible through, the Fund's website is not a part of, and is not incorporated into, this prospectus. Although the SAI is not available on the Fund's website because the Common Shares will no longer be offered for sale by the Fund following the date of this prospectus, the SEC maintains an internet website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) that contains the SAI, material incorporated by reference, and other information regarding the Fund. The table of contents for the statement of additional information appears on page 118 of this prospectus.



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The Fund's Common Shares 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.

Through and including \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 (the 25th date after the date of this prospectus) federal securities law may require all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, to deliver a prospectus. This requirement is in addition to the dealers obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The Fund has not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with inconsistent information. If anyone provides you with inconsistent information, you should not assume that the Fund or the underwriters have authorized or verified it. The Fund is not, and the underwriters are not, making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus. The Fund's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

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## Prospectus summary

*This is only a summary. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the Fund's common shares. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in the statement of additional information. In particular, you should carefully read the principal risks of investing in the Fund's common shares, as discussed under Principal Risk Factors.*

### **THE FUND**

DoubleLine Income Solutions Fund (the Fund) is a newly organized, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. See The Fund on page 39.

### **THE OFFERING**

The Fund is offering common shares of beneficial interest ( Common Shares ) through a group of underwriters led by UBS Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. You must purchase at least 100 Common Shares (\$2,500) if you wish to participate in this offering. The Fund has granted the underwriters (the Underwriters) an option to purchase up to additional Common Shares to cover overallotments. The initial public offering price is \$25.00 per share. See Underwriters.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

#### **Investment objectives**

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income; its secondary objective is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund cannot assure you that it will achieve its investment objectives.

#### **Principal Investment Strategies**

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objectives by investing in a portfolio of investments selected for their potential to provide high current income, growth of capital, or both. The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments anywhere in the world, including in emerging markets. The Fund's investment adviser, DoubleLine Capital LP ( DoubleLine or the Adviser ), allocates the Fund's assets among debt security market sectors, and among investments within those sectors, in an attempt to construct a portfolio providing the potential for a high level of current income and for capital appreciation consistent with what DoubleLine considers an appropriate level of risk in light of market conditions prevailing at the time. In managing the Fund's investments, the Adviser uses a controlled risk approach. The techniques of this approach attempt to control the principal risk components of the fixed-income markets and include consideration of:

Ø security selection within a given debt security market sector;

Ø relative performance of the various market sectors;

Ø the shape of the yield curve; and

Ø fluctuations in the overall level of interest rates.

Implementation of portfolio asset allocation decisions is made by the Fund's portfolio managers after consultation with DoubleLine's Fixed Income Asset Allocation Committee, a committee consisting of portfolio managers and analysts that contributes to fixed-income asset allocation decisions made on behalf of the Fund by DoubleLine. DoubleLine will select investments over time to implement its long-term strategic investment view. It also will buy and sell securities opportunistically in response to short-term market, economic, political, or other developments or otherwise as opportunities may present



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themselves. DoubleLine will manage the Fund under an integrated risk management framework overseen by the Fund's portfolio management team and DoubleLine's risk management team.

The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments based on DoubleLine's assessment of the potential returns and risks of different sectors of the debt security markets and of particular securities and other investments. Such securities may include, by way of example, U.S. Government securities; debt securities issued by domestic or foreign corporate or other issuers; obligations of foreign sovereigns or their agencies or instrumentalities; equity, mortgage, or hybrid real estate investment trust ( REIT ) securities that trade on an exchange (*i.e.*, the Fund may not purchase REIT securities that do not trade on an exchange); bank loans (including, among others, senior loans, delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities); municipal securities and other debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises; collateralized loan obligations ( CLOs ); payment-in-kind securities; zero-coupon bonds; inflation-indexed bonds; structured notes and other hybrid instruments; convertible securities; credit-linked trust certificates; preferred securities; commercial paper; and cash and cash equivalents. The rate of interest on the debt and other income-producing investments that the Fund may purchase may be fixed, floating, or variable. DoubleLine expects that the Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in debt securities and other income-producing investments anywhere in the world, including emerging markets. DoubleLine expects that the Fund will normally not invest more than 50% of its total assets in a single debt security market sector (excluding U.S. Government securities), as determined by the Adviser.

The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities of any kind. Mortgage-backed securities may include, among other things, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations, or securities of domestic or foreign private issuers. Mortgage-backed securities may be issued or guaranteed by banks or other financial institutions, special-purpose vehicles established for such purpose, or private issuers, or by government agencies or instrumentalities. Privately-issued mortgage-backed securities include any mortgage-backed security other than those issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Mortgage-backed securities may include, without limitation, interests in pools of residential mortgages or commercial mortgages, and may relate to domestic or non-U.S. mortgages. Mortgage-backed securities include, but are not limited to, securities representing interests in, collateralized or backed by, or whose values are determined in whole or in part by reference to, any number of mortgages or pools of mortgages or the payment experience of such mortgages or pools of mortgages, including Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits ( REMICs ), which could include resecuritizations of REMICs ( Re-REMICs ), mortgage pass-through securities, inverse floaters, collateralized mortgage obligations ( CMOs ), multiclass pass-through securities, private mortgage pass-through securities, and stripped mortgage securities (generally interest-only and principal-only securities).

The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities that are not mortgage-backed securities, including securitizations of various non-mortgage-related receivables, such as, credit card and automobile finance receivables, student loans, airplane leases, installment loan contracts, home equity loans, and leases of various types of real and personal property.

The Fund will not normally invest more than 10% of its total assets in CLOs, and will normally not invest in equity tranches of CLOs. The Fund will not normally invest more than 5% of its total assets in asset-backed securities that are not mortgage-backed securities, CLOs or obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations. The Fund will not normally invest in collateralized debt obligations that are not mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities or CLOs.

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Certain mortgage- and other asset-backed securities in which the Fund may invest may represent an inverse interest-only class of security for which the holders are entitled to receive no payments of principal and are entitled only to receive interest at a rate that will vary inversely with a specified index or reference rate, or a multiple thereof.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities of issuers domiciled or organized in jurisdictions other than the United States, including securities of issuers domiciled or organized in emerging market countries. The Fund initially intends to invest a significant portion of its assets in securities of issuers domiciled or organized in emerging market countries, although the composition of the Fund's portfolio may change over time and from time to time such that a significant portion of the Fund's assets are not invested in securities of emerging markets issuers. Although the Fund intends initially to invest only in U.S. dollar-denominated securities, the Fund may take positions in various foreign (non-U.S.) currencies, including by actual holdings of those currencies and through forward, futures, swap, and option contracts with respect to foreign currencies, for hedging, or as a substitute for actual purchases or sales of the currencies in question; the Fund may over time also invest in investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar if DoubleLine determines that such investments present favorable investment opportunities. The Fund may (but is not required to) attempt to hedge some of its exposure to foreign currencies in order to reduce the risk of loss due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities rated below investment grade (securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's)) and BB+ or below by Standard & Poor's Rating Services (S&P) and Fitch, Inc. (Fitch)) or unrated securities judged by DoubleLine to be of comparable quality. The Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in corporate debt instruments that are, at the time of purchase, rated lower than B3 by Moody's and lower than B- by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). In addition, the Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in debt securities and other income-producing investments that are not rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Debt securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and to repay principal, and are commonly referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds. Securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's and BB+ or below by S&P or Fitch are considered vulnerable to nonpayment and their issuers to be dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet their financial commitments. The Fund may invest in securities at risk of being in default as to the repayment of principal and/or interest at the time of acquisition by the Fund. However, the Fund will not normally invest in corporate debt securities rated at the time of investment lower than Ca3 by Moody's and lower than C by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Fund will not normally invest in defaulted corporate securities. In the case of split ratings, DoubleLine will categorize the security according to the highest rating assigned.

The Fund may invest in securities of any or no maturity. The portfolio managers intend, under normal market conditions, to seek to construct an investment portfolio with a weighted average effective duration of not less than two years and not more than ten years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt instrument that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. For example, the value of a portfolio of debt securities with an average duration of ten years would generally be expected to decline by approximately 10% if interest rates rose by one percentage point. Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's portfolio duration adjusted for the anticipated effect of interest rate changes on bond and mortgage pre-payment rates. The effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio may from time to time vary materially from its target range, and there is no assurance that the effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio will not exceed the target range.

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The Fund may hold common stocks and other equity securities from time to time, including, among others, those it has received through the conversion of a convertible security held by the Fund or in connection with the restructuring of a debt security. The Fund may invest in securities that have not been registered for public sale, including securities eligible for purchase and sale pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and other securities issued in private placements. The Fund also may invest without limit in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs), but the Fund may not invest in funds sponsored or advised by DoubleLine or any investment adviser affiliate controlling, controlled by or under common control with DoubleLine. The Fund may invest in securities of companies with small and medium market capitalizations.

Portfolio securities may be sold at any time. Sales may occur when the Adviser determines to take advantage of what it considers to be a better investment opportunity, when the portfolio managers believe the portfolio securities no longer represent relatively attractive investment opportunities, when there is perceived deterioration in the credit fundamentals of the issuer, or when the individual security has reached the portfolio managers' sell target.

The Fund's investment objectives may be changed by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the Board or the Trustees) without prior notice to or approval of the Fund's shareholders.

**Diversification.** The Fund is a non-diversified investment company, and so may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than investment companies that are diversified. See Principal Risk Factors Issuer Non-Diversification Risk.

**Note regarding investment limitations.** Where this prospectus states that the Fund or the Adviser will not, or does not intend to, make investments in excess of a stated percentage of the Fund's total assets, total assets includes amounts of leverage obtained through the use of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or issuances of preferred shares. With respect to any reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll transaction, total assets includes any proceeds from the sale of an asset of the Fund to a counterparty in such a transaction, in addition to the value of the asset so sold as of the relevant measuring date. Except as otherwise noted, all percentages apply only at the time of investment.

## **DERIVATIVES**

The Fund may use various derivative strategies for hedging purposes, or to gain, or reduce, long or short exposure to one or more asset classes, issuers, currencies or reference assets. The Fund also may enter into derivatives transactions with the purpose or effect of creating investment leverage. Although the Fund reserves the right to invest in derivatives of any kind, it currently expects that it may use the following types of derivatives: futures contracts and options on futures contracts, in order to gain efficient long or short investment exposures as an alternative to cash investments or to hedge against portfolio exposures; interest rate swaps, to gain indirect long or short exposures to interest rates, issuers, or currencies, or to hedge against portfolio exposures; and total return swaps and credit derivatives, put and call options, and exchange-traded and structured notes, to take indirect long or short positions on indexes, securities, currencies, commodities or other indicators of value. The Fund may, for hedging purposes or as a substitute for direct investments in debt securities, make use of credit default swaps, which are contracts whereby one party makes periodic payments to a counterparty in exchange for the right to receive from the counterparty a payment equal to the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation in the event of a default by the issuer of the debt obligation. When the Fund acts as a seller of a credit default swap, the Fund or its agents will earmark on its books or segregate liquid assets equal to the full notional amount of the swap agreement. The Fund may engage in short sales, either to earn additional return or to hedge existing investments. Any use of derivatives strategies

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entails the risks of investing directly in the securities or instruments underlying the derivatives strategies, as well as the risks of using derivatives generally, and in some cases the risks of leverage, described in this prospectus and in the Fund's statement of additional information (SAI). The Fund or its agents will earmark or segregate liquid assets on its books against its derivatives exposures to the extent required by law.

## **LEVERAGE**

As soon as reasonably practicable following the completion of the initial public offering of the Fund's Common Shares, the Fund intends, subject to then favorable market conditions, to add leverage to its portfolio by using reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings, such as through loans or lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities. The Adviser currently expects that the leverage initially obtained through such instruments may represent approximately 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the Fund's total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through the use of such instruments). Although it has no current intention to do so, the Fund also may determine to issue preferred shares to add leverage to its portfolio.

The Fund also may enter into transactions other than reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or the issuance of preferred shares that may give rise to a form of leverage or that have leverage embedded in them including, among others, transactions involving inverse floaters and related securities, credit default swap contracts and other transactions. Other such transactions include loans of portfolio securities, transactions involving derivative instruments, short sales and when-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions. These transactions may represent a form of investment leverage and will create special risks. The use of these forms of additional leverage will increase the volatility of the Fund's investment portfolio and could result in larger losses than if the strategies were not used.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will not (i) enter into reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions, (ii) borrow money through loans or draw on lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities, (iii) issue preferred shares, or (iv) enter into derivatives transactions with the intention on the part of the Adviser to create investment leverage, if as a result the amount of investment leverage the Adviser determines to be attributable to the activities listed in (i) through (iv) above in the aggregate would exceed 50% of the Fund's total assets (including, for purposes of the 50% limit, the amounts of leverage obtained through such activities) (the 50% leverage policy). Derivatives transactions entered into by the Fund to hedge, manage or reduce risk or to equitize a cash position will not be considered to have been made for the purpose of creating investment leverage and therefore will not be subject to the 50% leverage policy; the Adviser generally will determine whether an investment has the effect of creating investment leverage by evaluating the effect of the investment on the exposure and risk profile of the Fund as a whole. It is possible that following the incurrence of any amount of investment leverage, the value of the assets of the Fund will decline due to market conditions or other factors and that the 50% leverage limit will as a result be exceeded. In that case, the leverage risk to holders of Common Shares (Common Shareholders) will increase. See **Leverage** and **Principal Risk Factors** **Leverage Risk**.

The Fund will use leverage opportunistically and may choose to increase, decrease, or eliminate its use of leverage over time and from time to time based on DoubleLine's assessment of the yield curve environment, interest rate trends, market conditions, and other factors. There is no assurance that the Fund will use reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions or borrowings, issue preferred shares and/or use other forms of leverage. If used, there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategies will be successful. The net proceeds the Fund obtains from the use of leverage will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as described in this prospectus. So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the investments purchased by the Fund exceeds



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the costs of such leverage to the Fund, the use of leverage should help the Fund to achieve an investment return greater than it would if it were not leveraged, although use of leverage may result in losses greater than if the Fund had not used leverage.

Leveraging is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs involved. The Fund cannot assure you that any use of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, or other forms of leverage (such as a potential future issuance of preferred shares or the use of derivatives strategies) will result in a higher investment return on your Common Shares, and it may result in losses. When leverage is used, the net asset value ( NAV ) and market price of the Common Shares and the yield to Common Shareholders will be more volatile. In addition, fees and expenses of repurchase agreements and borrowings, any future issuance of preferred shares, and other forms of leverage borne by the Fund are borne entirely by the Common Shareholders (and not by preferred shareholders, if any) and will reduce the investment return of the Common Shares. New regulations or guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the CFTC ) or their staffs could, among other things, restrict the Fund's ability to engage in leveraging and derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the Fund) and/or increase the costs of such leveraging and derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements), and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategy as a result.

Because the fees received by the Adviser are based on the total managed assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or preferred shares that may be outstanding), there is a financial incentive for the Adviser to cause the Fund to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Common Shareholders, on the other hand.

Please see **Leverage** and **Principal Risk Factors - Leverage Risk** in the body of this prospectus for additional information regarding the Fund's use of leverage and related risks.

## **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

DoubleLine serves as the investment adviser of the Fund. Subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser is responsible for managing, either directly or through others selected by it, the investment activities of the Fund and the Fund's business affairs. The Adviser will receive an annual fee, computed and paid monthly, in an amount equal to 1.00% of the Fund's average daily total managed assets. **Total managed assets** means the total assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions or similar transactions, borrowings, and preferred shares that may be outstanding) minus accrued liabilities (other than liabilities in respect of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, or similar transactions, and borrowings). For purposes of calculating **total managed assets**, the liquidation preference of any preferred shares outstanding shall not be considered a liability. With respect to any reverse repurchase agreement, dollar roll or similar transaction, **total managed assets** includes any proceeds from the sale of an asset of the Fund to a counterparty in such a transaction, in addition to the value of the asset so sold as of the relevant measuring date. Cash and cash equivalents are included when calculating the Fund's total managed assets. For purposes of calculating total managed assets, the Fund's derivative investments generally will be valued based on their market value (*i.e.*, the notional value of such investments will not be used for purposes of calculating total managed assets). The average daily total managed assets of the Fund for any month is determined by taking an average of all of the determinations of total managed assets during such month at the close of business on each business day during such month.

The Adviser is located at 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, California 90071. The Adviser was co-founded by Jeffrey E. Gundlach and Philip A. Barach in December 2009. Prior to

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founding the Adviser, Mr. Gundlach was Chief Investment Officer of the TCW Group, Inc. and Mr. Barach was a Group Managing Director of the TCW Mortgage Group. The success of the Adviser is highly dependent upon its founders. As of February 28, 2013, the Adviser had approximately \$55 billion of assets under management.

**ADMINISTRATOR**

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ( USBFS or the Administrator ) is the Fund's administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent. Pursuant to a Master Services Agreement (the Master Services Agreement ) among the Fund, USBFS and TS Capital, LLC ( TSC ), USBFS, with principal offices at 615 E. Michigan Street, 3rd Floor, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, serves as administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent, and provides certain additional compliance services to the Fund. As administrator, USBFS provides certain services, including, among other things, furnishing the Fund with various services required by the Fund's operations; compiling data for and preparing notices to the SEC; calculating the Fund's daily NAV and certain other financial data; preparing reports that are required by the securities, investment, tax or other laws and regulations of the United States; coordinating federal and state tax returns; monitoring the Fund's expense accruals; and generally assisting in the overall operations of the Fund. Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, the Fund has retained TSC to provide, upon request, certain other services to the Fund, including, among other things, preparing a variety of shareholder communications and press releases; communicating with the closed-end fund analyst community; generally assisting with the Fund's communications with the investment community; and providing reports to the Board regarding certain strategic issues relating to closed-end funds. For these services the Fund will pay USBFS an aggregate fee, payable monthly, at the annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average daily total managed assets. For these purposes, the Fund's average daily total managed assets will be calculated in the same manner as they are for purposes of calculating the fee payable under the Investment Management Agreement. See Management of the Fund Investment Management Agreement. In addition, the fee is subject to a minimum annual fee of \$350,000. USBFS will also be reimbursed by the Fund for out-of-pocket expenses that are reasonably incurred by USBFS and TSC in performing their duties under the Master Services Agreement. USBFS (and not the Fund) will be responsible for compensating and reimbursing TSC from the fees and reimbursements paid to USBFS by the Fund.

**DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Fund intends to declare and pay distributions from its net investment income monthly. The Fund also expects to make a distribution during or with respect to each calendar year (which may be combined with a regular monthly distribution), which will generally include any net investment income and net realized capital gain for the year not otherwise distributed previously. The tax treatment and characterization of the Fund's distributions may vary significantly from time to time because of the varied nature of the Fund's investments. The tax characterization of the Fund's distributions made in a taxable year cannot finally be determined until at or after the end of the year. If the total distributions made in any taxable year exceed the sum of the Fund's (i) investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code )) and net tax-exempt income, determined in each case without regard to the deduction for dividends paid, and (ii) net capital gains (defined as net long-term gains in excess of net short-term losses, in each case taking into account any loss carryforwards), such excess distributed amount would be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes first as a tax-free return of capital to Common Shareholders to the extent of their adjusted tax basis in the Common Shares. After such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, the distribution would constitute capital gain (assuming the shares are held as capital assets). In general terms, a return of capital would involve a situation where a Fund distribution (or a portion thereof) represents a return of a portion of the Common Shareholder's investment, rather than net income or capital gains generated from

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his or her investment during a particular period. Although return of capital distributions may not be taxable, such distributions would reduce the basis of a shareholder's Common Shares and therefore may increase a shareholder's tax liability for capital gains upon a sale of Common Shares. See Tax Matters. Returns of capital cause less of the Common Shareholders' assets to be invested in the Fund and thereby potentially increase the Fund's expense ratio over time. The distribution policy may cause the Fund to sell a security at a time it would not otherwise do so in order to manage the distribution of income and gain.

The Fund's initial distribution is expected to be declared approximately 45 to 60 days after the completion of this offering and paid approximately 60 to 90 days after the completion of the offering, depending on market conditions. See Distributions. The initial distributions by the Fund may consist primarily of a return of capital depending on the timing of the investment of the proceeds of this offering.

Although the Fund does not presently intend to do so, the Fund may in the future apply for an order granting an exemption from Section 19(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and Rule 19b-1 thereunder to permit the Fund to include realized long-term capital gains as a part of its regular distributions to Common Shareholders more frequently than would otherwise be permitted by the 1940 Act (generally once per taxable year). There is no assurance that the SEC would grant the Fund's request for such an exemptive order if such a request were made. If the Fund fails to receive the requested relief and the Fund is unable to include realized capital gains in regular distributions more frequently than would otherwise be permitted by the 1940 Act, it is possible that the Fund's distribution policy, as set forth above, will otherwise be adversely affected.

If the Fund were to receive the exemptive order discussed above, the Fund may, but will not necessarily, seek to pay distributions generally at a rate based on a fixed percentage of the Common Shares' NAV at a particular time (a managed distribution policy). Any such managed distribution policy may be modified by the Board from time to time. If the Fund were to seek to make distributions under a managed distribution policy, it would typically be intended to result in the payment of approximately the same percentage of the Fund's NAV to Common Shareholders each month. Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19a-1 thereunder require the Fund to provide a written statement accompanying any such payment that adequately discloses its source or sources. Thus, if the source of the dividend or other distribution were the original capital contribution of the Common Shareholder, and the payment amounted to a return of capital, the Fund would be required to provide written disclosure to that effect. Nevertheless, persons who periodically receive the payment of a dividend or other distribution may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits when they are not. Common Shareholders should read any written disclosure provided pursuant to Section 19(a) and Rule 19a-1 carefully, and should not assume that the source of any distribution from the Fund is net income or net profit. In addition, in cases where the Fund would return capital to Common Shareholders, such a distribution may bear on the Fund's ability to maintain its asset coverage requirements and to pay the dividends on any preferred shares that the Fund may issue, if ever. See Distributions.

The Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the Fund satisfies the asset coverage test with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness or senior securities that are stocks, if any, as prescribed by the 1940 Act. See Leverage for more information.

## **LISTING**

The Fund anticipates that its Common Shares will be listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ), subject to notice of issuance, under the trading or ticker symbol DSL.

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### **CUSTODIAN AND TRANSFER AGENT**

U.S. Bank National Association ( U.S. Bank ) will serve as custodian of the Fund's assets. USBFS, an affiliate of U.S. Bank, will serve as the Fund's registrar, transfer agent and dividend disbursement agent.

### **PRINCIPAL RISK FACTORS**

#### **No prior history**

The Fund is a newly organized, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company with no history of operations and is subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business.

#### **Market discount risk**

As with any stock, the price of the Fund's Common Shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If you sell your Common Shares, the price received may be more or less than your original investment. The Fund's NAV will be reduced immediately following the initial offering by a sales load and organizational and offering expenses paid or reimbursed by the Fund. The Common Shares are designed for long-term investors and should not be treated as trading vehicles. Shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. The Common Shares may trade at a price that is less than the initial offering price. This risk may be greater for investors who sell their shares relatively shortly after completion of the initial offering. The Fund cannot assure you that Common Shares will trade at a price equal to or higher than NAV in the future, and they may trade at a price lower than NAV. In addition to the Fund's NAV, the Fund's market price may be affected by factors related to the Fund such as dividend payments (which will in turn be affected by Fund expenses, including the costs of the Fund's leverage, amounts of interest payments made by the Fund's portfolio holdings, appreciation/depreciation of the Fund's portfolio holdings, regulation affecting the timing and character of Fund distributions, and other factors), portfolio credit quality, liquidity, call protection, market supply and demand and similar factors relating to the Fund's portfolio holdings. The Fund's market price may also be affected by general market or economic conditions, including market trends affecting securities values generally or values of closed-end fund shares more specifically.

#### **Issuer risk**

The value of securities may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as its financial strength, management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets.

#### **Investment and market risk**

An investment in Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount invested. An investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities and other instruments owned by the Fund. Securities and other instruments held by the Fund are generally traded in over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities and other instruments, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. The Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than their original cost, even after taking into account any reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Further, the value of securities and other instruments held by the Fund may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries. In particular, many debt securities and other instruments of the types in which the Fund may invest, and debt markets generally, have experienced increases, in some cases substantial increases, in value in recent years; there is no assurance that such increases will continue or that such securities or markets will not experience substantial decreases in value or broad reversals in the future. As current

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interest rates are significantly below historical norms, there can be no assurance that interest rates will decline further, or that they will not increase significantly in the future, which could cause the values of debt securities and other instruments of the types in which the Fund may invest to decline significantly.

### **Issuer non-diversification risk**

The Fund is a non-diversified investment company and therefore may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or a limited number of issuers than funds that are diversified. Accordingly, the Fund is more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund might be. Some of the issuers in which the Fund invests also may present substantial credit or other risks. The Fund will be subject to similar risks to the extent that it enters into derivatives transactions with a limited number of counterparties.

### **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one or more of the Fund's investments in debt securities or other instruments will decline in price, or fail to pay interest, liquidation value or principal when due, because the issuer of the obligation or the issuer of a reference security experiences an actual or perceived decline in its financial status.

### **Interest rate risk**

Generally, when market interest rates rise, the prices of debt obligations fall, and when market interest rates fall, the prices of debt obligations generally rise. Interest rate risk is the risk that debt obligations and other instruments in the Fund's portfolio will decline in value because of increases in market interest rates. This risk may be particularly acute in the current market environment because market interest rates are currently at historically low levels. The prices of long-term debt obligations generally fluctuate more than prices of short-term debt obligations as interest rates change. Because the Fund's weighted average effective duration generally will fluctuate as interest rates change, the Common Share NAV and market price per share may tend to fluctuate more in response to changes in market interest rates than if the Fund invested mainly in short-term debt securities. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may extend due to lower than expected rates of pre-payments, which could cause the securities' durations to extend and expose the securities to more price volatility. This may lock in a below market yield, increase the security's duration and reduce the securities' value. In addition to directly affecting debt securities, rising interest rates also may have an adverse effect on the value of any equity securities held by the Fund. The Fund's use of leverage, as described below, will tend to increase Common Share interest rate risk. DoubleLine may use certain strategies, including investments in structured notes or interest rate futures contracts or swap, cap, floor or collar transactions, for the purpose of reducing the interest rate sensitivity of the Fund's portfolio, although there is no assurance that it will do so or that such strategies will be successful.

Variable and floating rate debt securities are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes, but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not generally increase in value if interest rates decline. Inverse floating rate debt securities may decrease in value if interest rates increase. Inverse floating rate debt securities also may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate debt obligation with similar credit quality. When the Fund holds variable or floating rate securities, a decrease (or, in the case of inverse floating rate securities, an increase) in market interest rates will adversely affect the income received from such securities and the NAV of the Common Shares.

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### **Debt securities risk**

In addition to certain of the other risks described herein, debt securities generally also are subject to the following risks:

- Ø **Redemption Risk** Debt securities sometimes contain provisions that allow for redemption in the event of tax or security law changes in addition to call features at the option of the issuer. In the event of a redemption, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at comparable rates of return.
- Ø **Liquidity** Certain debt securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as U.S. Government securities or common shares or other equity securities.
- Ø **Spread Risk** Wider credit spreads and decreasing market values typically represent a deterioration of the debt security's credit soundness and a perceived greater likelihood or risk of default by the issuer.
- Ø **Limited Voting Rights** Debt securities typically do not provide any voting rights, except in cases when interest payments have not been made and the issuer is in default. Even in such cases, such rights may be limited to the terms of the debenture or other agreements.

### **Corporate debt risks**

Corporate debt securities generally represent an issuer's obligation to repay to the investor (or lender) the amount borrowed plus interest over a specified time period. A typical corporate bond specifies a fixed date when the amount borrowed (principal) is due in full, known as the maturity date, and specifies dates when periodic interest (coupon) payments will be made over the life of the security.

Corporate debt securities come in many varieties and may differ in the way that interest is calculated, the amount and frequency of payments, the type of collateral, if any, and the presence of special features (*e.g.*, conversion rights). The Fund's investments in corporate debt securities may include, but are not limited to, senior, junior, secured and unsecured bonds, notes and other debt securities, and may be fixed rate, floating rate, zero coupon and inflation linked, among other things. The Fund may invest in convertible bonds, which are fixed income securities that are exercisable into other debt or equity securities, and synthetic convertible securities, which are created through a combination of separate securities that possess the two principal characteristics of a traditional convertible security, *i.e.*, an income-producing security ( income-producing component ) and the right to acquire an equity security ( convertible component ).

Prices of corporate debt securities fluctuate and, in particular, are subject to several key risks including, but not limited to, interest rate risk, credit risk, prepayment risk and spread risk. The market value of a corporate bond may be affected by the credit rating of the issuer, the issuer's performance, perceptions of the issuer in the market place, management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services. There is a risk that the issuers of the corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest may not be able to meet their obligations on interest or principal payments at the time called for by an instrument (default risk).

### **Foreign (non-U.S.) investment risk**

The Fund's investments in and exposure to foreign securities involve special risks. For example, the value of these investments may decline in response to unfavorable political and legal developments, unreliable or untimely information or economic and financial instability. Foreign securities may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value than investments in securities of U.S. issuers. The securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Issuers of foreign securities are usually not subject to the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers. Reporting, accounting, auditing, and custody standards of foreign countries differ, in

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some cases significantly, from U.S. standards. Also, nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, currency blockage, political changes or diplomatic developments could adversely affect the Fund's investments in a foreign country. In the event of nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, the Fund could lose its entire investment in foreign securities. To the extent that the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in a particular foreign country or a concentrated geographic area (such as Europe or Asia), the Fund will generally have more exposure to regional economic risks associated with foreign investments. Also, adverse conditions in a certain region can adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated. The costs of investing in foreign countries frequently are higher than the costs of investing in the United States. Foreign countries may impose taxes on income from or disposition of foreign securities, thereby reducing the Fund's return on such securities. Additionally, investments in securities of foreign issuers generally will be denominated in foreign currencies, subjecting the Fund to foreign currency risk. See Foreign Currency Risk.

### **Emerging markets risk**

Investing in emerging market countries involves substantial risk due to the potential to have limited information compared to what may be available or required by more developed countries; higher brokerage costs; different accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; the potential for less developed legal systems and thinner trading markets as compared to those in developed countries; currency blockages or transfer restrictions; an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid; and expropriation, nationalization or other adverse political or economic developments.

Political and economic structures in many emerging market countries may be undergoing significant evolution and rapid development, and such countries may lack the social, political and economic stability characteristics of developed countries. Some of these countries have in the past failed to recognize private property rights and have nationalized or expropriated the assets of private companies.

The securities markets of emerging market countries may be substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets in the United States and other developed nations. The limited size of many securities markets in emerging market countries and limited trading volume in issuers compared to the volume in U.S. securities or securities of issuers in other developed countries could cause prices to be erratic for reasons other than factors that affect the quality of the securities. In addition, emerging market countries' exchanges and broker-dealers may generally be subject to less regulation than their counterparts in developed countries. Brokerage commissions and dealer mark-ups, custodial expenses and other transaction costs are generally higher in emerging market countries than in developed countries. As a result, funds that invest in emerging market countries have operating expenses that are higher than funds investing in other securities markets.

Emerging market countries may have different clearance and settlement procedures than in the United States, and in certain markets there may be times when settlements fail to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Further, satisfactory custodial services for investment securities may not be available in some emerging market countries, which may result in the Fund incurring additional costs and delays in transporting and custodial services for investment securities outside such countries. Delays in settlement or other problems could result in periods when assets of the Fund are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of the Fund to make intended security purchases due to settlement problems or the risk of intermediary counterparty failures could cause the Fund to miss attractive investment opportunities. The inability to dispose of a portfolio security due to settlement problems could result either in losses to the Fund due to subsequent declines in the value of such portfolio security or, if the Fund has entered into a contract to sell the security, could result in possible liability to the purchaser.

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Some emerging market countries have a greater degree of economic, political and social instability than the United States and other developed countries. Such social, political and economic instability could disrupt the financial markets in which the Fund invests and adversely affect the value of its investment portfolio.

Currencies of emerging market countries have sometimes experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and major devaluations have historically occurred in certain countries. A devaluation of the currency in which investment portfolio securities are denominated will negatively impact the value of those securities. Emerging market countries have and may in the future impose foreign currency controls and repatriation controls. In addition, some currency hedging techniques may be unavailable in emerging market countries, and the currencies of emerging market countries may experience greater volatility in exchange rates as compared to those of developed countries.

### **Mortgage-backed securities risks**

Mortgage-backed securities include, among other things, participation interests in pools of residential mortgage loans purchased from individual lenders by a federal agency or originated and issued by private lenders and involve, among others, the following risks:

**Credit and Market Risks of Mortgage-Backed Securities.** Investments by the Fund in fixed rate and floating rate mortgage-backed securities will entail credit risks (*i.e.*, the risk of non-payment of interest and principal) and market risks (*i.e.*, the risk that interest rates and other factors could cause the value of the instrument to decline). Many issuers or servicers of mortgage-backed securities guarantee timely payment of interest and principal on the securities, whether or not payments are made when due on the underlying mortgages. This kind of guarantee generally increases the quality of a security, but does not mean that the security's market value and yield will not change. The value of all mortgage-backed securities also may change because of changes in the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the organization that issued or guarantees them. In addition, an unexpectedly high rate of defaults on the mortgages held by a mortgage pool may limit substantially the pool's ability to make payments of principal or interest to the Fund as a holder of such securities, reducing the values of those securities or in some cases rendering them worthless. The Fund also may purchase securities that are not guaranteed or subject to any credit support.

Like bond investments, the value of fixed rate mortgage-backed securities will tend to rise when interest rates fall, and fall when rates rise. Floating rate mortgage-backed securities will generally tend to have more moderate changes in price when interest rates rise or fall, but their current yield will be affected. In addition, the mortgage-backed securities market in general may be adversely affected by changes in governmental legislation or regulation. Factors that could affect the value of a mortgage-backed security include, among other things, the types and amounts of insurance which an individual mortgage or that specific mortgage-backed security carries, the default and delinquency rate of the mortgage pool, the amount of time the mortgage loan has been outstanding, the loan-to-value ratio of each mortgage and the amount of overcollateralization or undercollateralization of a mortgage pool.

**Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities.** The residential mortgage market in the United States has experienced difficulties that may adversely affect the performance and market value of certain of the Fund's mortgage-related investments. Delinquencies and losses on residential mortgage loans (especially subprime and second-lien mortgage loans) generally have increased and may continue to increase, and a decline in or flattening of housing values (as has been experienced and may continue to be experienced in many housing markets) may exacerbate such delinquencies and losses. Borrowers with adjustable rate mortgage loans may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates, which affect their monthly mortgage payments, and may be unable to secure replacement mortgages at comparably low interest rates. Also, a number of residential mortgage loan originators have experienced serious financial difficulties or bankruptcy. Reduced investor demand for mortgage-related securities has resulted and may continue to



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result in limited new issuances of mortgage-related securities and limited liquidity in the secondary market for mortgage-related securities, which can adversely affect the market value of mortgage-related securities and limit the availability of attractive investment opportunities for the Fund. It is possible that such limited liquidity in secondary markets could continue or worsen.

Ongoing developments in the residential mortgage market may have additional consequences to the market for mortgage-backed securities. Delinquencies and losses generally have been increasing with respect to securitizations involving residential mortgage loans and may continue to increase as a result of the weakening housing market and the seasoning of securitized pools of mortgage loans. Many so-called sub-prime mortgage pools are currently distressed and may be trading at significant discounts to their face value.

Additionally, mortgage lenders have adjusted their loan programs and underwriting standards, which has reduced the availability of mortgage credit to prospective mortgagors. This has resulted in reduced availability of financing alternatives for mortgagors seeking to refinance their mortgage loans. The reduced availability of refinancing options for mortgagors has resulted in higher rates of delinquencies, defaults and losses on mortgage loans, particularly in the case of, but not limited to, mortgagors with adjustable rate mortgage loans ( ARMs ) or interest-only mortgage loans that experience significant increases in their monthly payments following the adjustment date or the end of the interest-only period (see Adjustable Rate Mortgages below for further discussion of adjustable rate mortgage risks). These events, alone or in combination with each other and with deteriorating economic conditions in the general economy, may continue to contribute to higher delinquency and default rates on mortgage loans. The tighter underwriting guidelines for residential mortgage loans, together with lower levels of home sales and reduced refinance activity, also may have contributed to a reduction in the prepayment rate for mortgage loans generally and this trend may continue. The values of mortgage-backed securities may be substantially dependent on the servicing of the underlying mortgage pools, and therefore are subject to risks associated with the negligence or malfeasance by their servicers and to the credit risk of their servicers. In certain circumstances, the mishandling of related documentation also may affect the rights of security holders in and to the underlying collateral.

The U.S. Government conservatorship of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ( Freddie Mac ) and the Federal National Mortgage Corporation ( Fannie Mae ) in September 2008 and its ultimate resolution may adversely affect the real estate market, the value of real estate-related assets generally and markets generally.

The Federal Housing Finance Agent ( FHFA ), as conservator or receiver of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, has the power to repudiate any contract entered into by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac prior to its appointment if it determines that performance of the contract is burdensome and repudiation of the contract promotes the orderly administration of Fannie Mae s or Freddie Mac s affairs. In the event the guaranty obligations of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac are repudiated, the payments of interest to holders of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities would be reduced if payments on the mortgage loans represented in the mortgage loan groups related to such mortgage-backed securities are not made by the borrowers or advanced by the servicer. Any actual direct compensatory damages for repudiating these guaranty obligations may not be sufficient to offset any shortfalls experienced by such mortgage-backed security holders.

Further, in its capacity as conservator or receiver, FHFA has the right to transfer or sell any asset or liability of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac without any approval, assignment or consent. If FHFA were to transfer any such guaranty obligation to another party, holders of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities would have to rely on that party for satisfaction of the guaranty obligation and would be exposed to the credit risk of that party.

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**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities ( CMBS )**. CMBS include securities that reflect an interest in, or are secured by, mortgage loans on commercial real property. Many of the risks of investing in commercial mortgage-backed securities reflect the risks of investing in the real estate securing the underlying mortgage loans. These risks reflect the effects of local and other economic conditions on real estate markets, the ability of tenants to make loan payments and the ability of a property to attract and retain tenants. CMBS may be less liquid and exhibit greater price volatility than other types of mortgage- or asset-backed securities.

**Prepayment, Extension and Redemption Risks of Mortgage-Backed Securities**. Mortgage-backed securities may reflect an interest in monthly payments made by the borrowers who receive the underlying mortgage loans. Although the underlying mortgage loans are for specified periods of time, such as 20 or 30 years, the borrowers can, and historically have paid them off sooner. When a prepayment happens, a portion of the mortgage-backed security which represents an interest in the underlying mortgage loan will be prepaid. A borrower is more likely to prepay a mortgage which bears a relatively high rate of interest. This means that in times of declining interest rates, a portion of the Fund's higher yielding securities are likely to be redeemed and the Fund will probably be unable to replace them with securities having as great a yield. Prepayments can result in lower yields to shareholders. The increased likelihood of prepayment when interest rates decline also limits market price appreciation. This is known as prepayment risk. Mortgage-backed securities also are subject to extension risk. Extension risk is the possibility that rising interest rates may cause prepayments to occur at a slower than expected rate. This particular risk may effectively change a security which was considered short or intermediate term into a long-term security. The values of long-term securities generally fluctuate more widely in response to changes in interest rates than short or intermediate-term securities. In addition, a mortgage-backed security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer. If a mortgage-backed security held by the Fund is called for redemption, the Fund will be required to permit the issuer to redeem or pay-off the security, which could have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives.

**Liquidity Risk of Mortgage-Backed Securities**. The liquidity of mortgage-backed securities varies by type of security; at certain times the Fund may encounter difficulty in disposing of such investments. Because mortgage-backed securities have the potential to be less liquid than other securities, the Fund may be more susceptible to liquidity risks than funds that invest in other securities. In the past, in stressed markets, certain types of mortgage-backed securities suffered periods of illiquidity when disfavored by the market.

**Collateralized Mortgage Obligations**. There are certain risks associated specifically with CMOs. CMOs are debt obligations collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities. The expected average life of CMOs is determined using mathematical models that incorporate prepayment assumptions and other factors that involve estimates of future economic and market conditions. These estimates may vary from actual future results, particularly during periods of extreme market volatility. Further, under certain market conditions, such as those that occurred in 1994, 2007, 2008 and 2009, the average weighted life of certain CMOs may not accurately reflect the price volatility of such securities. For example, in periods of supply and demand imbalances in the market for such securities and/or in periods of sharp interest rate movements, the prices of CMOs may fluctuate to a greater extent than would be expected from interest rate movements alone. CMOs issued by private entities are not obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and are not guaranteed by any government agency, although the securities underlying a CMO may be subject to a guarantee. Therefore, if the collateral securing the CMO, as well as any third party credit support or guarantees, is insufficient to make payments when due, the holder could sustain a loss.

**Adjustable Rate Mortgages**. ARMs contain maximum and minimum rates beyond which the mortgage interest rate may not vary over the lifetime of the security. In addition, many ARMs provide for additional limitations on the maximum amount by which the mortgage interest rate may adjust for any

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single adjustment period. Alternatively, certain ARMs contain limitations on changes in the required monthly payment. In the event that a monthly payment is not sufficient to pay the interest accruing on an ARM, any excess interest is added to the principal balance of the mortgage loan, which is repaid through future monthly payments. If the monthly payment for such an instrument exceeds the sum of the interest accrued at the applicable mortgage interest rate and the principal payment required at such point to amortize the outstanding principal balance over the remaining term of the loan, the excess is used to reduce the then-outstanding principal balance of the ARM.

In addition, certain ARMs may provide for an initial fixed, below-market or teaser interest rate. During this initial fixed-rate period, the payment due from the related mortgagor may be less than that of a traditional loan. However, after the teaser rate expires, the monthly payment required to be made by the mortgagor may increase dramatically when the interest rate on the mortgage loan adjusts. This increased burden on the mortgagor may increase the risk of delinquency or default on the mortgage loan and in turn, losses on the mortgage-backed security into which that loan has been bundled.

**Interest and Principal Only Securities Risk.** One type of stripped mortgage-backed security pays to one class all of the interest from the mortgage assets (the interest-only, or IO class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only, or PO class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the Fund's yield to maturity from these securities. If the assets underlying the IO class experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to recoup fully, or at all, its initial investment in these securities. PO class securities tend to decline in value if prepayments are slower than anticipated.

Investments in mortgage-related securities may involve particularly high levels of risk under current market conditions. See Mortgage Market/Subprime Risk.

### **Mortgage market/subprime risk**

The residential mortgage markets in the United States and in various foreign countries have experienced difficulties over the past few years that may adversely affect the performance and market value of certain of the Fund's mortgage-related investments. Delinquencies and losses on residential mortgage loans (especially subprime and second-lien mortgage loans) generally have increased recently and may continue to increase, and a decline in or flattening of housing values (as has been experienced during that period and may continue to be experienced in many real estate markets) may exacerbate such delinquencies and losses. Borrowers with ARMs are more sensitive to changes in interest rates, which affect their monthly mortgage payments, and may be unable to secure replacement mortgages at comparably low interest rates. Also, a number of residential mortgage loan originators have experienced serious financial difficulties or bankruptcy. Owing largely to the foregoing, reduced investor demand for mortgage loans and mortgage-related securities and increased investor yield requirements have caused limited liquidity in the secondary market for mortgage-related securities, which can adversely affect the market value of mortgage-related securities. It is possible that such limited liquidity in such secondary markets could continue or worsen.

### **Collateralized Loan Obligations Risk**

The Fund may invest in CLOs. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans issued by banks, corporations or any other public or private entity or person, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans and subordinate or mezzanine loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. CLOs may charge management fees and administrative expenses. The cash flows from the trust are split into two or more portions, called tranches, varying in risk and yield. The riskiest portion is the equity tranche which

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generally bears losses in connection with the first defaults, if any, on the bonds or loans in the trust and serves to provide some measure of protection to the other, more senior tranches from defaults. The Fund will normally not invest in equity tranches of CLOs. A senior tranche from a CLO trust typically has higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying securities, and can be rated investment grade. Despite the protection from the equity tranche, CLO tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to defaults due to collateral default and disappearance of protecting tranches, market anticipation of defaults and aversion to CLO securities as a class. The risks of an investment in a CLO depend largely on the type of the collateral securities and the class of the CLO in which the Fund invests. Normally, CLOs are privately offered and sold, and thus are not registered under the securities laws. As a result, investments in CLOs may be characterized by the Fund as illiquid securities; however, an active dealer market may exist for CLOs allowing a CLO to qualify under Rule 144A under the Securities Act. In addition to the normal risks associated with debt instruments (*e.g.*, interest rate risk and credit risk), CLOs carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from the collateral will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default; (iii) that they may be subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or others and may produce unexpected investment results.

**Asset-backed securities ( ABS ) investment risk**

ABS tend to increase in value less than other debt securities when interest rates decline, but are subject to similar risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. In a period of declining interest rates, the Fund may be required to reinvest more frequent prepayments on ABS in lower-yielding investments. ABS in which the Fund invests may have underlying assets that include, among others, credit card and automobile finance receivables, student loans, airplane leases, installment loan contracts, home equity loans, and leases of various types of real and personal property. There is a risk that borrowers may default on their obligations in respect of those underlying obligations. Certain assets underlying ABS are subject to prepayment, which may reduce the overall return to ABS holders. Holders also may experience delays in payment on the securities if the full amounts due on underlying sales contracts or receivables are not realized by a trust because of unanticipated legal or administrative costs of enforcing the contracts or because of depreciation or damage to the collateral (usually automobiles) securing certain contracts, or other factors. The values of ABS may be substantially dependent on the servicing of the underlying asset pools, and are therefore subject to risks associated with the negligence or malfeasance by their servicers and to the credit risk of their servicers. In certain circumstances, the mishandling of related documentation also may affect the rights of security holders in and to the underlying collateral. The insolvency of entities that generate receivables or that utilize the assets may result in added costs and delays in addition to losses associated with a decline in the value of underlying assets. Certain ABS do not have the benefit of the same security interest in the related collateral as may mortgage-backed securities; nor are they provided government guarantees of repayment as are some mortgage-backed securities. Credit card receivables generally are unsecured, and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer credit laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owed on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. In addition, some issuers of automobile receivables permit the servicers to retain possession of the underlying obligations. If the servicer were to sell these obligations to another party, there is a risk that the purchaser would acquire an interest superior to that of the holders of the related automobile receivables. The impairment of the value of collateral or other assets underlying an ABS, such as a result of non-payment of loans or non-performance of other collateral or underlying assets, may result in a reduction in the value of such ABS and losses to the Fund. It is possible that many or all ABS will fall out of favor at any time or over time with investors, affecting adversely the values and liquidity of the securities.

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### **Government-entity risk**

Some U.S. Government securities, such as Treasury bills, notes, and bonds and mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association ( Ginnie Mae ), are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; others are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations; still others are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality, or enterprise. Although U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises ( GSEs ), such as the Federal Home Loan Banks, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and the Student Loan Marketing Association ( Sallie Mae ) may be chartered or sponsored by Congress, they are not funded by Congressional appropriations, and their securities are not issued by the U.S. Treasury or supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government and involve increased credit risks. Although legislation has been enacted to support certain GSEs, including the Federal Home Loan Banks, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, there is no assurance that GSE obligations will be satisfied in full, or that such obligations will not decrease in value or default. It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the future political, regulatory or economic changes that could impact the GSEs and the values of their related securities or obligations. In addition, certain governmental entities have been subject to regulatory scrutiny regarding their accounting policies and practices and other concerns that may result in legislation, changes in regulatory oversight and/or other consequences that could adversely affect the credit quality, availability or investment character of securities issued or guaranteed by these entities. See Investment Objectives and Strategies Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Securities in the SAI.

### **Sovereign debt obligations risk**

Investments in countries' government debt obligations involve special risks. Certain countries have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates, exchange rate fluctuations, large amounts of external debt, balance of payments and trade difficulties and extreme poverty and unemployment. The issuer or governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. A governmental entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the government entity's policy toward the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a government entity may be subject. Government debtors may default on their debt and also may depend on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and others to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. The commitment on the part of these governments, agencies and others to make such disbursements may be conditioned on a governmental entity's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations.

Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the governmental entity, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debts in a timely manner. Consequently, governmental entities may decide to default on their sovereign debt in whole or in part. Holders of sovereign debt, including the Fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. There is no known bankruptcy proceeding by which sovereign debt on which governmental entities have defaulted may be collected in whole or in part.

As a result of the foregoing, a government obligor may default on its obligations. If such an event occurs, the Fund may have limited (or no) legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. Remedies must, in some cases, be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign

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government debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the relevant country. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of more senior fixed-income securities, such as commercial bank debt, will not contest payments to the holders of other foreign government debt securities in the event of default under their commercial bank loan agreements.

Government obligors in emerging market countries are among the world's largest debtors to commercial banks, other governments, international financial organizations and other financial institutions. The issuers of the government debt securities in which the Fund may invest have in the past experienced substantial difficulties in servicing their external debt obligations, which led to defaults on certain obligations and the restructuring of certain indebtedness. Restructuring arrangements have included, among other things, reducing and rescheduling interest and principal payments by negotiating new or amended credit agreements, and obtaining new credit to finance interest payments. Holders of certain foreign government debt securities may be requested to participate in the restructuring of such obligations and to extend further loans to their issuers. There can be no assurance that the foreign government debt securities in which the Fund may invest will not be subject to similar restructuring arrangements or to requests for new credit, which may adversely affect the Fund's holdings. Furthermore, certain participants in the secondary market for such debt may be directly involved in negotiating the terms of these arrangements and may therefore have access to information not available to other market participants.

Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the EMU has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of the Fund's portfolio investments.

Investments in a foreign country's government debt securities involve currency risk. See Foreign Currency Risk.

### **Loan risk**

Investments in loans are generally subject to the same risks as investments in other types of debt obligations, including, among others, credit risk, interest rate risk, prepayment risk, and extension risk. In addition, in many cases loans are subject to the risks associated with below-investment grade securities. This means loans are often subject to significant credit risks, including a greater possibility that the borrower will be adversely affected by changes in market or economic conditions and may default or enter bankruptcy. This risk of default will increase in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase in interest rates (which will increase the cost of the borrower's debt service).

Because there is limited public information available regarding loan investments, the Fund is particularly dependent on the analytical abilities of the Fund's portfolio managers. Opportunities to invest in loans or certain types of loans may be limited.

The Fund may invest in loans made in connection with highly leveraged transactions. These transactions may include operating loans, leveraged buyout loans, leveraged capitalization loans and other types of acquisition financing. Those loans are subject to greater credit and liquidity risks than other types of loans. The Fund may invest in loans of borrowers that are experiencing, or are likely to experience, financial difficulty. In addition, the Fund may invest in loans of borrowers that have filed for bankruptcy protection or that have had involuntary bankruptcy petitions filed against them by creditors.

If the Fund holds a loan through another financial institution, or relies on another financial institution to administer the loan, the Fund's receipt of principal and interest on the loan is subject to the credit risk of the financial institution. If the Fund holds its interest in a loan through another financial institution, the Fund likely will not be able to exercise its rights directly against the borrower and may not be able to cause the financial institution to take what it considers to be appropriate action. If the Fund relies on a

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financial institution to administer a loan, the Fund is subject to the risk that the financial institution may be unwilling or unable to demand and receive payments from the borrower in respect of the loan, or otherwise unwilling or unable to perform its administrative obligations.

Loans in which the Fund may invest typically pay interest at floating rates. It is possible that the borrower may have the ability to change or to adjust the interest rate on a loan under circumstances or in ways that are unfavorable to the Fund, or that the timing or calculation of scheduled changes in the interest rate on a loan held by the Fund may delay, or prevent, the Fund from realizing the effects of favorable changes in interest rates.

If a loan is collateralized, the value of the collateral may decline after the Fund invests, and the value of the collateral may not be sufficient to cover the amount owed to the Fund. If a borrower defaults on a collateralized loan, the Fund may receive assets other than cash or securities in full or partial satisfaction of the borrower's obligation under the loan. Those assets may be illiquid, and the Fund might not be able to realize the benefit of the assets for legal, practical or other reasons.

Investments in loans may be difficult to value and may be illiquid, including due to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. The secondary market for loans may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads, and extended trade settlement periods, which may increase the expenses of the Fund or cause the Fund to be unable to realize the full value of its investment in the loan, resulting in a material decline in the Fund's NAV.

Transactions in many loans settle on a delayed basis, and the Fund may not receive the proceeds from the sale of a loan for a substantial period after the sale. As a result, sale proceeds related to the sale of loans will not be available to make additional investments until potentially a substantial period after the sale of the loans.

The Fund may make loans directly to borrowers or may acquire an interest in a loan by means of an assignment or a participation, although the Fund normally expects to acquire interests in loans primarily through assignments. In an assignment, the Fund may be required generally to rely upon the assigning financial institution to demand payment and enforce its rights against the borrower, but would otherwise be entitled to the benefit of all of the financial institution's rights in the loan. The Fund may also purchase a participating interest in a portion of the rights of a lending institution in a loan. In such case, the Fund will generally be entitled to receive from the lending institution amounts equal to the payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the loan received by the institution, but generally will not be entitled to enforce its rights directly against the agent bank or the borrower, and must rely for that purpose on the lending institution. In the case of an assignment or a participation, the value of the Fund's loan investment will depend at least in part on the credit standing of the assigning or participating institution. The Fund will in certain cases be required to rely upon the intermediary from which it purchases an assignment or participation interest to collect and pass on to the Fund such payments and to enforce the Fund's rights. As a result, an insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the intermediary may delay or prevent the Fund from receiving principal, interest and other amounts with respect to the Fund's interest in the loan.

### **High yield securities risk ( junk bonds )**

Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and to repay principal when due, and are commonly referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds. High yield securities involve a greater risk of default and their prices are generally more volatile and sensitive to actual or perceived negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn, than are the prices of higher grade securities. Securities in the lowest investment grade category also may be considered to possess some speculative characteristics by certain rating agencies. The Fund may purchase

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distressed securities that are at risk of default or whose issuers are at risk of bankruptcy, which involves heightened risks. An economic downturn could severely affect the ability of issuers (particularly those who are highly leveraged) to service their debt obligations or to repay their obligations upon maturity. Lower-rated securities are generally less liquid than higher-rated securities, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular security. For example, under adverse market or economic conditions, the secondary market for below investment grade securities could contract further, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer, and certain securities in the Fund's portfolio may become illiquid or less liquid. As a result, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell these securities or may be able to sell these securities only at prices lower than if such securities were widely traded. See [Liquidity Risk](#). To the extent the Fund invests in high yield securities, DoubleLine's capabilities in analyzing credit quality and associated risks will be particularly important, and there can be no assurance that DoubleLine will be successful in this regard. See [The Fund's Investment Objectives and Strategies](#) [Portfolio Contents](#) [High Yield Securities \( Junk Bonds \)](#) for additional information.

### **Distressed and defaulted securities risk**

Distressed and defaulted securities generally present the same risks as investment in below investment grade securities. However, in most cases, these risks are of a greater magnitude because of the uncertainties of investing in an issuer undergoing financial distress. An issuer of distressed securities may be in bankruptcy or undergoing some other form of financial restructuring. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to an investment, the Fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value substantially less than its original investment. Interest and/or principal payments on distressed securities may be in default. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings. Distressed securities present a risk of loss of principal value, including potentially a total loss. Distressed securities may be highly illiquid and the prices at which distressed securities may be sold may represent a substantial discount to what the Adviser believes to be the ultimate value of such obligations. It may be difficult to obtain information as to the true financial condition of such issuer. DoubleLine's judgments about the credit quality of a financially stressed issuer and the relative value of its securities may prove to be wrong.

### **Leverage risk**

The Fund's use of leverage (as described under [Leverage](#) in the body of this prospectus) creates the opportunity for increased net income and capital appreciation, but also creates special risks for Common Shareholders. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategies will be successful. Leverage is a speculative technique that may expose the Fund to greater risk and increased costs. The net proceeds the Fund obtains from its use of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings (as well as from any future issuance of preferred shares) will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as described in this prospectus. The interest expense payable by the Fund with respect to its reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings (or dividends payable with respect to any outstanding preferred shares) may be based on shorter-term interest rates that periodically reset. So long as the Fund's portfolio investments provide a higher rate of return (net of applicable Fund expenses) than the interest expenses and other costs to the Fund of such leverage, the investment of the proceeds thereof should generate more income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage. If so, and all other things being equal, the excess would be used to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders than if the Fund were not so leveraged. If, however, interest rates rise relative to the rate of return on the Fund's portfolio, the interest and other costs to the Fund of leverage (including interest expenses on reverse repurchase agreements, dollar rolls, borrowings and the dividend rate on any outstanding preferred shares) could exceed the rate of return on the debt obligations



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and other investments held by the Fund, thereby reducing the return to Common Shareholders. When leverage is used, the NAV and market price of the Common Shares and the investment return to Common Shareholders will likely be more volatile. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of leverage will result in a higher investment return on the Common Shares, and it may result in losses. In addition, fees and expenses of any form of leverage used by the Fund will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders (and not by preferred shareholders, if any) and will reduce the investment return of the Common Shares. In addition, any preferred shares issued by the Fund may pay cumulative dividends, which may tend to increase leverage risk.

Leverage creates several major types of risks for Common Shareholders, including:

- Ø the likelihood of greater volatility of NAV and market price of Common Shares, and of the investment return to Common Shareholders, than a comparable portfolio without leverage;
- Ø the possibility either that Common Share dividends will fall if the interest and other costs of leverage rise, or that dividends paid on Common Shares will fluctuate because such costs vary over time; and
- Ø the effects of leverage in a declining market or a rising interest rate environment, as leverage is likely to cause a greater decline in the NAV of the Common Shares than if the Fund were not leveraged and may result in a greater decline in the market value of the Common Shares. In addition, the counterparties to the Fund's leveraging transactions and any preferred shareholders of the Fund will have priority of payment over the Fund's Common Shareholders.

The use by the Fund of reverse repurchase agreements and dollar roll transactions to obtain leverage also involves special risks. For instance, the market value of the securities that the Fund is obligated to repurchase under a reverse repurchase agreement may decline below the repurchase price and the securities may not be returned to the Fund. See [The Fund's Investment Objectives and Strategies](#) [Portfolio Contents](#) [Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Dollar Rolls](#).

In addition to reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings (or a future issuance of preferred shares), the Fund's use of other transactions that may give rise to a form of leverage (including, among others, inverse floaters and related securities, credit default swap contracts and other transactions, loans of portfolio securities, transactions involving derivative instruments, short sales, and when issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions) gives rise to associated leverage risks described above, and may adversely affect the Fund's income, distributions, and total returns to Common Shareholders. The Fund also may seek to offset derivatives positions against one another or against other assets in an attempt to manage effective market exposure resulting from derivatives in its portfolio. To the extent that any positions do not behave in relation to one another as expected by the Adviser, the Fund may perform as if it is leveraged through use of these derivative strategies. See [Leverage](#).

Because the fees received by the Adviser are based on the total managed assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or preferred shares that may be outstanding), there is a financial incentive for the Adviser to cause the Fund to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Common Shareholders, on the other hand.

### **REIT risk**

An investment in a REIT may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including difficulties in valuing and disposing of real estate, losses from casualty or condemnation and environmental liabilities, and changes in local and general economic conditions, market value, supply and demand, interest rates, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes and operating expenses. In addition, an investment in a REIT is subject to additional risks, such as poor

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performance by the manager of the REIT, adverse changes to the tax laws, changes in the cost or availability of credit, or the failure by the REIT to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code, and the risk of general declines in stock prices. In addition, some REITs have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area, or a single type of property. Also, the organizational documents of a REIT may contain provisions that make changes in control of the REIT difficult and time-consuming. To the extent the Fund invests in REITs, it will also be subject to the risk that a REIT may default on its obligations or go bankrupt. As a shareholder in a REIT, the Fund, and indirectly the Fund's shareholders, would bear its ratable share of the REIT's expenses and would at the same time continue to pay its own fees and expenses. The Fund's investments in REITs could cause the Fund to recognize income in excess of cash received from those investments and, as a result, the Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities, including when it is not advantageous to do so, in order to make distributions. Equity REITs invest primarily in direct fee ownership or leasehold ownership of real property and derive most of their income from rents. Mortgage REITs invest primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure, for example, construction, development or long-term loans, and the main source of their income is mortgage interest payments. Equity REITs are generally affected by changes in the values of and incomes from the properties they own, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the credit quality of the mortgage loans they hold. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate, and thus may be subject to risks associated with both real estate ownership and investments in mortgage-related securities.

### **Inverse floaters and related securities risk**

Investments in inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments expose the Fund to the same risks as investments in debt securities and derivatives, as well as other risks, including those associated with leverage and increased volatility. An investment in these securities typically will involve greater risk than an investment in a fixed rate security. Distributions on inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments will typically bear an inverse relationship to short term interest rates and typically will be reduced or, potentially, eliminated as interest rates rise. Inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments will underperform the market for fixed rate securities in a rising interest rate environment. Some inverse floaters may be considered to be leveraged to the extent that their interest rates vary by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in a reference rate of interest (typically a short term interest rate). The leverage inherent in inverse floaters is associated with greater volatility in their market values. Investments in inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments that have mortgage-backed securities underlying them will expose the Fund to the risks associated with those mortgage-backed securities and the values of those investments may be especially sensitive to changes in prepayment rates on the underlying mortgage-backed securities.

### **Municipal bond risk**

Investing in the municipal bond market involves the risks of investing in debt securities generally and certain other risks. The amount of public information available about the municipal bonds in the Fund's portfolio is generally less than that for corporate equities or bonds, and the investment performance of the Fund's investment in municipal bonds may therefore be more dependent on the analytical abilities of the Adviser than its investments in taxable bonds. The secondary market for municipal bonds also tends to be less well developed or liquid than many other securities markets, which may adversely affect the Fund's ability to sell municipal bonds at attractive prices.

The ability of municipal issuers to make timely payments of interest and principal may be diminished during general economic downturns, by litigation, legislation or political events, or by the bankruptcy of

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the issuer. Laws, referenda, ordinances or regulations enacted in the future by Congress or state legislatures or the applicable governmental entity could extend the time for payment of principal and/or interest, or impose other constraints on enforcement of such obligations, or on the ability of municipal issuers to levy taxes. Issuers of municipal securities also might seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. In the event of bankruptcy of such an issuer, the Fund could experience delays in collecting principal and interest and the Fund may not, in all circumstances, be able to collect all principal and interest to which it is entitled. To enforce its rights in the event of a default in the payment of interest or repayment of principal, or both, the Fund may take possession of and manage the assets securing the issuer's obligations on such securities, which may increase the Fund's operating expenses. Any income derived from the Fund's ownership or operation of such assets may not be tax exempt.

The Fund may invest in revenue bonds, which are typically issued to fund a wide variety of capital projects including: electric, gas, water and sewer systems; highways, bridges and tunnels; port and airport facilities; colleges and universities; and hospitals. Because the principal security for a revenue bond is generally the net revenues derived from a particular facility or group of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, there is no guarantee that the particular project will generate enough revenue to pay its obligations, in which case the Fund's performance may be adversely affected.

Interest on municipal obligations, while generally exempt from federal income tax, may not be exempt from federal alternative minimum tax. The Fund does not expect to be eligible to pass the tax-exempt character of such interest through to Common Shareholders.

### **Reinvestment risk**

Income from the Fund's portfolio will decline if and when the Fund invests the proceeds from matured, traded or called debt obligations at market interest rates that are below the portfolio's current earnings rate. For instance, during periods of declining interest rates, an issuer of debt obligations may exercise an option to redeem securities prior to maturity, forcing the Fund to reinvest the proceeds in lower-yielding securities. The Fund also may choose to sell higher yielding portfolio securities and to purchase lower yielding securities to achieve greater portfolio diversification, because the portfolio managers believe the current holdings are overvalued or for other investment-related reasons. A decline in income received by the Fund from its investments is likely to have a negative effect on the dividend levels and market price, NAV and/or overall return of the Common Shares.

### **Foreign currency risk**

The Fund's Common Shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund to Common Shareholders are paid in U.S. dollars. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from many foreign debt obligations may be paid in foreign currencies. The Fund also may invest in or gain exposure to foreign currencies themselves for investment or hedging purposes. The Fund's investments in or exposure to foreign currencies or in securities or instruments that trade, or receive revenues, in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar or, in the case of hedging positions (if used), that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. These fluctuations may have a significant adverse impact on the value of the Fund's portfolio and/or the level of Fund distributions made to Common Shareholders. As noted above, the Fund may (but is not required to) attempt to hedge some of its exposure to foreign currencies in order to reduce the risk of loss due to

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fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar. There is no assurance, however, that these hedging strategies will be available or will be used by the Fund or, if used, that they will be successful.

### **Redenomination risk**

As the European debt crisis has progressed, the possibility of one or more Eurozone countries exiting the European Monetary Union ( EMU ), or even the potential of the collapse of the euro as a common currency, has persisted, creating significant volatility at times in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of the Fund's portfolio investments. If one or more EMU countries were to stop using the euro as its primary currency, the Fund's investments in such countries may be redenominated into a different or newly adopted currency. As a result, the values of those investments could decline significantly and unpredictably. In addition, securities or other investments that are redenominated may be subject to foreign currency risk, liquidity risk and valuation risk to a greater extent than similar investments currently denominated in euros. See Foreign Currency Risk, Liquidity Risk and Valuation Risk. To the extent a currency used for redenomination purposes is not specified in respect of certain EMU-related investments, or should the euro cease to be used entirely, the currency in which such investments might be deemed to be denominated may be unclear, making such investments particularly difficult to value or dispose of. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek judicial or other clarification of the denomination or value of such securities.

### **Credit default swaps risk**

Credit default swaps involve greater risks than investing in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, credit default swaps are subject to liquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. A buyer will lose its investment and recover nothing should no event of default occur. If an event of default were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller (if any), coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the seller. When the Fund acts as a seller of a credit default swap, it is exposed to many of the same risks of leverage described herein since if an event of default occurs the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligation.

Although the Fund may seek to realize gains by writing credit default swaps that increase in value, to realize gains on writing credit default swaps, an active secondary market for such instruments must exist or the Fund must otherwise be able to close out these transactions at advantageous times. If no such secondary market exists or the Fund is otherwise unable to close out these transactions at advantageous times, writing credit default swaps may not be profitable for the Fund.

The market for credit default swaps has become more volatile in recent years as the creditworthiness of certain counterparties has been questioned and/or downgraded. If a counterparty's credit becomes significantly impaired, multiple requests for collateral posting in a short period of time could increase the risk that the Fund may not receive adequate collateral. As of the date of this prospectus, credit default swaps are not currently traded on any securities exchange; however certain credit default swaps may be cleared through swaps clearing houses. The Fund may exit its obligations under a credit default swap only by terminating the contract and paying applicable breakage fees, or by entering into an offsetting credit default swap position, which may cause the Fund to incur more losses.

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### **Hedging strategy risk**

Certain of the investment techniques that the Fund may employ for hedging will expose the Fund to additional or increased risks.

There may be an imperfect correlation between changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and hedging positions entered into by the Fund, which may prevent the Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose the Fund to risk of loss. In addition, the Fund's success in using hedge instruments is subject to the Adviser's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Fund's portfolio holdings, and there can be no assurance that the Adviser's judgment in this respect will be accurate. Consequently, the use of hedging transactions might result in a poorer overall performance for the Fund, whether or not adjusted for risk, than if the Fund had not hedged its portfolio holdings.

The Adviser is under no obligation to engage in any hedging strategies, and may, in its discretion, choose not to. Even if the Adviser desires to hedge some of the Fund's risks, suitable hedging transactions may not be available or, if available, attractive. A failure to hedge may result in losses to the value of the Fund's investments.

### **Short sales risk**

To the extent the Fund makes use of short sales for investment and/or risk management purposes, the Fund may be subject to certain risks associated with selling short. Short sales are transactions in which the Fund sells securities or other instruments that the Fund does not own. Short exposure with respect to securities or market segments may also be achieved through the use of derivative instruments, such as forwards, futures or swaps on indices or on individual securities. When the Fund engages in a short sale on a security or other instrument, it typically borrows the security or other instrument sold short and delivers it to the counterparty. The Fund will ordinarily have to pay a fee or premium to borrow the security and will be obligated to repay the lender of the security any dividends or interest that accrue on the security during the period of the loan. The amount of any gain from a short sale will be decreased, and the amount of any loss increased, by the amount of the premium, dividends, interest or expenses the Fund pays in connection with the short sale. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk that it will be required to cover its short position at a time when the securities have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the Fund. The Fund may engage in short sales when it does not own or have the right to acquire the security sold short at no additional cost. The Fund's loss on a short sale theoretically could be unlimited in a case in which the Fund is unable, for whatever reason, to close out its short position. In addition, the Fund's short selling strategies may limit its ability to benefit from increases in the markets. Short selling involves a form of financial leverage that may exaggerate any losses realized by the Fund. Also, there is the risk that the counterparty to a short sale may fail to honor its contractual terms, causing a loss to the Fund.

### **Convertible securities risk**

Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible debt securities of similar quality. The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, a convertible security's market value tends to reflect the market price of the common stock of the issuing company when that stock price approaches or is greater than the convertible security's conversion price. The conversion price is defined as the predetermined price at which the convertible security could be exchanged for the associated stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines, the price of the convertible security tends to be influenced more by the yield of the convertible security. Thus, it may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the

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issuing company, holders of convertible securities would be paid before the company's common stockholders but after holders of any senior debt obligations of the company. Consequently, the issuer's convertible securities generally entail less risk than its common stock but more risk than its debt obligations.

The Fund may invest in synthetic convertible securities, which are created through a combination of separate securities that possess the two principal characteristics of a traditional convertible security, *i.e.*, an income-producing security ( income-producing component ) and the right to acquire an equity security ( convertible component ). The income-producing component is achieved by investing in non-convertible, income-producing securities such as bonds, preferred stocks and money market instruments. The convertible component is achieved by purchasing warrants or options to buy common stock at a certain exercise price, or options on a stock index. The values of synthetic convertible securities will respond differently to market fluctuations than a traditional convertible security because a synthetic convertible is composed of two or more separate securities or instruments, each with its own market value. Synthetic convertible securities also are subject to the risks associated with derivatives. See Derivatives Risk. In addition, if the value of the underlying common stock or the level of the index involved in the convertible element falls below the strike price of the warrant or option, the warrant or option may lose all value.

### **Preferred securities risk**

In addition to equity securities risk (see Equity Securities and Related Market Risk ), credit risk (see Credit Risk ) and possibly high yield risk (see High Yield Securities Risk ( Junk Bonds ) ), investment in preferred stocks involves certain other risks. Certain preferred securities contain provisions that allow an issuer under certain conditions to skip or defer distributions. If the Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring its distribution, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes despite the fact that it is not receiving current income on this position. Preferred securities often are subject to legal provisions that allow for redemption in the event of certain tax or legal changes or at the issuer's call. In the event of redemption, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at comparable rates of return. Preferred securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt securities in an issuer's capital structure in terms of priority for corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt securities. Preferred securities may trade less frequently and in a more limited volume and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than many other securities, such as common stocks, corporate debt securities and U.S. Government securities.

### **Management risk**

The Fund's ability to identify and invest in attractive opportunities is dependent upon the Adviser. If one or more key individuals leave the Adviser, it may not be able to hire qualified replacements, or may require an extended time to do so. This could prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objectives. The Fund is the second closed-end fund to be managed by the Adviser. The Adviser is the adviser to several registered open-end funds, and the portfolio managers have previous experience managing closed-end funds. As with any managed fund, the Adviser may not be successful in selecting the best-performing securities, leverage strategy or investment techniques, and the Fund's performance may lag behind that of similar funds as a result.

### **Valuation risk**

When market quotations are not readily available or are deemed to be unreliable, the Fund values its investments at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. See Net Asset Value. Fair value pricing may require subjective determinations about the value of a security or other asset. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing

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will result in adjustments to the prices of securities or other assets, or that fair value pricing will reflect actual market value, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security or other asset will be materially different from quoted or published prices, from the prices used by others for the same security or other asset and/or from the value that actually could be or is realized upon the sale of that security or other asset.

### **Focused investment risk**

The Fund will be subject to focused investment risks to the extent that it invests a substantial portion of its assets in a small number of issuers or in a particular country or geographic region. To the extent that the Fund focuses or concentrates its investments in a particular industry, the NAV of the Common Shares will be more susceptible to events or factors affecting companies in that industry. These may include, but are not limited to, changes in governmental regulation, inflation, rising interest rates, competition from new entrants, and other economic, market, political or other developments specific to that industry. The Fund may have greater risk to the extent that it invests a substantial portion of its assets in companies in related industry sectors, which may share common characteristics, are often subject to similar business risks and regulatory burdens, and whose securities may react similarly to the types of events and factors described above. See Issuer Non-Diversification Risk, Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk, Emerging Markets Risk, and Foreign Currency Risk.

### **Derivatives risk**

Derivatives are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this prospectus, such as liquidity risk, issuer risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty risk, management risk and, if applicable, smaller company risk. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation, the risk of unfavorable or ambiguous documentation, and the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with an underlying asset, currency, interest rate or index. If the Fund invests in a derivative instrument, it could lose more than the principal amount invested. Suitable derivatives transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Fund will engage in these transactions to reduce exposure to other risks when that would be beneficial.

The use by the Fund of derivatives such as options, forwards or futures contracts, or short sales may subject the Fund to risks associated with short economic exposure. Taking a short economic position through derivatives exposes the Fund to the risk that it will be obligated to make payments to its counterparty if the underlying asset appreciates in value, resulting in a loss to the Fund. The Fund's loss on a short position theoretically could be unlimited.

The U.S. Government has enacted legislation that provides for new regulation of certain portions of the derivatives market, including clearing, margin, reporting, recordkeeping, and registration requirements for certain types of swaps contracts. Because the legislation leaves much to rule making, which is not yet completed, its ultimate impact remains unclear. New regulations could, among other things, restrict the Fund's ability to engage in derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the Fund) and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements), and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategy as a result. New rules required but not yet fully enacted under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd-Frank Act) will require certain over-the-counter derivatives, including certain interest rate swaps and certain credit default index swaps, to be executed on a regulated market and cleared through a central counterparty, which may result in increased margin requirements and costs for the Fund. It is unclear how the regulatory changes will affect counterparty risk.

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### **Risks related to the Fund's clearing broker and central clearing counterparty**

The Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA") requires swaps and futures clearing brokers registered as futures commission merchants to segregate all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of U.S. domestic futures contracts and cleared swaps from the brokers' proprietary assets. Similarly, the CEA requires each futures commission merchant to hold in separate secure accounts all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of foreign futures contracts and cleared swaps and segregate any such funds. However, all funds and other property received by a clearing broker from its customers are held by the clearing broker on a commingled basis in an omnibus account and may be invested in certain instruments permitted under applicable regulations. There is a risk that assets deposited by the Fund with any swaps or futures clearing broker as margin for futures contracts or cleared swaps may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing broker. In addition, the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the Fund's clearing broker's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing broker's customers for the relevant account class. Similarly, the CEA requires a clearing organization approved by the CFTC as a derivatives clearing organization to segregate all funds and other property received from a clearing member's clients in connection with domestic cleared derivative contracts from any funds held at the clearing organization to support the clearing member's proprietary trading. Nevertheless, all customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any futures contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. All customer funds held at a clearing organization with respect to cleared swaps of customers of a clearing broker are also held in an omnibus account, but CFTC rules require that the clearing broker notify the clearing organization of the amount of the initial margin provided by the clearing broker to the clearing organization that is attributable to each customer. With respect to futures and options contracts, a clearing organization may use assets of a non-defaulting customer held in an omnibus account at the clearing organization to satisfy payment obligations of a defaulting customer of the clearing member to the clearing organization. With respect to cleared swaps, a clearing organization generally cannot do so, but may do so if the clearing member does not provide accurate reporting to the clearing organization as to the attribution of margin among its clients. Also, since clearing brokers generally provide to clearing organizations the net amount of variation margin required for cleared swaps for all of its customers in the aggregate, rather than the gross amount of each customer, the Fund is subject to the risk that a clearing organization will not make variation margin payments owed to the Fund if another customer of the clearing member has suffered a loss and is in default. As a result, in the event of a default or the clearing broker's other clients or the clearing broker's failure to extend its own funds in connection with any such default, the Fund may not be able to recover the full amount of assets deposited by the clearing broker on behalf of the Fund with the clearing organization.

### **Counterparty risk**

The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange-traded instruments or another third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments) and other instruments entered into directly by the Fund or held by special purpose or structured vehicles in which the Fund invests. If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations to the Fund due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant losses or delays in obtaining any recovery (including recovery of any collateral it has provided to the counterparty) in a dissolution, assignment for the benefit of creditors, liquidation, winding-up, bankruptcy, or other analogous proceeding. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of a counterparty to a derivative transaction, the derivative transaction would typically be terminated at its fair market value. If the Fund is owed this fair market value in the termination of the derivative transaction and its claim is unsecured, the Fund will be treated as a general creditor of such counterparty.



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and will not have any claim with respect to any underlying security or asset. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

Counterparty risk with respect to certain exchange-traded and over-the-counter derivatives may be further complicated by U.S. financial reform legislation. See Derivatives Risk above for more information.

### **Net asset value discount risk**

Frequently, shares of closed-end investment companies, such as the Fund, trade at a price below their NAV, commonly referred to as a discount.

The Fund cannot predict whether, or to what extent, its Common Shares will trade at a discount to their NAV. Immediately following this offering, the NAV of the Fund's Common Shares will be reduced by offering costs paid by the Fund, and the public offering price you pay for the Common Shares includes the sales load, creating an increased risk that the Common Shares will trade at a discount to their offering price and NAV for a period following the offering. Therefore, there is an added risk to investors who may sell their shares shortly after the offering. Before making an investment decision, a prospective investor should consider the suitability of this investment with respect to the investor's investment objectives and personal situation. See Description of Shares.

### **Structured products risk**

Generally, structured investments are interests in entities organized and operated for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of underlying investment interests or securities. These investment entities may be structured as trusts or other types of pooled investment vehicles. This type of restructuring generally involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity of the underlying investments and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying investments or referencing an indicator related to such investments. The cash flow or rate of return on the underlying investments may be apportioned among the newly issued securities to create different investment characteristics, such as varying maturities, credit quality, payment priorities and interest rate provisions.

Structured notes are derivative securities for which the amount of principal repayment and/or interest payments is based on the movement of one or more factors. These factors may include, but are not limited to, currency exchange rates, interest rates (such as the prime lending rate or LIBOR), referenced bonds and stock indices. Some of these factors may or may not correlate to the total rate of return on one or more underlying instruments referenced in such notes. In some cases, the impact of the movements of these factors may increase or decrease through the use of multipliers or deflators.

The cash flow or rate of return on a structured investment may be determined by applying a multiplier to the rate of total return on the underlying investments or referenced indicator. Application of a multiplier is comparable to the use of financial leverage, a speculative technique. Leverage magnifies the potential for gain and the risk of loss. As a result, a relatively small decline in the value of the underlying investments or referenced indicator could result in a relatively large loss in the value of a structured product. Holders of structured products indirectly bear risks associated with the underlying investments, index or reference obligation, and are subject to counterparty risk. The Fund generally has the right to receive payments to which it is entitled only from the structured product, and generally does not have direct rights against the issuer. While certain structured investment vehicles enable the investor to acquire interests in a pool of securities without the brokerage and other expenses associated with directly holding the same securities, investors in structured vehicles generally pay their share of the investment vehicle's administrative and other expenses.

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Structured products are generally privately offered and sold, and thus, are not registered under the securities laws. Certain structured products may be thinly traded or have a limited trading market and may have the effect of increasing the Fund's illiquidity to the extent that the Fund, at a particular point in time, may be unable to find qualified buyers for these securities. In addition to the general risks associated with fixed income securities discussed herein, structured products carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from underlying investments will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the underlying investments may decline in value or default; (iii) the possibility that the security may be subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or unexpected investment results.

Investments in structured notes involve risks including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. Where the Fund's investments in structured notes are based upon the movement of one or more factors, depending on the factor used and the use of multipliers or deflators, changes in interest rates and movement of the factor may cause significant price fluctuations. Additionally, changes in the reference instrument or security may cause the interest rate on the structured note to be reduced to zero and any further changes in the reference instrument may then reduce the principal amount payable on maturity.

### **Equity securities and related market risk**

The market price of common stocks and other equity securities may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Equity securities may decline in value due to factors affecting equity securities markets generally, particular industries represented in those markets, or the issuer itself. See Issuer Risk. The values of equity securities may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They also may decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than bonds and other debt securities.

### **Smaller company risk**

The general risks associated with debt instruments or equity securities are particularly pronounced for securities issued by companies with small market capitalizations. Small capitalization companies involve certain special risks. They are more likely than larger companies to have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or to depend on a small, inexperienced management group. Securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in lesser volume than more widely held securities and their values may fluctuate more sharply than other securities. They also may have limited liquidity. These securities may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than securities of larger companies, and the Fund may have difficulty purchasing or selling securities positions in smaller companies at prevailing market prices. Also, there may be less publicly available information about smaller companies or less market interest in their securities as compared to larger companies. Companies with medium-sized market capitalizations may have risks similar to those of smaller companies.

### **Confidential information access risk**

In managing the Fund, DoubleLine may seek to avoid the receipt by portfolio managers and analysts of material, non-public information ( Confidential Information ) about the issuers of senior floating rate loans, other bank loans and related investments being considered for acquisition by the Fund or held in the Fund's portfolio if the receipt of the Confidential Information will restrict one or more of the Adviser's clients, including, potentially, the Fund, from trading in securities it holds or in which it expects to invest. In many instances, issuers offer to furnish Confidential Information to prospective

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purchasers or holders of the issuer's loans. In circumstances when the Fund's portfolio managers and analysts do not receive Confidential Information from these issuers, the Fund may be disadvantaged in comparison to other investors, including with respect to the price the Fund pays or receives when it buys or sells a bank loan. Further, in situations when the Fund is asked, for example, to grant consents, waivers or amendments with respect to bank loans, DoubleLine's ability to assess the desirability of such consents, waivers and amendments may be compromised. In such circumstances, DoubleLine may determine to receive such Confidential Information, but in so doing, may create information walls around persons (walled-off personnel) having access to the Confidential Information, which may limit the restrictions on others at DoubleLine but could also impair the ability of walled-off personnel to assist in managing the Fund. Also, certain issuers of senior floating rate loans, other bank loans and related investments may not have any publicly traded securities (Private Issuers) and may offer private information pursuant to confidentiality agreements or similar arrangements. DoubleLine may access such private information, while recognizing that the receipt of that information could potentially limit the Fund's ability to trade in certain securities if the Private Issuer later issues publicly traded securities. If DoubleLine intentionally or unintentionally comes into possession of Confidential Information, it may be unable, potentially for a substantial period of time, to sell certain investments held by the Fund.

### **Other investment companies risk**

As a shareholder in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's investment management fees with respect to the assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. In addition, these other investment companies may use leverage, in which case an investment would subject the Fund to additional risks associated with leverage. See [Leverage Risk](#).

### **Rule 144A securities risk**

Rule 144A under the Securities Act permits certain qualified institutional buyers, such as the Fund, to trade in privately placed securities that have not been registered for sale under the Securities Act. Rule 144A securities may be deemed illiquid, although the Fund may determine that certain Rule 144A securities are liquid in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees.

### **Inflation/deflation risk**

Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from the Fund's investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of payments at future dates. As inflation increases, the real value of the Fund's portfolio could decline. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio.

### **Liquidity risk**

Illiquid securities are securities that the Adviser determines cannot be disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the value at which the Fund has valued the securities. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments, and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Also, the Fund may not be able to dispose readily of illiquid securities when that would be beneficial at a favorable time or price or at prices approximating those at which the Fund currently values them. The absence of a trading market can make it difficult to determine a market value for illiquid investments. Disposing of illiquid investments may involve time-consuming negotiation and legal expenses, and it may be difficult or impossible for the Fund to sell them promptly at an acceptable price. The Fund may have to bear the extra expense of registering such securities for

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resale and the risk of substantial delay in effecting such registration. In addition, market quotations are less readily available. The judgment of the Adviser may at times play a greater role in valuing these securities than in the case of publicly traded securities.

### **Market disruption and geopolitical risk**

The wars with Iraq and Afghanistan and similar conflicts and geopolitical developments, their aftermath and continued military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan are likely to have a substantial effect on the U.S. and world economies and securities markets. The nature, scope and duration of the wars and the potential costs of rebuilding infrastructure cannot be predicted with any certainty. Terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 closed some of the U.S. securities markets for a four-day period and similar future events cannot be ruled out. The war and occupation, terrorism and related geopolitical risks have led, and may in the future lead, to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets generally. Likewise, natural and environmental disasters, such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in early 2011, and systemic market dislocations of the kind surrounding the insolvency of Lehman Brothers in 2008, if repeated, could be highly disruptive to economies and markets. Those events, as well as other changes in foreign and domestic economic and political conditions, also could have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers. These risks also could adversely affect individual issuers and securities markets, interest rates, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, deflation and other factors relating to the Fund's investments and the market value and NAV of the Fund's Common Shares.

### **U.S. credit rating downgrade risk**

The events surrounding the U.S. federal government debt ceiling and any resulting agreement could adversely affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives. On August 5, 2011, S&P lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the United States to AA+ from AAA. The downgrade by S&P and other future downgrades could increase volatility in both stock and bond markets, result in higher interest rates and lower Treasury prices and increase the costs of all kinds of debt. These events and similar events in other areas of the world could have significant adverse effects on the economy generally and could result in significant adverse impacts on issuers of securities held by the Fund and the Fund itself. The Adviser cannot predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the U.S. economy and securities markets or on the Fund's portfolio. The Adviser may not timely anticipate or manage existing, new or additional risks, contingencies or developments.

### **Portfolio turnover risk**

The techniques and strategies contemplated by the Fund might result in a high degree of portfolio turnover. Higher portfolio turnover rates result in corresponding increases in brokerage commissions and other trading costs and generate short-term capital gains taxable at ordinary income rates.

### **Legal and regulatory risk**

Legal, tax and regulatory changes could occur and may adversely affect the Fund and its ability to pursue its investment strategies and/or increase the costs of implementing such strategies. New (or revised) laws or regulations may be imposed by the CFTC, the SEC, the U.S. Federal Reserve or other banking regulators, other governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise the financial markets that could adversely affect the Fund. In particular, these agencies are empowered to promulgate a variety of new rules pursuant to financial reform legislation in the United States. The Fund also may be adversely affected by changes in the enforcement or interpretation of existing statutes and rules by these governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations.

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In addition, the securities and futures markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations and margin requirements. The CFTC, the SEC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, other regulators and self-regulatory organizations and exchanges are authorized under these statutes, regulations and otherwise to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The Fund and the Adviser have historically been eligible for exemptions from certain regulations. However, there is no assurance that the Fund and the Adviser will continue to be eligible for such exemptions.

The CFTC and certain futures exchanges have established limits, referred to as position limits, on the maximum net long or net short positions which any person may hold or control in particular options and futures contracts; those position limits may apply to certain other derivatives positions the Fund may wish to take. All positions owned or controlled by the same person or entity, even if in different accounts, may be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicable position limits have been exceeded. Thus, even if the Fund does not intend to exceed applicable position limits, it is possible that different clients managed by the Adviser and its affiliates may be aggregated for this purpose. Therefore it is possible that the trading decisions of the Adviser may have to be modified and that positions held by the Fund may have to be liquidated in order to avoid exceeding such limits. The modification of investment decisions or the elimination of open positions, if it occurs, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

The SEC has in the past adopted interim rules requiring reporting of all short positions above a certain de minimis threshold and may adopt rules requiring monthly public disclosure in the future. In addition, other non-U.S. jurisdictions where the Fund may trade have adopted reporting requirements. If the Fund's short positions or its strategy become generally known, it could have a significant effect on the Adviser's ability to implement its investment strategy. In particular, it would make it more likely that other investors could cause a short squeeze in the securities held short by the Fund forcing the Fund to cover its positions at a loss. Such reporting requirements may also limit the Adviser's ability to access management and other personnel at certain companies where the Adviser seeks to take a short position. In addition, if other investors engage in copycat behavior by taking positions in the same issuers as the Fund, the cost of borrowing securities to sell short could increase drastically and the availability of such securities to the Fund could decrease drastically. Such events could make the Fund unable to execute its investment strategy. In addition, if the SEC were to adopt restrictions regarding short sales, they could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in short sales in certain circumstances, and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategies as a result.

The SEC and regulatory authorities in other jurisdictions may adopt (and in certain cases, have adopted) bans on short sales of certain securities in response to market events. Bans on short selling may make it impossible for the Fund to execute certain investment strategies and may have a material adverse effect on the Fund's ability to generate returns.

Federal legislation has been passed that requires the adoption of regulations that would require any creditor that makes a loan and any securitizer of a loan to retain at least 5% of the credit risk on any loan that is transferred, sold or conveyed by such creditor or securitizer. It is currently unclear how these requirements would apply to loan participations, syndicated loans, and loan assignments. If the Fund invests in loans, it could be adversely affected by the regulation. The effect of any future regulatory change on the Fund could be substantial and adverse.

**Regulatory risk commodity pool operator**

The Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term commodity pool operator under the CEA pursuant to Rule 4.5 under the CEA (the exclusion) promulgated by the CFTC, in connection with its services to the Fund. To ensure the Adviser's eligibility for the exclusion under Rule 4.5 as it has recently been amended by the CFTC, the Fund may be limited in its ability to use futures and options on

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futures and to engage in certain swaps transactions. The Fund currently expects to operate in a manner that would permit the Adviser to continue to claim the exclusion under Rule 4.5, which may adversely affect the Adviser's ability to manage the Fund under certain market conditions and may adversely affect the Fund's total return. In the event the Adviser becomes unable to rely on the exclusion in Rule 4.5 and is required to register with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator, the Fund's expenses may increase. The effect of the rule changes on the operations of the Fund and the Adviser is not fully known at this time.

### **Tax risk**

The Fund intends to elect to be treated as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the Code and intends each year to qualify and be eligible to be treated as such. If the Fund qualifies as a RIC, it generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its net investment income or net short-term or long-term capital gains, distributed (or deemed distributed) to shareholders, provided that, for each taxable year, the Fund distributes (or is treated as distributing) to its shareholders an amount equal to or exceeding 90% of its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, as reduced by certain deductible expenses)). The Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gain each year. In order for the Fund to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, the Fund must meet certain asset diversification tests and at least 90% of its gross income for such year must be certain types of qualifying income. If for any taxable year the Fund were to fail to meet the income or diversification test described above, the Fund could in some cases cure the failure, including by paying a fund-level tax and, in the case of a diversification test failure, disposing of certain assets. If the Fund were ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure for any year, or were otherwise to fail to qualify as a RIC accorded special tax treatment in any taxable year, it would be treated as a corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax, thereby subjecting any income earned by the Fund to tax at the corporate level (currently at a 35% U.S. federal tax rate) and, when such income is distributed, to a further tax as dividends at the shareholder level to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits.

*Changes in tax law.* Recent changes in federal, state and local tax laws have resulted in increased tax liability on the part of many investors. The effect of these changes, and any future changes in tax law, which cannot be predicted, may make an investment in the Fund less attractive to many investors and may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's Common Shares.

### **Repurchase agreements risk**

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements, in which the Fund purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer, which agrees to repurchase the security at the Fund's cost plus interest within a specified time. If the party agreeing to repurchase should default, the Fund may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the security.

### **Zero-coupon bond and payment-in-kind securities risk**

Investments in zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities are subject to certain risks, including that market prices of zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities generally are more volatile than the prices of securities that pay interest periodically and in cash, and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than other types of debt securities with similar maturities and credit quality. Because zero-coupon securities bear no interest, their prices are especially volatile. And because zero-coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, the prices of zero-coupon securities generally fall more dramatically than those of bonds that pay interest on a current basis when interest rates rise. However, when interest rates fall, the prices of zero-coupon securities generally rise more rapidly in value.

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than those of similar interest paying bonds. Under many market and other conditions, the market for the zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities may suffer decreased liquidity making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of them or to determine their current value. In addition, as these securities may not pay cash interest, the Fund's investment exposure to these securities and their risks, including credit risk, will increase during the time these securities are held in the Fund's portfolio. Further, to maintain its qualification for treatment as a RIC and to avoid Fund-level U.S. federal income and/or excise taxes, the Fund is required to distribute to its shareholders any income it is deemed to have received in respect of such investments, notwithstanding that cash has not been received currently, and the value of paid-in-kind interest. Consequently, the Fund may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate the cash, or may have to leverage itself by borrowing the cash to satisfy this distribution requirement. The required distributions, if any, would result in an increase in the Fund's exposure to these securities.

**ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS**

The Fund's Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the Declaration) includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or to convert the Fund to open-end status. See Anti-Takeover and Other Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and Repurchase of Common Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund. These provisions in the Declaration could have the effect of depriving the Common Shareholders of opportunities to sell their Common Shares at a premium over the then-current market price of the Common Shares or at NAV.

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The following table and the expenses shown assume the use of leverage in the form of reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings in an amount equal to 33  $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the Fund's total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through the use of such instruments), and show Fund expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares. Footnote (4) to the table also shows Fund expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, but assumes that no leverage is used.

	Percentage of Offering Price
<b>Shareholder Transaction Expenses</b>	
Sales Load Paid by Investors	4.50%
Offering Expenses <sup>(1),(2)</sup>	0.20%
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	None

	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares (assuming leverage is used) <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>Annual Expenses</b>	
Management Fees	1.50%
Administration Fees <sup>(5)</sup>	0.22%
Interest Expense on Borrowed Funds <sup>(6)</sup>	0.53%
Other Expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	0.22%
Total Annual Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	2.47%

(1) The Adviser has agreed to pay the amount by which the Fund's offering costs (other than the sales load but including the distribution assistance payment to TSC Distributors, LLC ( TSCD ) described below) exceed \$0.05 per share (0.20% of the offering price). The Adviser has agreed to pay all of the Fund's organizational expenses. The Adviser has agreed to pay up to 0.10% of the total gross assets raised in the Fund's initial public offering to TSCD, as payment for providing certain distribution-related services, as well as reasonable out of pocket expenses related to the Fund's roadshow. To the extent the Fund has not otherwise paid offering expenses that exceed \$0.05 per Common Share, the Fund will reimburse the Adviser for the full amount of such payments to TSCD. If the Fund were to issue 10,000,000 Common Shares at a total price to the public of \$250,000,000, total offering expenses are estimated at \$1,650,000 (approximately \$0.165 per Common Share), of which the Fund would pay \$500,000 (\$0.05 per Common Share or 0.20% of the Public Offering Price) and the Adviser \$1,150,000 (approximately \$0.115 per Common Share). The Adviser expects to pay approximately \$100,000 in organizational expenses of the Fund. The actual size of the offering and related expenses may vary substantially from these estimates. The offering costs to be paid or reimbursed by the Fund are not included in the Annual Expenses table above or in footnote (4) below. However, these expenses will be borne by Common Shareholders and result in a reduction of the NAV of the Common Shares.

(2) The Adviser (and not the Fund) has agreed to pay from its own assets a structuring fee to UBS Securities LLC, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Barclays Capital Inc. The Adviser (and not the Fund) may also pay certain qualifying underwriters a structuring fee, sales incentive fee, or



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*additional compensation in connection with the offering. See Underwriters Additional Compensation.*

- (3) *You will pay brokerage charges if you direct your broker or plan administrator to sell the Common Shares that you acquired pursuant to a dividend reinvestment plan. You may also pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred in connection with open-market purchases pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. See Dividend Reinvestment Plan.*

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(4) The table presented below in this footnote (4) estimates what the Fund's annual expenses would be, stated as percentages of the Fund's net assets attributable to Common Shares, but, unlike the table above, assumes that the Fund does not use reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings for purposes of adding leverage to the Fund's portfolio. See *Leverage*. In accordance with these assumptions, the Fund's expenses would be estimated to be as follows:

	Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares
	(assuming no use of leverage)
<b>Annual Expenses</b>	
Management Fees	1.00%
Administration Fees <sup>(5)</sup>	0.15%
Other Expenses <sup>(7)</sup>	0.21%
Total Annual Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	1.36%

(5) The Master Services Agreement between the Fund and the Administrator obligates the Fund to pay the Administrator and TSC a fee of 0.15% of the Fund's average daily total managed assets, subject to a minimum annual fee of \$350,000, for providing administration, bookkeeping, pricing, and other services to the Fund. The Administrator will also be reimbursed by the Fund for out-of-pocket expenses that are reasonably incurred by USBFS and TSC in performing their duties under the Master Services Agreement.

(6) Assumes the use of leverage in the form of reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions or borrowings representing 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through the use of such instruments) at an annual effective interest rate cost to the Fund of 1.05%, which is based on DoubleLine's assessment of current market conditions.

(7) Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The purpose of the tables above is to help you understand the fees and expenses that you, as a Common Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly. The expenses shown in the table and related footnotes are based on estimated amounts for the Fund's first year of operations and assume that the Fund issues approximately 10,000,000 Common Shares. If the Fund issues fewer Common Shares, all other things being equal, these expenses would increase. See *Management of the Fund* and *Dividend Reinvestment Plan*.

As required by relevant SEC regulations, the following example illustrates the expenses (including the sales load of \$45 and estimated offering expenses of this offering of approximately \$2) that you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Common Shares, assuming (a) the sales load and the offering expenses listed in the parenthetical above, (b) total annual expenses of 2.47% of net assets attributable to Common Shares in years 1 through 10 (assuming the Fund obtains leverage through reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings in an amount equal to 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets) and (c) a 5% annual return<sup>(1)</sup>:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Total Expenses Incurred	\$ 71	\$ 120	\$ 172	\$ 314

- (1) ***The example above should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be higher or lower than those shown. The example assumes that the estimated Interest Expense on Borrowed Funds and Other Expenses set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate, that the rates listed under Total Annual Expenses remain the same each year and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested at NAV. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% annual return shown in the example.***

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## The Fund

The Fund is a newly organized, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 10, 2013, pursuant to the Declaration, which is governed by the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a newly organized entity, the Fund has no operating history. The Fund's principal office is located at 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, CA 90071, and its telephone number is (877) DLine11 (877-354-6311).

## Use of proceeds

The net proceeds of the offering of Common Shares will be approximately \$ (or \$ if the underwriters exercise the over-allotment option in full) after payment or reimbursement of the estimated offering expenses (including the sales load). The Adviser has agreed to pay the amount by which the Fund's offering costs (other than the sales load) exceed \$0.05 per share. The Adviser has agreed to pay all of the Fund's organizational expenses. The Fund will invest the net proceeds of the offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and strategies as stated below. It is presently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest substantially all of the net proceeds in investments that meet its investment objectives and policies within three months after the completion of the offering. Pending such investment, it is anticipated that the proceeds will be invested in high grade, short-term securities and/or index futures contracts or similar derivative instruments designed to give the Fund exposure to the securities and markets in which it intends to invest while DoubleLine selects specific investments. The initial distributions by the Fund may consist primarily of a return of capital depending on the timing of the investment of the proceeds of this offering.

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### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek high current income; its secondary objective is to seek capital appreciation. The Fund cannot assure you that it will achieve its investment objectives.

### **PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objectives by investing in a portfolio of investments selected for their potential to provide high current income, growth of capital, or both. The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments anywhere in the world, including in emerging markets. DoubleLine allocates the Fund's assets among debt security market sectors, and among investments within those sectors, in an attempt to construct a portfolio providing the potential for a high level of current income and for capital appreciation consistent with what DoubleLine considers an appropriate level of risk in light of market conditions prevailing at the time. In managing the Fund's investments, the Adviser uses a controlled risk approach. The techniques of this approach attempt to control the principal risk components of the fixed-income markets and include consideration of:

Ø security selection within a given debt security market sector;

Ø relative performance of the various market sectors;

Ø the shape of the yield curve; and

Ø fluctuations in the overall level of interest rates.

Implementation of portfolio asset allocation decisions is made by the Fund's portfolio managers after consultation with DoubleLine's Fixed Income Asset Allocation Committee, a committee consisting of portfolio managers and analysts that contributes to fixed-income asset allocation decisions made on behalf of the Fund by DoubleLine. DoubleLine will select investments over time to implement its long-term strategic investment view. It also will buy and sell securities opportunistically in response to short-term market, economic, political, or other developments or otherwise as opportunities may present themselves. DoubleLine will manage the Fund under an integrated risk management framework overseen by the Fund's portfolio management team and DoubleLine's risk management team.

The Fund may invest in debt securities and other income-producing investments based on DoubleLine's assessment of the potential returns and risks of different sectors of the debt security markets and of particular securities and other investments. Such securities may include, by way of example, U.S. Government securities; debt securities issued by domestic or foreign corporate or other issuers; obligations of foreign sovereigns or their agencies or instrumentalities; equity, mortgage, or hybrid REIT securities that trade on an exchange (*i.e.*, the Fund may not purchase REIT securities that do not trade on an exchange); bank loans (including, among others, senior loans, delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities); municipal securities and other debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises; CLOs; payment-in-kind securities; zero-coupon bonds; inflation-indexed bonds; structured notes and other hybrid instruments; convertible securities; credit-linked trust certificates; preferred securities; commercial paper; and cash and cash equivalents. The rate of interest on the debt and other income-producing investments that the Fund may purchase may be fixed, floating, or variable. DoubleLine expects that the Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in debt securities and other income-producing investments anywhere in the world, including emerging markets. DoubleLine expects that the Fund will normally not invest more than 50% of its total assets in a single debt security market sector (excluding U.S. Government securities), as

determined by the Adviser.

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The Fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities of any kind. Mortgage-backed securities may include, among other things, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations, or securities of domestic or foreign private issuers. Mortgage-backed securities may be issued or guaranteed by banks or other financial institutions, special-purpose vehicles established for such purpose, or private issuers, or by government agencies or instrumentalities. Privately-issued mortgage-backed securities include any mortgage-backed security other than those issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities. Mortgage-backed securities may include, without limitation, interests in pools of residential mortgages or commercial mortgages, and may relate to domestic or non-U.S. mortgages. Mortgage-backed securities include, but are not limited to, securities representing interests in, collateralized or backed by, or whose values are determined in whole or in part by reference to, any number of mortgages or pools of mortgages or the payment experience of such mortgages or pools of mortgages, including REMICs, which could include Re-REMICs, mortgage pass-through securities, inverse floaters, CMOs, multiclass pass-through securities, private mortgage pass-through securities, and stripped mortgage securities (generally interest-only and principal-only securities).

The Fund may invest in asset-backed securities that are not mortgage-backed securities, including securitizations of various non-mortgage-related receivables, such as, credit card and automobile finance receivables, student loans, airplane leases, installment loan contracts, home equity loans, and leases of various types of real and personal property.

The Fund will not normally invest more than 10% of its total assets in CLOs, and will normally not invest in equity tranches of CLOs. The Fund will not normally invest more than 5% of its total assets in asset-backed securities that are not mortgage-backed securities, CLOs or obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations. The Fund will not normally invest in collateralized debt obligations that are not mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities or CLOs.

Certain mortgage- and other asset-backed securities in which the Fund may invest may represent an inverse interest-only class of security for which the holders are entitled to receive no payments of principal and are entitled only to receive interest at a rate that will vary inversely with a specified index or reference rate, or a multiple thereof.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities of issuers domiciled or organized in jurisdictions other than the United States, including securities of issuers domiciled or organized in emerging market countries. The Fund initially intends to invest a significant portion of its assets in securities of issuers domiciled or organized in emerging market countries, although the composition of the Fund's portfolio may change over time and from time to time such that a significant portion of the Fund's assets are not invested in securities of emerging markets issuers. Although the Fund intends initially to invest only in U.S. dollar-denominated securities, the Fund may take positions in various foreign (non-U.S.) currencies, including by actual holdings of those currencies and through forward, futures, swap, and option contracts with respect to foreign currencies, for hedging, or as a substitute for actual purchases or sales of the currencies in question; the Fund may over time also invest in investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar if DoubleLine determines that such investments present favorable investment opportunities. The Fund may (but is not required to) attempt to hedge some of its exposure to foreign currencies in order to reduce the risk of loss due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar.

The Fund may invest without limit in securities rated below investment grade (securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's and BB+ or below by S&P and Fitch) or unrated securities judged by DoubleLine to be of comparable quality. The Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in corporate debt instruments that are, at the time of purchase, rated lower than B3 by Moody's and lower

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than B- by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). In addition, the Fund will not normally invest more than 20% of its total assets in debt securities and other income-producing investments that are not rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Debt securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and to repay principal, and are commonly referred to as "high yield" securities or "junk" bonds. Securities rated Ba1 or below by Moody's and BB+ or below by S&P or Fitch are considered vulnerable to nonpayment and their issuers to be dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet their financial commitments. The Fund may invest in securities at risk of being in default as to the repayment of principal and/or interest at the time of acquisition by the Fund. However, the Fund will not normally invest in corporate debt securities rated at the time of investment lower than Ca3 by Moody's and lower than C by S&P and Fitch (or, if unrated, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality). The Fund will not normally invest in defaulted corporate securities. In the case of split ratings, DoubleLine will categorize the security according to the highest rating assigned.

The Fund may invest in securities of any or no maturity. The portfolio managers intend, under normal market conditions, to seek to construct an investment portfolio with a weighted average effective duration of not less than two years and not more than ten years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt instrument that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. For example, the value of a portfolio of debt securities with an average duration of ten years would generally be expected to decline by approximately 10% if interest rates rose by one percentage point. Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's portfolio duration adjusted for the anticipated effect of interest rate changes on bond and mortgage pre-payment rates. The effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio may from time to time vary materially from its target range, and there is no assurance that the effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio will not exceed the target range.

The Fund may hold common stocks and other equity securities from time to time, including, among others, those it has received through the conversion of a convertible security held by the Fund or in connection with the restructuring of a debt security. The Fund may invest in securities that have not been registered for public sale, including securities eligible for purchase and sale pursuant to Rule 144A or Regulation S under the Securities Act and other securities issued in private placements. The Fund also may invest without limit in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies, including ETFs, but the Fund may not invest in funds sponsored or advised by DoubleLine or any investment adviser affiliate controlling, controlled by or under common control with DoubleLine. The Fund may invest in securities of companies with small and medium market capitalizations.

Portfolio securities may be sold at any time. Sales may occur when the Adviser determines to take advantage of what it considers to be a better investment opportunity, when the portfolio managers believe the portfolio securities no longer represent relatively attractive investment opportunities, when there is perceived deterioration in the credit fundamentals of the issuer, or when the individual security has reached the portfolio managers' sell target.

The Fund's investment objectives may be changed by the Board without prior notice to or approval of the Fund's shareholders.

**Diversification.** The Fund is a non-diversified investment company, and so may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer than investment companies that are diversified. See "Principal Risk Factors—Issuer Non-Diversification Risk."

**Note regarding investment limitations.** Where this prospectus states that the Fund or the Adviser will not, or does not intend to, make investments in excess of a stated percentage of the Fund's total assets, "total assets" includes amounts of leverage obtained through the use of reverse repurchase agreements,



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dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or issuances of preferred shares. With respect to any reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll transaction, total assets includes any proceeds from the sale of an asset of the Fund to a counterparty in such a transaction, in addition to the value of the asset so sold as of the relevant measuring date. Except as otherwise noted, all percentages apply only at the time of investment.

### **Derivatives**

The Fund may use various derivative strategies for hedging purposes, or to gain, or reduce, long or short exposure to one or more asset classes, issuers, currencies or reference assets. The Fund also may enter into derivatives transactions with the purpose or effect of creating investment leverage. Although the Fund reserves the right to invest in derivatives of any kind, it currently expects that it may use the following types of derivatives: futures contracts and options on futures contracts, in order to gain efficient long or short investment exposures as an alternative to cash investments or to hedge against portfolio exposures; interest rate swaps, to gain indirect long or short exposures to interest rates, issuers, or currencies, or to hedge against portfolio exposures; and total return swaps and credit derivatives, put and call options, and exchange-traded and structured notes, to take indirect long or short positions on indexes, securities, currencies, commodities or other indicators of value. The Fund may, for hedging purposes or as a substitute for direct investments in debt securities, make use of credit default swaps, which are contracts whereby one party makes periodic payments to a counterparty in exchange for the right to receive from the counterparty a payment equal to the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation in the event of a default by the issuer of the debt obligation. When the Fund acts as a seller of a credit default swap, the Fund or its agents will earmark on its books or segregate liquid assets equal to the full notional amount of the swap agreement. The Fund may engage in short sales, either to earn additional return or to hedge existing investments. Any use of derivatives strategies entails the risks of investing directly in the securities or instruments underlying the derivatives strategies, as well as the risks of using derivatives generally, and in some cases the risks of leverage, described in this prospectus and in the SAI. The Fund or its agents will earmark or segregate liquid assets on its books against its derivatives exposures to the extent required by law.

### **PORTFOLIO CONTENTS**

The Fund may invest in the instruments described below subject to any percentage limitations described above that may apply.

### **Bonds**

Bonds include bonds, debt securities and fixed income and income-producing instruments of any kind issued by governmental or private-sector entities. Most bonds consist of a security or instrument having one or more of the following characteristics: a fixed-income security, a security issued at a discount to its face value, a security that pays interest or a security with a stated principal amount that requires repayment of some or all of that principal amount to the holder of the security. The Adviser interprets the term bond broadly as an instrument or security evidencing what is commonly referred to as an IOU rather than evidencing the corporate ownership of equity unless that equity represents an indirect or derivative interest in one or more debt securities. The Fund may invest in a wide variety of bonds of varying maturities issued by U.S. and foreign corporations and other business entities, governments and municipalities and other issuers. Bonds may include, among other things, fixed or variable/floating-rate debt obligations, including bills, notes, debentures, money market instruments and similar instruments and securities. Bonds generally are used by corporations as well as governments and other issuers to borrow money from investors. The issuer pays the investor a fixed or variable rate of interest and normally must repay the amount borrowed on or before maturity. Some bonds are perpetual in that they have no maturity date.

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#### **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investments**

The Fund may invest a substantial portion of its assets in debt obligations of corporate and other foreign issuers, including those of issuers economically tied to emerging market countries. See **Emerging Market Securities**. The Fund may invest in sovereign debt issued by foreign developed and emerging market governments and their respective sub-divisions, agencies or instrumentalities, government sponsored enterprises and supranational government entities. Supranational entities include international organizations that are organized or supported by one or more government entities to promote economic reconstruction or development and by international banking institutions and related governmental agencies. As a holder of sovereign debt, the Fund may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. In addition, there are generally no bankruptcy proceedings similar to those in the United States by which defaulted sovereign debt may be collected. Investing in foreign securities involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. See **Principal Risk Factors Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk**.

The Fund may invest in Brady Bonds, which are securities created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to sovereign entities for new obligations in connection with a debt restructuring. Investments in Brady Bonds may be viewed as speculative. Brady Bonds acquired by the Fund may be subject to restructuring arrangements or to requests for new credit, which may cause the Fund to realize a loss of interest or principal on any of its portfolio holdings.

The foreign securities in which the Fund may invest include Eurodollar obligations and Yankee Dollar obligations. Eurodollar obligations are U.S. dollar-denominated certificates of deposit and time deposits issued outside the U.S. capital markets by foreign branches of U.S. banks and by foreign banks. Yankee Dollar obligations are U.S. dollar-denominated obligations issued in the U.S. capital markets by foreign banks. Eurodollar and Yankee Dollar obligations are generally subject to the same risks that apply to domestic debt issues, notably credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk and liquidity risk. Additionally, Eurodollar (and to a limited extent, Yankee Dollar) obligations are subject to certain sovereign risks. One such risk is the possibility that a sovereign country might prevent capital, in the form of U.S. dollars, from flowing across its borders. Other risks include adverse political and economic developments; the extent and quality of government regulation of financial markets and institutions; the imposition of foreign withholding taxes; and the expropriation or nationalization of foreign issuers.

#### **Emerging Market Securities**

The Fund may invest in the securities of issuers domiciled in or economically tied to emerging market countries. A security is considered to be economically tied to an emerging market country if the issuer or guarantor of the security is organized under the laws of the country or if the currency of settlement of the security is a currency of the emerging market country. DoubleLine has broad discretion to identify countries that it considers to qualify as emerging securities markets. In making investments in emerging market securities, the Fund emphasizes countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe. DoubleLine will select emerging market country and currency composition based on its evaluation of relative interest rates, inflation rates, exchange rates, monetary and fiscal policies, trade and current account balances and any other specific factors it believes to be relevant.

Investments in emerging market securities involve a greater degree of risk than, and special risks in addition to the risks associated with, investments in domestic securities or in securities of foreign, developed countries. See **Principal Risk Factors Emerging Markets Risk**.

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#### **High Yield Securities ( Junk Bonds )**

Investments in high yield securities, or junk bonds, involve a greater degree of risk (in particular, a greater risk of default) than, and special risks in addition to the risks associated with, investments in investment grade debt obligations. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, high yield securities typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. High yield securities may be regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make timely principal and interest payments. They also may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher-rated securities. Debt securities in the lowest investment grade category also may be considered to possess some speculative characteristics.

The market values of high yield securities tend to reflect individual developments of the issuer to a greater extent than do higher-quality securities, which tend to react mainly to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates. In addition, lower-quality debt securities tend to be more sensitive to general economic conditions. Certain emerging market governments that issue high yield securities in which the Fund may invest are among the largest debtors to commercial banks, foreign governments and supranational organizations, such as the World Bank, and may not be able or willing to make principal and/or interest payments as they come due.

*Credit Ratings and Unrated Securities.* Rating agencies are private services that provide ratings of the credit quality of debt obligations. Appendix A to this prospectus describes the various ratings assigned to debt obligations by Moody's, S&P and Fitch. As noted in Appendix A, Moody's, S&P and Fitch may modify their ratings of securities to show relative standing within a rating category, with the addition of numerical modifiers (1, 2 or 3) in the case of Moody's, and with the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign in the case of S&P and Fitch. Ratings assigned by a rating agency are not absolute standards of credit quality and do not evaluate market risks. Rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings and an issuer's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. The Fund need not sell a security when its rating is reduced below its rating at the time of purchase. DoubleLine does not rely solely on credit ratings, and develops its own analysis of issuer credit quality. The ratings of a debt security may change over time. Moody's, S&P and Fitch monitor and evaluate the ratings assigned to securities on an ongoing basis. As a result, debt instruments held by the Fund could receive a higher rating (which would tend to increase their value) or a lower rating (which would tend to decrease their value) during the period in which they are held.

When an investment is rated by more than one rating agency, DoubleLine will use the highest rating for that security for purposes of applying any investment policies that incorporate credit ratings (e.g., a policy to invest a certain percentage of the Fund's assets in securities rated investment grade).

Subject to the Fund's investment policies, the Fund may purchase unrated securities (which are not rated by a rating agency) if DoubleLine determines that the securities are of comparable quality to rated securities that the Fund may purchase. Unrated securities may be less liquid than comparable rated securities and involve the risk that DoubleLine may not accurately evaluate the security's comparative credit rating. Analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of high yield securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher-quality debt obligations. The Fund's success in achieving its investment objectives may depend more heavily on DoubleLine's credit analysis to the extent that the Fund invests in below investment grade quality and unrated securities.

#### **Distressed and Defaulted Securities**

The Fund may invest in the securities of financially distressed and bankrupt issuers, including debt obligations that are at risk of covenant or payment default. Such investments generally trade significantly



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below par and are considered speculative. The repayment of defaulted obligations is subject to significant uncertainties. Defaulted obligations might be repaid only after lengthy workout or bankruptcy proceedings, during which the issuer might not make any interest or other payments. Typically such workout or bankruptcy proceedings result in only partial recovery of cash payments or an exchange of the defaulted obligation for other debt or equity securities of the issuer or its affiliates, which may in turn be illiquid or speculative. In addition to pre-existing outstanding debt obligations of issuers undergoing financial distress, the Fund also may invest in debtor-in-possession loans (DIP Loans) newly issued in connection with special situation restructuring and refinancing transactions. DIP Loans are loans to a debtor-in-possession in a proceeding under the U.S. bankruptcy code that have been approved by the bankruptcy court. DIP Loans are typically fully secured by a lien on the debtor's otherwise unencumbered assets or secured by a junior lien on the debtor's encumbered assets (so long as the loan is fully secured based on the most recent current valuation or appraisal report of the debtor). DIP Loans are often required to close with certainty and in a rapid manner in order to satisfy existing creditors and to enable the issuer to emerge from bankruptcy or to avoid a bankruptcy proceeding.

**Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities**

Mortgage-backed securities may include, among other things, securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities or sponsored corporations, or securities of domestic or foreign private issuers. Mortgage-backed securities also include, but are not limited to, securities representing interests in, collateralized or backed by, or whose values are determined in whole or in part by reference to any number of mortgages or pools of mortgages or the payment experience of such mortgages or pools of mortgages, including REMICs, which could include Re-REMICs, mortgage pass-through securities, inverse floaters, collateralized mortgage obligations, multiclass pass-through securities, private mortgage pass-through securities, stripped mortgage securities (generally interest-only and principal-only securities) and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property. ABS are structured like mortgage-backed securities, but instead of mortgage loans or interests in mortgage loans, the underlying assets may include such items as credit card and automobile finance receivables, student loans, airplane leases, installment loan contracts, home equity loans, and leases of various types of real and personal property. The cash flow generated by the underlying assets is applied to make required payments on the securities and to pay related administrative expenses. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities may include, without limitation, interests in pools of residential mortgages or commercial mortgages or other assets, and may relate to domestic or non-U.S. mortgages or other assets. The value of some mortgage-related or asset-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates. Early repayment of principal on some mortgage-related securities may expose the Fund to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. When interest rates rise, the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates are declining, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed income securities. The rate of prepayments on underlying mortgages will affect the price and volatility of a mortgage-related security, and may shorten or extend the effective maturity of the security beyond what was anticipated at the time of purchase. If unanticipated rates of prepayment on underlying mortgages increase the effective maturity of a mortgage-related security, the volatility of the security can be expected to increase. The value of these securities may fluctuate in response to the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuers. One type of stripped mortgage-backed security has one class receiving all of the interest from the mortgage assets (the interest-only, or IO class), while the other class receives all of the principal (the principal-only, or PO class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the Fund's yield to maturity from these securities. If the assets underlying the IO class experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund

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may fail to recoup fully, or at all, its initial investment in these securities. Conversely, PO class securities tend to decline in value if prepayments are slower than anticipated.

Certain of the Fund's investments in mortgage-related securities may be backed by sub-prime mortgages which are subject to certain special risks. See **Principal Risk Factors** **Mortgage Market/Subprime Risk**.

The Fund may invest in other types of ABS that are offered in the marketplace, including Enhanced Equipment Trust Certificates ( EETCs ). Although any entity may issue EETCs, to date, U.S. airlines are the primary issuers. An airline EETC is an obligation secured directly by aircraft or aircraft engines as collateral. EETCs tend to be less liquid than bonds. Other ABS may be collateralized by the fees earned by service providers. The value of ABS may be substantially dependent on the servicing of the underlying asset pools and are therefore subject to risks associated with the negligence of, or defalcation by, their servicers. In certain circumstances, the mishandling of related documentation also may affect the rights of the security holders in and to the underlying collateral. The insolvency of entities that generate receivables or that use the assets may result in added costs and delays in addition to losses associated with a decline in the value of the underlying assets. The Fund may invest in other types of ABS that have been or will be offered to investors.

Please see **Investment Objectives and Strategies** **Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Securities** in the SAI and **Principal Risk Factors** **Mortgage-Backed Securities Risks** in this prospectus for a more detailed description of the types of mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities in which the Fund may invest and their related risks.

### **Collateralized Loan Obligations**

The Fund may invest in CLOs. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans issued by banks, corporations or any other public or private entity or person, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans and subordinate or mezzanine loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. CLOs may charge management fees and administrative expenses. The cash flows from the trust are split into two or more portions, called tranches, varying in risk and yield. The riskiest portion is the equity tranche which generally bears losses in connection with the first defaults, if any, on the bonds or loans in the trust and serves to provide some measure of protection to the other, more senior tranches from defaults. The Fund will normally not invest in equity tranches of CLOs. A senior tranche from a CLO trust typically has higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying securities, and can be rated investment grade. Despite the protection from the equity tranche, CLO tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to defaults due to collateral default and disappearance of protecting tranches, market anticipation of defaults and aversion to CLO securities as a class.

### **U.S. Government Securities**

The Fund may invest in U.S. Government securities, which are obligations of, or guaranteed by, the U.S. Government or its agencies, instrumentalities or government-sponsored enterprises. Some U.S. Government securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; others are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations; and still others are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. Although U.S. Government-sponsored enterprises may be chartered or sponsored by Congress, they are not funded by Congressional appropriations, and their securities are not issued by the U.S. Treasury or supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government and involve increased credit risks. See **Principal Risk Factors** **Government-Entity Risk**. While some U.S. Government securities are guaranteed as to principal and interest, their market value is not guaranteed. Like other debt securities, U.S. Government securities are subject to interest rate risk and



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credit risk. The U.S. Government does not guarantee the NAV or market value of the Fund's Common Shares. Concerns regarding the U.S. Government's ability to borrow money or otherwise finance its obligations, including as a result of legislatively-imposed limits on the amount of money it may borrow, could cause the values of U.S. Government securities, including those of the U.S. Government's agencies and instrumentalities and other government-sponsored enterprises, to decline.

### **Loans**

The Fund may make loans directly to borrowers and may acquire or invest in loans made by others. The Fund may acquire a loan interest directly by acting as a member of the original lending syndicate. Alternatively, the Fund may acquire some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a loan to a particular borrower by means of a novation, an assignment or a participation. In a novation, the Fund assumes all of the rights of a lending institution in a loan, including the right to receive payments of principal and interest and other amounts directly from the borrower and to enforce its rights as a lender directly against the borrower. The Fund assumes the position of a co-lender with other syndicate members. As an alternative, the Fund may purchase an assignment of a portion of a lender's interest in a loan. In this case, the Fund may be required generally to rely upon the assigning financial institution to demand payment and enforce its rights against the borrower, but would otherwise be entitled to the benefit of all of the financial institution's rights in the loan. The Fund may also purchase a participating interest in a portion of the rights of a lending institution in a loan. In such case, the Fund will generally be entitled to receive from the lending institution amounts equal to the payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the loan received by the institution, but will not generally be entitled to enforce its rights directly against the agent bank or the borrower, and must rely for that purpose on the lending institution. In the case of an assignment or a participation, the value of the Fund's loan investment will depend at least in part on the credit standing of the assigning or participating institution. The loans in which the Fund may invest include those that pay fixed rates of interest and those that pay floating rates *i.e.*, rates that adjust periodically based on a known lending rate, such as a bank's prime rate. Investments in loans may be of any quality, including distressed loans. The Fund also may gain exposure to loans and related investments through the use of total return swaps and/or other derivative instruments and through other pooled investment vehicles, including some which may be sponsored or advised by the Adviser (see Derivatives).

Many loans are made by a syndicate of banks, represented by an agent bank (the Agent) which has negotiated and structured the loan and which is responsible generally for collecting interest, principal, and other amounts from the borrower on its own behalf and on behalf of the other lending institutions in the syndicate (the Lenders), and for enforcing its and their other rights against the borrower. Each of the lending institutions, including the Agent, lends to the borrower a portion of the total amount of the loan, and retains the corresponding interest in the loan. Unless, under the terms of the loan or other indebtedness, the Fund has direct recourse against the borrower, the Fund may have to rely on the Agent or other financial intermediary to apply appropriate credit remedies against a borrower.

The Fund's ability to receive payments of principal and interest and other amounts in connection with loan participations held by it will depend primarily on the financial condition of the borrower (and, in some cases, the lending institution from which it purchases the loan). The value of collateral, if any, securing a loan can decline, or may be insufficient to meet the borrower's obligations or may be difficult to liquidate. In addition, the Fund's access to collateral may be limited by bankruptcy or other insolvency laws. The failure by the Fund to receive scheduled interest or principal payments on a loan would adversely affect the income of the Fund and would likely reduce the value of its assets, which would be reflected in a reduction in the Fund's net asset value. Loans that are fully secured offer the Fund more protection than an unsecured loan in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. However, there is no assurance that the liquidation of collateral from a secured loan would satisfy the corporate borrower's obligation, or that the collateral can be liquidated. Indebtedness of companies



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whose creditworthiness is poor involves substantially greater risks, and may be highly speculative. Some companies may never pay off their indebtedness, or may pay only a small fraction of the amount owed. Consequently, when investing in indebtedness of companies with poor credit, the Fund bears a substantial risk of losing the entire amount invested. The Fund will in certain cases be required to rely upon the intermediary from which it purchases an assignment or participation interest to collect and pass on to the Fund such payments and to enforce the Fund's rights. As a result, an insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the intermediary may delay or prevent the Fund from receiving principal, interest and other amounts with respect to the Fund's interest in the loan.

Banks and other lending institutions generally perform a credit analysis of the borrower before originating a loan or participating in a lending syndicate. In selecting the loans in which the fund will invest, however, the Adviser will not rely solely on that credit analysis, but will perform its own investment analysis of the borrowers. The Adviser's analysis may include consideration of the borrower's financial strength and managerial experience, debt coverage, additional borrowing requirements or debt maturity schedules, changing financial conditions, and responsiveness to changes in business conditions and interest rates. Because loans in which the Fund may invest may not be rated by independent credit rating agencies, a decision by the Fund to invest in a particular loan may depend heavily on the Adviser's or the original lending institution's credit analysis of the borrower.

Loans and other types of direct indebtedness may not be readily marketable and may be subject to restrictions on resale. In some cases, negotiations involved in disposing of indebtedness may require weeks to complete. Consequently, some indebtedness may be difficult or impossible to dispose of readily at what the Adviser believes to be a fair price. Additionally, even where there is a market for certain loans the settlement period may be extended, up to several weeks or longer. That means the Fund may have a limited ability to receive payment promptly on the sale of some of the loans in its portfolio. In addition, valuation of illiquid indebtedness involves a greater degree of judgment in determining the Fund's net asset value than if that value were based on available market quotations, and could result in significant variations in the Fund's daily share price. At the same time, some loan interests are traded among certain financial institutions and accordingly may be deemed liquid. The Adviser will determine the liquidity of the Fund's investments by reference to, among other things, market conditions and contractual provisions.

Investments in loans through a direct loan or novation may involve additional risks to the Fund. For example, if a loan is foreclosed, the Fund could become part owner of any collateral, and would bear the costs and liabilities associated with owning and disposing of the collateral. In addition, it is conceivable that under emerging legal theories of lender liability, the Fund could be held liable as co-lender. It is unclear whether loans and other forms of direct indebtedness offer securities law protections against fraud and misrepresentation. In the absence of definitive regulatory guidance, the Fund relies on the Adviser's research in an attempt to avoid situations where fraud or misrepresentation could adversely affect the Fund.

It is currently the position of the SEC that, in the case of loan participations or assignments where a bank or other lending institution serves as a financial intermediary between the Fund and the corporate borrower, if the participation does not shift to the Fund the direct debtor-creditor relationship with the borrower, the Fund should treat both the lending bank or other lending institution and the borrower as issuers. If and to the extent the Fund treats a financial intermediary as an issuer of indebtedness, the Fund may in certain circumstances be limited in its ability to invest in indebtedness related to a single financial intermediary, or a group of intermediaries engaged in the same industry, even if the underlying borrowers represent many different companies and industries.

Economic exposure to loan interests through the use of derivative transactions, including, among others, total return swaps, generally may involve greater risks than if the Fund had invested in the loan interest

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directly during a primary distribution or through assignments of, novations of or participations in a bank loan acquired in secondary markets since, in addition to the risks described above, certain derivative transactions may be subject to leverage risk and greater illiquidity risk, counterparty risk, valuation risk and other risks.

### **Real Estate Securities**

The Fund may gain exposure to the real estate sector by investing in real estate-linked derivatives, REIT securities that trade on an exchange (*i.e.*, the Fund may not purchase REIT securities that do not trade on an exchange), and common, preferred, convertible, and debt securities of issuers in real estate-related industries. Each of these types of investments are subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including loss to casualty or condemnation, increases in property taxes and operating expenses, zoning law amendments, changes in interest rates, overbuilding and increased competition, variations in market value, and possible environmental liabilities.

REITs are pooled investment vehicles that own, and typically operate, income-producing real estate or real estate-related assets. If a REIT meets certain requirements, including distributing to shareholders substantially all of its taxable income (other than net capital gains), then it is not taxed on the income distributed to shareholders. REITs are subject to management fees and other expenses, and, to the extent the Fund invests in REITs, it will bear its proportionate share of the costs of the REITs' operations.

There are three general categories of REITs: Equity REITs, Mortgage REITs and Hybrid REITs. Equity REITs invest primarily in direct fee ownership or leasehold ownership of real property; they derive most of their income from rents. Mortgage REITs invest mostly in mortgages on real estate, which may secure, for example, construction, development or long-term loans, and the main source of their income is mortgage interest payments. Hybrid REITs hold both ownership and mortgage interests in real estate.

Along with the risks common to different types of real estate-related securities, REITs, no matter the type, involve additional risk factors. These include poor performance by the REIT's manager, changes to the tax laws, and failure by the REIT to qualify for tax-free distribution of income or exemption under the 1940 Act. Furthermore, REITs are not diversified and are heavily dependent on cash flow.

### **Sovereign Debt Obligations**

Sovereign debt obligations are obligations of governmental issuers in foreign developed and emerging market countries (Sovereign Debt Obligations). Sovereign Debt Obligations include, but are not limited to,

- Ø debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments, government agencies or instrumentalities and political subdivisions,
  - Ø debt securities issued by government owned, controlled or sponsored entities and supranational government entities,
  - Ø interests in entities organized and operated for the purposes of restructuring the investment characteristics of instruments issued by any of the above issuers, or
  - Ø participation in loans between governments and financial institutions (see Bank Loans).
- Supranational entities include international organizations that are organized or supported by one or more government entities to promote economic reconstruction or development and by international banking institutions and related governmental agencies. As a holder of Sovereign Debt Obligations, the Fund may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. In addition, there are generally no bankruptcy proceedings similar to those in the



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United States by which defaulted Sovereign Debt Obligations may be collected. Investing in foreign securities involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. See **Principal Risk Factors Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk**.

### **Foreign Currencies and Related Transactions**

The Fund's Common Shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund to Common Shareholders are paid in U.S. dollars. Although the Fund intends initially to invest only in U.S. dollar-denominated securities, the Fund may take positions in various foreign (non-U.S.) currencies, including by actual holdings of those currencies and through forward, futures, swap, and option contracts with respect to foreign currencies, for hedging, or as a substitute for actual purchases or sales of the currencies in question; the Fund may over time also invest in investments denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar if DoubleLine determines that such investments present favorable investment opportunities. The Fund's investments in securities that trade in, or receive revenues in, foreign currencies will be subject to currency risk, which is the risk that fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may negatively affect any investment. See **Principal Risk Factors Foreign Currency Risk**. The Fund may (but is not required to) hedge some or all of its exposure to foreign currencies through the use of derivative strategies. For instance, the Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts, and may buy and sell foreign currency futures contracts and options on foreign currencies and foreign currency futures. A forward foreign currency exchange contract, which involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract, may reduce the Fund's exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increase its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. The effect on the value of the Fund is similar to selling securities denominated in one currency and purchasing securities denominated in another currency. Contracts to sell foreign currency would limit any potential gain which might be realized by the Fund if the value of the hedged currency increases. The Fund may enter into these contracts to hedge against foreign exchange risk arising from the Fund's investment or anticipated investment in securities denominated in foreign currencies. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Fund will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time when they would be beneficial. Although DoubleLine has the flexibility to engage in such transactions for the Fund, it may determine not to do so or to do so only in unusual circumstances or market conditions. Also, these transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Fund to benefit from favorable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies.

The Fund also may use derivatives contracts for purposes of increasing exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one currency to another. To the extent that it does so, the Fund will be subject to the additional risk that the relative value of currencies will be different than anticipated by DoubleLine.

Please see **Investment Objectives and Strategies Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities**, **Investment Objectives and Strategies Foreign Currency Transactions** and **Investment Objectives and Strategies Foreign Currency Exchange-Related Securities** in the SAI for a more detailed description of the types of foreign investments and foreign currency transactions in which the Fund may invest and their related risks.

### **Preferred Securities**

Preferred securities represent an equity interest in a company that generally entitles the holder to receive, in preference to the holders of other stocks such as common stocks, dividends and a fixed share of the proceeds resulting from liquidation of the company. Unlike common stocks, preferred stocks usually do

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not have voting rights. Preferred stocks in some instances are convertible into common stock. Some preferred stocks also entitle their holders to receive additional liquidation proceeds on the same basis as holders of a company's common stock, and thus also represent an ownership interest in the company. Some preferred stocks offer a fixed rate of return with no maturity date. Because they never mature, these preferred stocks may act like long-term bonds, can be more volatile than other types of preferred stocks and may have heightened sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Other preferred stocks have a variable dividend, generally determined on a quarterly or other periodic basis, either according to a formula based upon a specified premium or discount to the yield on particular U.S. Treasury securities or based on an auction process, involving bids submitted by holders and prospective purchasers of such stocks. Although they are equity securities, preferred securities have certain characteristics of both debt securities and common stock. They are like debt securities in that their stated income is generally contractually fixed. They are like common stocks in that they do not have rights to precipitate bankruptcy proceedings or collection activities in the event of missed payments. Furthermore, preferred securities have many of the key characteristics of equity due to their subordinated position in an issuer's capital structure and because their quality and value are heavily dependent on the profitability of the issuer rather than on any legal claims to specific assets or cash flows. Because preferred securities represent an equity ownership interest in a company, their value usually will react more strongly than bonds and other debt instruments to actual or perceived changes in a company's financial condition or prospects, or to fluctuations in the equity markets.

In order to be payable, dividends on preferred securities must be declared by the issuer's board of directors. In addition, distributions on preferred securities may be subject to deferral and thus may not be automatically payable. Income payments on some preferred securities are cumulative, causing dividends and distributions to accrue even if they are not declared by the board of directors of the issuer or otherwise made payable. Other preferred securities are non-cumulative, meaning that skipped dividends and distributions do not continue to accrue. There is no assurance that dividends on preferred securities in which the Fund invests will be declared or otherwise made payable.

Preferred securities have a liquidation value that generally equals their original purchase price at the date of issuance. The market values of preferred securities may be affected by favorable and unfavorable changes impacting the issuer's industries or industry sectors. They also may be affected by actual and anticipated changes or ambiguities in the tax status of the security and by actual and anticipated changes or ambiguities in tax laws, such as changes in corporate and individual income tax rates or the characterization of dividends as tax-advantaged. Many of the preferred securities in which the Fund may invest will not pay tax-advantaged dividends. See **Tax Matters**. Because the claim on an issuer's earnings represented by preferred securities may become disproportionately large when interest rates fall below the rate payable on the securities or for other reasons, the issuer may redeem preferred securities, generally after an initial period of call protection in which the security is not redeemable. Thus, in declining interest rate environments in particular, the Fund's holdings of higher dividend-paying preferred securities may be reduced and the Fund may be unable to acquire securities paying comparable rates with the redemption proceeds.

### **Convertible Securities and Synthetic Convertible Securities**

The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are debt securities that may be converted at either a stated price or stated rate into underlying shares of common stock. Convertible securities have general characteristics similar to both debt securities and equity securities. DoubleLine will generally evaluate these instruments based primarily on their debt characteristics. Although to a lesser extent than with debt obligations, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the

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underlying common stocks and, therefore, also will react to variations in the general market for equity securities.

Convertible securities are investments that provide for a stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks. There can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. Convertible securities, however, generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible debt securities of similar credit quality because of the potential for equity-related capital appreciation. A convertible security, in addition to providing current income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock.

The Fund may invest in synthetic convertible securities, which are created through a combination of separate securities that possess the two principal characteristics of a traditional convertible security, *i.e.*, an income-producing security and the right to acquire an equity security. The income-producing component is achieved by investing in non-convertible, income-producing securities such as bonds, preferred stocks and money market instruments. The convertible component is achieved by purchasing warrants or options to buy common stock at a certain exercise price, or options on a stock index. The values of synthetic convertible securities will respond differently to market fluctuations than a traditional convertible security because a synthetic convertible is composed of two or more separate securities or instruments, each with its own market value. Synthetic convertible securities also are subject to the risks associated with derivatives. See **Principal Risk Factors** **Derivatives Risk**. In addition, if the value of the underlying common stock or the level of the index involved in the convertible element falls below the strike price of the warrant or option, the warrant or option may lose all value.

### **Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Dollar Rolls**

Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Fund would sell securities to a bank or broker dealer and agree to repurchase the securities at a mutually agreed future date and price. A dollar roll is similar to a reverse repurchase agreement except that the counterparty with which the Fund enters into a dollar roll transaction is not obligated to return the same securities as those originally sold by the Fund but only securities that are substantially identical. Generally, the effect of a reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll transaction is that the Fund can recover and reinvest all or most of the cash invested in the portfolio securities involved during the term of the agreement and still be entitled to the returns associated with those portfolio securities thereby resulting in a transaction similar to a borrowing and giving rise to leverage for the Fund. In the event the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the Fund's use of the proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the other party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to enforce the Fund's obligation to repurchase the securities.

### **Municipal Bonds**

The Fund may invest in municipal bonds, which are generally issued by states and local governments and their agencies, authorities and other instrumentalities. Municipal bonds are subject to, among other things, interest rate, credit and market risk. The ability of an issuer to make payments could be affected by litigation, legislation or other political events or the bankruptcy of the issuer. Lower rated municipal bonds are subject to greater credit and market risk than higher quality municipal bonds. The types of municipal bonds in which the Fund may invest include, without limitation, municipal lease obligations. The Fund also may invest in industrial development bonds, which are municipal bonds issued by a government agency on behalf of a private sector company and, in most cases, are not backed by the credit of the issuing municipality and may therefore involve more risk. The Fund also may invest in securities issued by entities whose underlying assets are municipal bonds.

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#### **Inverse Floaters**

An inverse floater is a type of instrument that bears a floating or variable interest rate that moves in the opposite direction to interest rates generally or the interest rate on another security or index. Changes in interest rates generally, or the interest rate of the other security or index, inversely affect the interest rate paid on the inverse floater, with the result that the inverse floater's price will be considerably more volatile than that of a fixed-rate bond. The Fund may invest without limitation in inverse floaters, which brokers typically create by depositing an income-producing instrument, which may be a mortgage-backed security, in a trust. The trust in turn issues a variable rate security and inverse floaters. The interest rate for the variable rate security is typically determined by an index or an auction process, while the inverse floater holder receives the balance of the income from the underlying income-producing instrument less an auction fee. The market prices of inverse floaters may be highly sensitive to changes in interest rates and prepayment rates on the underlying securities, and may decrease significantly when interest rates increase or prepayment rates change.

#### **Private Placements and Restricted Securities**

The Fund may invest in securities which are subject to restrictions on resale because they have not been registered under the Securities Act, or which are otherwise not readily marketable. These securities are generally referred to as private placements or restricted securities. Limitations on the resale of these securities may have an adverse effect on their marketability, and may prevent the Fund from disposing of them promptly at reasonable prices. The Fund may have to bear the expense of registering the securities for resale and the risk of substantial delays in effecting the registration.

Rule 144A permits the Fund to sell certain restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers without limitation. However, investing in Rule 144A securities could have the effect of increasing the level of Fund illiquidity to the extent the Fund, at a particular point in time, may be unable to find qualified institutional buyers interested in purchasing such securities.

#### **Variable and Floating Rate Securities**

Variable and floating rate securities provide for a periodic adjustment in the interest rate paid on the obligations. The Fund may invest in floating rate debt instruments (floaters) and engage in credit spread trades. While floaters provide a certain degree of protection against rising interest rates, the Fund will participate in any decline in interest rates as well. A credit spread trade is an investment position relating to a difference in the prices or interest rates of two bonds or other securities, where the value of the investment position is determined by changes in the difference between such prices or interest rates, as the case may be, of the respective securities. The Fund also may invest in inverse floating rate debt instruments (inverse floaters). An inverse floater may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation of similar credit quality.

#### **Derivatives**

The Fund may use various derivative strategies for hedging purposes, or to gain, or reduce, long or short exposure to one or more asset classes, issuers, currencies or reference assets. The Fund also may enter into derivatives transactions with the purpose or effect of creating investment leverage. See **Leverage**. Generally, derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to, among others, individual debt instruments, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, commodities, and related indexes. Examples of derivative instruments that the Fund may use include options contracts, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swap agreements. The Fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investment directly in securities





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and other more traditional investments. See **Principal Risk Factors** **Derivatives Risk**. Certain types of derivative instruments that the Fund may use with some frequency are described elsewhere in this section, including those described under **Certain Interest Rate Transactions**, **Credit Default Swaps** and **Structured Notes and Related Instruments**. Please see **The Fund's Investment Objectives and Strategies** **Derivatives** for additional information about these and other derivative instruments that the Fund may use. There is no assurance that these derivative strategies will be available at any time or that DoubleLine will determine to use them for the Fund or, if used, that the strategies will be successful. In addition, the Fund may be subject to certain restrictions on its use of derivative strategies imposed by guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for any preferred shares issued by the Fund. The Fund or its agents will earmark or segregate liquid assets on its books against its derivatives exposures to the extent required by law.

### **Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts**

The Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts ( **forward contracts** ) for purposes of gaining exposure to the currency of an emerging market country or other foreign country or as a hedge against fluctuations in future foreign currency exchange rates. A forward contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days from the date of the contract agreed upon by the parties, at a price set at the time of the contract. These contracts are traded in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large, commercial and investment banks) and their customers. A non-deliverable currency forward contract is a short-term forward contract on a foreign currency where the profit and loss is the difference between a specified exchange rate and the spot rate at the time of settlement.

At times, the Fund may enter into **cross-currency** hedging transactions involving currencies other than those in which securities are held or proposed to be purchased are denominated.

By entering into a forward contract for the purchase or sale, for a fixed amount of dollars or other currency, of the amount of foreign currency involved in an underlying security transaction, the Fund may be able to protect itself against a possible loss resulting from an adverse change in the relationship between the U.S. dollar and the currency which is being used for the security transaction.

Although the Fund values its assets daily in terms of U.S. dollars, it does not intend to actually convert its holdings of foreign currencies into U.S. dollars on a daily basis. It will, however, do so with respect to a portion of the Fund's assets from time to time, and investors should be aware of the costs of currency conversion. Although foreign currency exchange dealers typically do not charge a fee for conversion, they do realize a profit based on the spread between the prices at which they are buying and selling various currencies. Thus, a dealer may offer to sell a foreign currency to the Fund at one rate, while offering a lesser rate of exchange should the Fund desire to resell that currency to the dealer.

The Fund's intention to qualify as a RIC under the Code may limit its ability to enter into hedging transactions involving forward contracts.

Forward contracts may limit gains on portfolio securities that could otherwise be realized had they not been used and could result in losses. The contracts also may increase the Fund's volatility and may involve a significant amount of risk relative to the investment of cash.

### **Credit Default Swaps**

The Fund may enter into credit default swap contracts for both investment and risk management purposes, as well as to add leverage to the Fund's portfolio. When used for hedging purposes, the Fund would be the buyer of a credit default swap contract. In that case, the Fund would be entitled to receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of a referenced debt obligation from the counterparty to the



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contract in the event of a default by a third party, such as a U.S. or foreign issuer, on the debt obligation. In return, the Fund would pay to the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Fund would have spent the stream of payments and received no benefit from the contract. When the Fund is the seller of a credit default swap contract, it receives the stream of payments but is obligated to pay upon default of the referenced debt obligation. As the seller, the Fund would effectively add leverage to its portfolio because, in addition to its total assets, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. If the Fund sells credit protection through a credit default swap, although the Fund may not be required to pay the par (or other agreed upon) value of the referenced debt obligation absent a default on the referenced debt obligation, a credit downgrade or other indication of financial deterioration with respect to the Fund or the issuer of the reference obligation may cause the value of the credit default swap to decrease, causing a loss to the Fund, and may also require the Fund to deposit additional margin, possibly requiring it to sell other assets at disadvantageous times or prices. When the Fund acts as a seller of a credit default swap, the Fund or its agents will earmark on its books or segregate liquid assets equal to the full notional amount of the swap agreement.

### **Certain Interest Rate Transactions**

Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with a counterparty of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed-rate payments for floating-rate payments. These transactions generally involve the Fund's agreement with the swap counterparty to pay a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty paying the Fund a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate a variable rate payment obligation of the Fund (for example, a variable rate payment obligation on any preferred shares issued by the Fund). The payment obligation would be based on the notional amount of the swap. Other forms of interest rate swap agreements in which the Fund may invest include interest rate caps, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent that interest rates exceed a specified rate, or cap; interest rate floors, under which, in return for a premium, one party agrees to make payments to the other to the extent that interest rates fall below a specified rate, or floor; and interest rate collars, under which a party sells a cap and purchases a floor or vice versa in an attempt to protect itself against interest rate movements exceeding given minimum or maximum levels. The Fund may use interest rate swap transactions with the intent to reduce or eliminate the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could pose for the performance of the Common Shares as a result of leverage, and also may use these instruments for other hedging or investment purposes. Any termination of an interest rate swap transaction could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund.

### **Money Market Instruments**

Money market instruments are high quality short-term debt securities. Money market instruments in which the Fund may invest may include obligations of governments, government agencies, banks, corporations and special purpose entities including time deposits and certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements relating to these obligations. Certain money market instruments may be denominated in foreign currencies.

### **Depositary Receipts**

The Fund may invest in American Depositary Receipts ( ADRs ), European Depositary Receipts ( EDRs ), Global Depositary Receipts ( GDRs ) and similar securities that represent interests in a company's securities that have been deposited with a bank or trust and that trade on an exchange or over-the-counter. For example, ADRs represent interests in a non-U.S. company but trade on a U.S. exchange or over-the-counter and are denominated in U.S. dollars. These securities represent the right to

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receive securities of the foreign issuer deposited with the bank or trust. ADRs, EDRs and GDRs can be sponsored by the issuing bank or trust company or the issuer of the underlying securities. Although the issuing bank or trust company may impose charges for the collection of dividends and the conversion of such securities into the underlying securities, there are generally no fees imposed on the purchase or sale of these securities, other than transaction fees ordinarily involved with trading stock. Such securities may be less liquid or may trade at a lower price than the underlying securities of the issuer. Additionally, receipt of corporate information about the underlying issuer and proxy disclosure may be untimely.

### **Portfolio Duration**

The Fund may invest in securities of any or no maturity. The portfolio managers intend, under normal market conditions, to seek to construct an investment portfolio with a weighted average effective duration of not less than two years and not more than ten years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a debt instrument that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. For example, the value of a portfolio of debt securities with an average duration of ten years would generally be expected to decline by approximately 10% if interest rates rose by one percentage point. Effective duration is a measure of the Fund's portfolio duration adjusted for the anticipated effect of interest rate changes on bond and mortgage pre-payment rates. The effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio may from time to time vary materially from its target range, and there is no assurance that the effective duration of the Fund's investment portfolio will not exceed the target range.

### **Structured Notes and Related Instruments**

The Fund may invest in structured notes and other related instruments, which are privately negotiated debt obligations in which the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an embedded index), such as selected securities, an index of securities or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets, such as indexes reflecting bonds. Structured instruments may be issued by corporations, including banks, as well as by governmental agencies. Structured instruments frequently are assembled in the form of medium-term notes, but a variety of forms are available and may be used in particular circumstances. The terms of such structured instruments normally provide that their principal and/or interest payments are to be adjusted upwards or downwards (but ordinarily not below zero) to reflect changes in the embedded index while the structured instruments are outstanding. As a result, the interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending on a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments. The rate of return on structured notes may be determined by applying a multiplier to the performance or differential performance of the referenced index(es) or other asset(s). Application of a multiplier involves leverage that will serve to magnify the potential for gain and the risk of loss.

DoubleLine may use structured instruments for investment purposes and also for risk management purposes, such as to reduce the duration and interest rate sensitivity of the Fund's portfolio, and for leveraging purposes. While structured instruments may offer the potential for a favorable rate of return from time to time, they also entail certain risks. Structured instruments may be less liquid than other debt securities, and the price of structured instruments may be more volatile. In some cases, depending on the terms of the embedded index, a structured instrument may provide that the principal and/or interest payments may be adjusted below zero. Structured instruments also may involve significant credit risk and risk of default by the counterparty. Structured instruments also may be illiquid. Like other sophisticated strategies, the Fund's use of structured instruments may not work as intended. If the value of the embedded index changes in a manner other than that expected by DoubleLine, principal and/or interest payments received on the structured instrument may be substantially less than expected. Also, if

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DoubleLine uses structured instruments to reduce the duration of the Fund's portfolio, this may limit the Fund's return when having a longer duration would be beneficial (for instance, when interest rates decline).

### **Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest without limit in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies, including ETFs, to the extent that such investments are consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, strategies and policies and are permissible under the 1940 Act. However, the Fund may not invest in funds sponsored or advised by DoubleLine or any investment adviser affiliate controlling, controlled by or under common control with DoubleLine. The Fund may invest in other investment companies to gain broad market or sector exposure, including during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash (such as the period shortly after the Fund receives the proceeds of the offering of its Common Shares) or when DoubleLine believes share prices of other investment companies offer attractive values.

As a shareholder in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's management fees and other expenses with respect to assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. The securities of other investment companies may be leveraged, in which case the NAV and/or market value of the investment company's shares will be more volatile than unleveraged investments. See Principal Risk Factors Leverage Risk.

The Fund's investments in other investment companies may be limited by provisions of the 1940 Act that restrict the aggregate amount the Fund (and in some cases, its affiliated persons) can invest in any one investment company.

### **Common Stocks and Other Equity Securities**

The Fund may from time to time hold common stocks and other equity securities, including upon conversion of a convertible securities held by the Fund. Also, in connection with the restructuring of a debt instrument held by the Fund, either outside of bankruptcy court or in the context of bankruptcy court proceedings, the Fund may determine or be required to accept equity securities in exchange for all or a portion of a debt instrument. Depending upon, among other things, DoubleLine's evaluation of the potential value of such securities in relation to the price that could be obtained by the Fund at any given time upon sale thereof, the Fund may determine to hold these equity securities in its portfolio.

Although common stocks and other equity securities have historically generated higher average returns than debt securities over the long term, they also have experienced significantly more volatility in those returns and in certain years have significantly underperformed relative to debt securities. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of a particular equity security held by the Fund. Also, prices of common stocks and other equity securities are sensitive to general movements in the equity markets and a decline in those markets may depress the prices of the equity securities held by the Fund. The prices of equity securities fluctuate for many different reasons, including changes in investors' perceptions of the financial condition of an issuer or the general condition of the relevant stock market or when political or economic events affecting the issuer occur. In addition, prices of equity securities may be particularly sensitive to rising interest rates, as the cost of capital rises and borrowing costs increase.

### **Commercial Paper**

Commercial paper represents short-term unsecured promissory notes issued in bearer form by corporations such as banks or bank holding companies and finance companies. The rate of return on



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commercial paper may be linked or indexed to the level of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and a foreign currency or currencies.

### **Repurchase Agreements**

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements, in which the Fund purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer and the bank or broker-dealer agrees to repurchase the security at the Fund's cost plus interest within a specified time. If the party agreeing to repurchase should default, the Fund will seek to sell the securities which it holds. This could involve transaction costs or delays in addition to a loss on the securities if their value should fall below their repurchase price. Repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days are considered to be illiquid securities.

### **When Issued, Delayed Delivery and Forward Commitment Transactions**

The Fund may purchase securities which it is eligible to purchase on a when-issued basis, may purchase and sell such securities for delayed delivery and may make contracts to purchase such securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond normal settlement time (forward commitments). When-issued transactions, delayed delivery purchases and forward commitments involve a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. The risk is in addition to the risk that the Fund's other assets will decline in value. Therefore, these transactions may result in a form of leverage and increase the Fund's overall investment exposure. Typically, no income accrues on securities the Fund has committed to purchase prior to the time delivery of the securities is made, although the Fund may earn income on securities it has segregated to cover these positions.

### **Short Sales**

A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells an instrument that it does not own in anticipation that the market price will decline. The Fund may use short sales for investment purposes or for hedging and risk management purposes. When the Fund engages in a short sale, it must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the counterparty. The Fund may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and would often be obligated to pay over any payments received on such borrowed securities. The Fund's obligation to replace the borrowed security will be secured by collateral deposited with the lender, which is usually a broker-dealer, and/or with the Fund's custodian. The Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on its collateral. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk that it will be required to cover its short position at a time when the securities have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the Fund. The Fund may engage in so-called "naked" short sales where it does not own or have the immediate right to acquire the security sold short at no additional cost, in which case the Fund's losses theoretically could be unlimited. The Fund also may take short positions with respect to the performance of securities, indexes, interest rates, currencies and other assets or markets through the use of derivative instruments. See Derivatives.

### **Lending of Portfolio Securities**

For the purpose of achieving income, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. See Investment Objectives and Strategies Securities Loans in the SAI for details. When the Fund lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned although amounts received from the borrower will not be eligible to be treated as qualified dividend income or for the corporate dividends-received deduction. See Tax Matters. The Fund also will receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in the collateral or delay in recovery of the collateral if the borrower fails to return the

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security loaned or becomes insolvent, or the risk of loss due to the investment performance of the collateral. The Fund may pay lending fees to the party arranging the loan.

*Please see "Investment Objectives and Strategies" in the SAI for additional information regarding the investments of the Fund and their related risks.*



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## Leverage

As soon as reasonably practicable following the completion of the initial public offering of the Fund's Common Shares, the Fund intends, subject to then favorable market conditions, to add leverage to its portfolio by using reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings, such as through loans or lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities. The Adviser currently expects that the leverage initially obtained through such instruments may represent approximately 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through the use of such instruments). Although it has no current intention to do so, the Fund also may determine to issue preferred shares to add leverage to its portfolio.

The Fund also may enter into transactions other than reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or the issuance of preferred shares that may give rise to a form of leverage or that have leverage embedded in them including, among others, transactions involving inverse floaters and related securities, credit default swap contracts and other transactions. Other such transactions include loans of portfolio securities, transactions involving derivative instruments, short sales and when-issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions. These transactions may represent a form of investment leverage and will create special risks. The use of these forms of additional leverage will increase the volatility of the Fund's investment portfolio and could result in larger losses than if the strategies were not used.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will not (i) enter into reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions, (ii) borrow money through loans or draw on lines of credit from banks or other credit facilities, (iii) issue preferred shares, or (iv) enter into derivatives transactions with the intention on the part of the Adviser to create investment leverage, if as a result the amount of investment leverage the Adviser determines to be attributable to the activities listed in (i) through (iv) above in the aggregate would exceed 50% of the Fund's total assets (including, for purposes of the 50% limit, the amounts of leverage obtained through such activities) (the 50% leverage policy). Derivatives transactions entered into by the Fund to hedge, manage or reduce risk or to equitize a cash position will not be considered to have been made for the purpose of creating investment leverage and therefore will not be subject to the 50% leverage policy; the Adviser generally will determine whether an investment has the effect of creating investment leverage by evaluating the effect of the investment on the exposure and risk profile of the Fund as a whole. It is possible that following the incurrence of any amount of investment leverage, the value of the assets of the Fund will decline due to market conditions or other factors and that the 50% leverage limit will as a result be exceeded. In that case, the leverage risk to Common Shareholders will increase. See **Principal Risk Factors** **Leverage Risk**.

The Fund will use leverage opportunistically and may choose to increase, decrease, or eliminate its use of leverage over time and from time to time based on DoubleLine's assessment of the yield curve environment, interest rate trends, market conditions, and other factors. There is no assurance that the Fund will use reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions or borrowings, issue preferred shares and/or use other forms of leverage. If used, there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategies will be successful. The net proceeds the Fund obtains from the use of leverage will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as described in this prospectus. So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the investments purchased by the Fund exceeds the costs of such leverage to the Fund, the use of leverage should help the Fund to achieve an investment return greater than it would if it were not leveraged, although use of leverage may result in losses greater than if the Fund had not used leverage.

Leveraging is a speculative technique and there are special risks and costs involved. The Fund cannot assure you that any use of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, or other

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forms of leverage (such as a potential future issuance of preferred shares or the use of derivatives strategies) will result in a higher investment return on your Common Shares, and it may result in losses. When leverage is used, the NAV and market price of the Common Shares and the yield to Common Shareholders will be more volatile. In addition, fees and expenses of repurchase agreements and borrowings, any future issuance of preferred shares, and other forms of leverage borne by the Fund are borne entirely by the Common Shareholders (and not by preferred shareholders, if any) and will reduce the investment return of the Common Shares. New regulations or guidance issued by the SEC or the CFTC or their staffs could, among other things, restrict the Fund’s ability to engage in leveraging and derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the Fund) and/or increase the costs of such leveraging and derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements), and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategy as a result.

Because the fees received by the Adviser are based on the total managed assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or preferred shares that may be outstanding), there is a financial incentive for the Adviser to cause the Fund to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Common Shareholders, on the other hand.

Please see **Principal Risk Factors** **Leverage Risk** for additional information regarding the Fund’s use of leverage and related risks.

**EFFECTS OF LEVERAGE**

Assuming the Fund engages in reverse repurchase agreements or dollar rolls transactions, and/or borrowings representing 33 1/3% of the Fund’s total assets (including the amounts of leverage obtained through such instruments), at an annual effective interest expense rate of 1.05% payable by the Fund on such instruments (based on market interest rates as of the date of this prospectus), the annual return that the Fund’s portfolio must experience in order to cover such costs of the reverse repurchase agreements or dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings would be 0.35%. Of course, these figures are merely estimates based on current market conditions, used for illustration purposes only. Actual expenses associated with reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings used by the Fund may vary frequently and may be significantly higher or lower than the rate used for the example above.

The following table is furnished in response to requirements of the SEC. It is designed to illustrate the effects of leverage on Common Share total return, assuming investment portfolio total returns (consisting of income and changes in the value of investments held in the Fund’s portfolio) of -10%, -5%, 0%, 5% and 10%. These assumed investment portfolio returns are hypothetical figures and are not necessarily indicative of the investment portfolio returns expected to be experienced by the Fund. Your actual returns may be greater or less than those appearing below.

Assumed Portfolio Total Return (net of expenses)	(10.00)%	(5.00)%	0.00%	5.00%	10.00%
Common Share Total Return	(15.53)%	(8.03)%	(0.53)%	6.97%	14.47%

Common Share total return is composed of two elements—the Common Share dividends paid by the Fund (the amount of which is largely determined by the net investment income of the Fund after paying interest expenses on the Fund’s leveraging transactions as described above and dividend payments on any preferred shares issued by the Fund) and gains or losses on the value of the securities the Fund owns. This table reflects hypothetical performance of the Fund’s portfolio and not the performance of the Fund’s Common Shares, the value of which will be determined by market forces and other factors.



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Any benefits of leverage used by the Fund cannot be fully achieved until the proceeds resulting from the use of leverage have been received by the Fund and invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. The Fund's willingness to use leverage, and the extent to which leverage is used at any time, will depend on many factors, including DoubleLine's assessment of the yield curve environment, interest rate trends, market conditions and other factors.

### **POSSIBLE FUTURE ISSUANCE OF PREFERRED SHARES**

As noted above, although the Fund has no present intention to do so, the Fund may determine in the future to issue preferred shares to add leverage to its portfolio. Any such preferred shares would have complete priority upon distribution of assets over the Common Shares. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund would not be permitted to issue preferred shares unless immediately after such issuance the value of the Fund's total assets less liabilities (other than any senior securities outstanding or the liquidation value of any outstanding preferred shares) was at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding preferred shares plus the aggregate amount of any senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act) held by the Fund as described above (*i.e.*, such liquidation value plus the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness may not exceed 50% of the Fund's total assets less liabilities (other than any senior securities outstanding or the liquidation value of any outstanding preferred shares)). In addition, if the Fund issues preferred shares, the 1940 Act prohibits the declaration of any dividend (except a dividend payable in Common Shares of the Fund) or distribution upon the common shares of the Fund, or purchase of any such Common Shares, unless in every such case the preferred share class has, at the time of the declaration of any such dividend or distribution or at the time of any such purchase, an asset coverage of at least 200% (as described above) after deducting the amount of such dividend, distribution, or purchase price, as the case may be. The 1940 Act requires that the holders of any preferred shares, voting separately as a single class, have the right to elect two Trustees at all times, and, if dividends on preferred shares shall be unpaid in an amount equal to two full years' dividends on such preferred shares, to elect a majority of the Trustees. The Fund might also be subject to certain restrictions imposed by guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for preferred shares issued by the Fund. These guidelines may impose asset coverage or portfolio composition requirements that are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act.

### **CREDIT FACILITY**

In the event the Fund leverages through borrowings, the Fund may enter into definitive agreements with respect to a credit facility. The Fund may negotiate with commercial banks or other lenders to arrange a credit facility pursuant to which the Fund would expect to be entitled to borrow an amount up to approximately 33 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the Fund's total assets (including the amount borrowed). Any such borrowings would constitute financial leverage. Such a facility is not expected to be convertible into any other securities of the Fund. Outstanding amounts may be prepayable by the Fund prior to final maturity only with a penalty payment. There are not expected to be any sinking fund or mandatory retirement provisions. Outstanding amounts would be payable at maturity or such earlier times as required by the agreement. The Fund may be required to prepay outstanding amounts under the facility or incur a penalty rate of interest in the event of the occurrence of certain events of default. The Fund would be expected to indemnify the lenders under the facility against liabilities they may incur in connection with the facility. There can be no assurance that the Fund will be successful in establishing a credit facility or other forms of borrowing leverage. Leveraging with a credit facility is expected to result in the Fund paying one or more lenders fees that are in addition to the required interest payments (which may be based on a fixed or floating rate) under the credit facility, including, among others, a commitment fee, a facility fee on the unused portion of the credit facility, closing costs and related fees and expenses. See Summary of Fund Expenses.

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In addition, the Fund expects that such a credit facility would contain covenants that, among other things, likely will limit the Fund's ability to pay dividends in certain circumstances, incur additional debt, change its fundamental investment policies and engage in certain transactions, including mergers and consolidations, and may require asset coverage ratios in addition to those required by the 1940 Act. The Fund may be required to pledge its assets and to maintain a portion of its assets in cash or high-grade securities, including as a reserve against interest or principal payments and expenses. Any borrowings from a credit facility may be required to be secured by a pledge of the Fund's assets. Only certain of the Fund's assets may be eligible to be pledged under the terms of a credit facility. Consequently, the Fund may be limited in its ability to draw on the credit facility by the amount of eligible securities the Fund holds in its portfolio and is able to pledge. The Fund expects that any credit facility would have customary covenant, negative covenant and default provisions. There can be no assurance that the Fund will enter into an agreement for a credit facility at all or on terms and conditions representative of the foregoing, or that additional material terms will not apply. In addition, if entered into, any such credit facility may in the future be replaced or refinanced by one or more credit facilities having substantially different terms or by the issuance of preferred shares or debt securities.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund would not be permitted to issue any senior security representing indebtedness unless immediately after such issuance the value of the Fund's total assets less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities is at least 300% of the value of the outstanding amount of any senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act). In addition, the Fund would not be permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's total assets satisfies the above-referenced 300% coverage requirement after deducting the amount of such dividend or distribution.

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Investing in the Fund involves risks, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or that you may lose part or even all of your investment. Therefore, you should carefully consider the risks below and other information contained in this prospectus before you decide to participate in the offering. The section below does not describe all risks associated with an investment in the Fund. Additional risks and uncertainties also may adversely affect and impair the Fund.

### **NO PRIOR HISTORY**

The Fund is a newly organized, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company with no history of operations and is subject to all of the business risks and uncertainties associated with any new business.

### **MARKET DISCOUNT RISK**

As with any stock, the price of the Fund's Common Shares will fluctuate with market conditions and other factors. If you sell your Common Shares, the price received may be more or less than your original investment. The Fund's NAV will be reduced immediately following the initial offering by a sales load and organizational and offering expenses paid or reimbursed by the Fund. The Common Shares are designed for long-term investors and should not be treated as trading vehicles. Shares of closed-end management investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their NAV. The Common Shares may trade at a price that is less than the initial offering price. This risk may be greater for investors who sell their shares relatively shortly after completion of the initial offering. The Fund cannot assure you that Common Shares will trade at a price equal to or higher than NAV in the future, and they may trade at a price lower than NAV. In addition to the Fund's NAV, the Fund's market price may be affected by factors related to the Fund such as dividend payments (which will in turn be affected by Fund expenses, including the costs of the Fund's leverage, amounts of interest payments made by the Fund's portfolio holdings, appreciation/depreciation of the Fund's portfolio holdings, regulation affecting the timing and character of Fund distributions, and other factors), portfolio credit quality, liquidity, call protection, market supply and demand and similar factors relating to the Fund's portfolio holdings. The Fund's market price may also be affected by general market or economic conditions, including market trends affecting securities values generally or values of closed-end fund shares more specifically.

### **ISSUER RISK**

The value of securities may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as its financial strength, management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets.

### **INVESTMENT AND MARKET RISK**

An investment in Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount invested. An investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities and other instruments owned by the Fund. Securities and other instruments held by the Fund are generally traded in over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities and other instruments, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. The Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than their original cost, even after taking into account any reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Further, the value of securities and other instruments held by the Fund may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular



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industries. In particular, many debt securities and other instruments of the types in which the Fund may invest, and debt markets generally, have experienced increases, in some cases substantial increases, in value in recent years; there is no assurance that such increases will continue or that such securities or markets will not experience substantial decreases in value or broad reversals in the future. As current interest rates are significantly below historical norms, there can be no assurance that interest rates will decline further, or that they will not increase significantly in the future, which could cause the values of debt securities and other instruments of the types in which the Fund may invest to decline significantly.

### **ISSUER NON-DIVERSIFICATION RISK**

The Fund is a non-diversified investment company and therefore may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer or a limited number of issuers than funds that are diversified. Accordingly, the Fund is more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a diversified fund might be. Some of the issuers in which the Fund invests also may present substantial credit or other risks. The Fund will be subject to similar risks to the extent that it enters into derivatives transactions with a limited number of counterparties.

### **CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk is the risk that one or more of the Fund's investments in debt securities or other instruments will decline in price, or fail to pay interest, liquidation value or principal when due, because the issuer of the obligation or the issuer of a reference security experiences an actual or perceived decline in its financial status.

### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Generally, when market interest rates rise, the prices of debt obligations fall, and when market interest rates fall, the prices of debt obligations generally rise. Interest rate risk is the risk that debt obligations and other instruments in the Fund's portfolio will decline in value because of increases in market interest rates. This risk may be particularly acute in the current market environment because market interest rates are currently at historically low levels. The prices of long-term debt obligations generally fluctuate more than prices of short-term debt obligations as interest rates change. Because the Fund's weighted average effective duration generally will fluctuate as interest rates change, the Common Share NAV and market price per share may tend to fluctuate more in response to changes in market interest rates than if the Fund invested mainly in short-term debt securities. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may extend due to lower than expected rates of pre-payments, which could cause the securities' durations to extend and expose the securities to more price volatility. This may lock in a below market yield, increase the security's duration and reduce the securities' value. In addition to directly affecting debt securities, rising interest rates also may have an adverse effect on the value of any equity securities held by the Fund. The Fund's use of leverage, as described below, will tend to increase Common Share interest rate risk. DoubleLine may use certain strategies, including investments in structured notes or interest rate futures contracts or swap, cap, floor or collar transactions, for the purpose of reducing the interest rate sensitivity of the Fund's portfolio, although there is no assurance that it will do so or that such strategies will be successful.

Variable and floating rate debt securities are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes, but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not generally increase in value if interest rates decline. Inverse floating rate debt securities may decrease in value if interest rates increase. Inverse floating rate debt securities also may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate debt obligation with similar credit quality. When the Fund holds variable or floating rate securities, a decrease (or, in the case of inverse





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floating rate securities, an increase) in market interest rates will adversely affect the income received from such securities and the NAV of the Common Shares.

### **DEBT SECURITIES RISK**

In addition to certain of the other risks described herein, debt securities generally also are subject to the following risks:

- Ø **Redemption Risk** Debt securities sometimes contain provisions that allow for redemption in the event of tax or security law changes in addition to call features at the option of the issuer. In the event of a redemption, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at comparable rates of return.
- Ø **Liquidity** Certain debt securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as U.S. Government securities or common shares or other equity securities.
- Ø **Spread Risk** Wider credit spreads and decreasing market values typically represent a deterioration of the debt security's credit soundness and a perceived greater likelihood or risk of default by the issuer.
- Ø **Limited Voting Rights** Debt securities typically do not provide any voting rights, except in cases when interest payments have not been made and the issuer is in default. Even in such cases, such rights may be limited to the terms of the debenture or other agreements.

### **CORPORATE DEBT RISKS**

Corporate debt securities generally represent an issuer's obligation to repay to the investor (or lender) the amount borrowed plus interest over a specified time period. A typical corporate bond specifies a fixed date when the amount borrowed (principal) is due in full, known as the maturity date, and specifies dates when periodic interest (coupon) payments will be made over the life of the security.

Corporate debt securities come in many varieties and may differ in the way that interest is calculated, the amount and frequency of payments, the type of collateral, if any, and the presence of special features (*e.g.*, conversion rights). The Fund's investments in corporate debt securities may include, but are not limited to, senior, junior, secured and unsecured bonds, notes and other debt securities, and may be fixed rate, floating rate, zero coupon and inflation linked, among other things. The Fund may invest in convertible bonds, which are fixed income securities that are exercisable into other debt or equity securities, and synthetic convertible securities, which are created through a combination of separate securities that possess the two principal characteristics of a traditional convertible security, *i.e.*, an income-producing security ( income-producing component ) and the right to acquire an equity security ( convertible component ).

Prices of corporate debt securities fluctuate and, in particular, are subject to several key risks including, but not limited to, interest rate risk, credit risk, prepayment risk and spread risk. The market value of a corporate bond may be affected by the credit rating of the issuer, the issuer's performance, perceptions of the issuer in the market place, management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods and services. There is a risk that the issuers of the corporate debt securities in which the Fund may invest may not be able to meet their obligations on interest or principal payments at the time called for by an instrument (default risk).

### **FOREIGN (NON-U.S.) INVESTMENT RISK**

The Fund's investments in and exposure to foreign securities involve special risks. For example, the value of these investments may decline in response to unfavorable political and legal developments, unreliable or untimely information or economic and financial instability. Foreign

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securities may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value than investments in securities of U.S. issuers. The securities markets

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of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Issuers of foreign securities are usually not subject to the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers. Reporting, accounting, auditing, and custody standards of foreign countries differ, in some cases significantly, from U.S. standards. Also, nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, currency blockage, political changes or diplomatic developments could adversely affect the Fund's investments in a foreign country. In the event of nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, the Fund could lose its entire investment in foreign securities. To the extent that the Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in a particular foreign country or a concentrated geographic area (such as Europe or Asia), the Fund will generally have more exposure to regional economic risks associated with foreign investments. Also, adverse conditions in a certain region can adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated. The costs of investing in foreign countries frequently are higher than the costs of investing in the United States. Foreign countries may impose taxes on income from or disposition of foreign securities, thereby reducing the Fund's return on such securities. Additionally, investments in securities of foreign issuers generally will be denominated in foreign currencies, subjecting the Fund to foreign currency risk. See Foreign Currency Risk.

### **EMERGING MARKETS RISK**

Investing in emerging market countries involves substantial risk due to the potential to have limited information compared to what may be available or required by more developed countries; higher brokerage costs; different accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; the potential for less developed legal systems and thinner trading markets as compared to those in developed countries; currency blockages or transfer restrictions; an emerging market country's dependence on revenue from particular commodities or international aid; and expropriation, nationalization or other adverse political or economic developments.

Political and economic structures in many emerging market countries may be undergoing significant evolution and rapid development, and such countries may lack the social, political and economic stability characteristics of developed countries. Some of these countries have in the past failed to recognize private property rights and have nationalized or expropriated the assets of private companies.

The securities markets of emerging market countries may be substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets in the United States and other developed nations. The limited size of many securities markets in emerging market countries and limited trading volume in issuers compared to the volume in U.S. securities or securities of issuers in other developed countries could cause prices to be erratic for reasons other than factors that affect the quality of the securities. In addition, emerging market countries' exchanges and broker-dealers may generally be subject to less regulation than their counterparts in developed countries. Brokerage commissions and dealer mark-ups, custodial expenses and other transaction costs are generally higher in emerging market countries than in developed countries. As a result, funds that invest in emerging market countries have operating expenses that are higher than funds investing in other securities markets.

Emerging market countries may have different clearance and settlement procedures than in the United States, and in certain markets there may be times when settlements fail to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions, making it difficult to conduct such transactions. Further, satisfactory custodial services for investment securities may not be available in some emerging market countries, which may result in the Fund incurring additional costs and delays in transporting and custodizing such securities outside such countries. Delays in settlement or other problems could result in periods when assets of the Fund are uninvested and no return is earned thereon. The inability of the Fund to make intended security purchases due to settlement problems or the risk of intermediary counterparty failures could cause the Fund to miss attractive investment opportunities. The inability to dispose of a portfolio security due to

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settlement problems could result either in losses to the Fund due to subsequent declines in the value of such portfolio security or, if the Fund has entered into a contract to sell the security, could result in possible liability to the purchaser.

Some emerging market countries have a greater degree of economic, political and social instability than the United States and other developed countries. Such social, political and economic instability could disrupt the financial markets in which the Fund invests and adversely affect the value of its investment portfolio.

Currencies of emerging market countries have sometimes experienced devaluations relative to the U.S. dollar, and major devaluations have historically occurred in certain countries. A devaluation of the currency in which investment portfolio securities are denominated will negatively impact the value of those securities. Emerging market countries have and may in the future impose foreign currency controls and repatriation controls. In addition, some currency hedging techniques may be unavailable in emerging market countries, and the currencies of emerging market countries may experience greater volatility in exchange rates as compared to those of developed countries.

### **MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES RISKS**

Mortgage-backed securities include, among other things, participation interests in pools of residential mortgage loans purchased from individual lenders by a federal agency or originated and issued by private lenders and involve, among others, the following risks:

Credit and Market Risks of Mortgage-Backed Securities. Investments by the Fund in fixed rate and floating rate mortgage-backed securities will entail credit risks (*i.e.*, the risk of non-payment of interest and principal) and market risks (*i.e.*, the risk that interest rates and other factors could cause the value of the instrument to decline). Many issuers or servicers of mortgage-backed securities guarantee timely payment of interest and principal on the securities, whether or not payments are made when due on the underlying mortgages. This kind of guarantee generally increases the quality of a security, but does not mean that the security's market value and yield will not change. The value of all mortgage-backed securities also may change because of changes in the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the organization that issued or guarantees them. In addition, an unexpectedly high rate of defaults on the mortgages held by a mortgage pool may limit substantially the pool's ability to make payments of principal or interest to the Fund as a holder of such securities, reducing the values of those securities or in some cases rendering them worthless. The Fund also may purchase securities that are not guaranteed or subject to any credit support.

Like bond investments, the value of fixed rate mortgage-backed securities will tend to rise when interest rates fall, and fall when rates rise. Floating rate mortgage-backed securities will generally tend to have more moderate changes in price when interest rates rise or fall, but their current yield will be affected. In addition, the mortgage-backed securities market in general may be adversely affected by changes in governmental legislation or regulation. Factors that could affect the value of a mortgage-backed security include, among other things, the types and amounts of insurance which an individual mortgage or that specific mortgage-backed security carries, the default and delinquency rate of the mortgage pool, the amount of time the mortgage loan has been outstanding, the loan-to-value ratio of each mortgage and the amount of overcollateralization or undercollateralization of a mortgage pool.

Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities. The residential mortgage market in the United States has experienced difficulties that may adversely affect the performance and market value of certain of the Fund's mortgage-related investments. Delinquencies and losses on residential mortgage loans (especially subprime and second-lien mortgage loans) generally have increased and may continue to increase, and a decline in or flattening of housing values (as has been experienced and may continue to be experienced in

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many housing markets) may exacerbate such delinquencies and losses. Borrowers with adjustable rate mortgage loans may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates, which affect their monthly mortgage payments, and may be unable to secure replacement mortgages at comparably low interest rates. Also, a number of residential mortgage loan originators have experienced serious financial difficulties or bankruptcy. Reduced investor demand for mortgage-related securities has resulted and may continue to result in limited new issuances of mortgage-related securities and limited liquidity in the secondary market for mortgage-related securities, which can adversely affect the market value of mortgage-related securities and limit the availability of attractive investment opportunities for the Fund. It is possible that such limited liquidity in secondary markets could continue or worsen.

Ongoing developments in the residential mortgage market may have additional consequences to the market for mortgage-backed securities. Delinquencies and losses generally have been increasing with respect to securitizations involving residential mortgage loans and may continue to increase as a result of the weakening housing market and the seasoning of securitized pools of mortgage loans. Many so-called sub-prime mortgage pools are currently distressed and may be trading at significant discounts to their face value.

Additionally, mortgage lenders have adjusted their loan programs and underwriting standards, which has reduced the availability of mortgage credit to prospective mortgagors. This has resulted in reduced availability of financing alternatives for mortgagors seeking to refinance their mortgage loans. The reduced availability of refinancing options for mortgagors has resulted in higher rates of delinquencies, defaults and losses on mortgage loans, particularly in the case of, but not limited to, mortgagors with ARMs or interest-only mortgage loans that experience significant increases in their monthly payments following the adjustment date or the end of the interest-only period (see *Adjustable Rate Mortgages* below for further discussion of adjustable rate mortgage risks). These events, alone or in combination with each other and with deteriorating economic conditions in the general economy, may continue to contribute to higher delinquency and default rates on mortgage loans. The tighter underwriting guidelines for residential mortgage loans, together with lower levels of home sales and reduced refinance activity, also may have contributed to a reduction in the prepayment rate for mortgage loans generally and this trend may continue. The values of mortgage-backed securities may be substantially dependent on the servicing of the underlying mortgage pools, and therefore are subject to risks associated with the negligence or malfeasance by their servicers and to the credit risk of their servicers. In certain circumstances, the mishandling of related documentation also may affect the rights of security holders in and to the underlying collateral.

The U.S. Government conservatorship of Freddie Mac and the Fannie Mae in September 2008 and its ultimate resolution may adversely affect the real estate market, the value of real estate-related assets generally and markets generally.

The FHFA, as conservator or receiver of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, has the power to repudiate any contract entered into by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac prior to its appointment if it determines that performance of the contract is burdensome and repudiation of the contract promotes the orderly administration of Fannie Mae's or Freddie Mac's affairs. In the event the guaranty obligations of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac are repudiated, the payments of interest to holders of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities would be reduced if payments on the mortgage loans represented in the mortgage loan groups related to such mortgage-backed securities are not made by the borrowers or advanced by the servicer. Any actual direct compensatory damages for repudiating these guaranty obligations may not be sufficient to offset any shortfalls experienced by such mortgage-backed security holders.

Further, in its capacity as conservator or receiver, FHFA has the right to transfer or sell any asset or liability of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac without any approval, assignment or consent. If FHFA were to

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transfer any such guaranty obligation to another party, holders of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac mortgage-backed securities would have to rely on that party for satisfaction of the guaranty obligation and would be exposed to the credit risk of that party.

**Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities.** CMBS include securities that reflect an interest in, or are secured by, mortgage loans on commercial real property. Many of the risks of investing in commercial mortgage-backed securities reflect the risks of investing in the real estate securing the underlying mortgage loans. These risks reflect the effects of local and other economic conditions on real estate markets, the ability of tenants to make loan payments and the ability of a property to attract and retain tenants. CMBS may be less liquid and exhibit greater price volatility than other types of mortgage- or asset-backed securities.

**Prepayment, Extension and Redemption Risks of Mortgage-Backed Securities.** Mortgage-backed securities may reflect an interest in monthly payments made by the borrowers who receive the underlying mortgage loans. Although the underlying mortgage loans are for specified periods of time, such as 20 or 30 years, the borrowers can, and historically have paid them off sooner. When a prepayment happens, a portion of the mortgage-backed security which represents an interest in the underlying mortgage loan will be prepaid. A borrower is more likely to prepay a mortgage which bears a relatively high rate of interest. This means that in times of declining interest rates, a portion of the Fund's higher yielding securities are likely to be redeemed and the Fund will probably be unable to replace them with securities having as great a yield. Prepayments can result in lower yields to shareholders. The increased likelihood of prepayment when interest rates decline also limits market price appreciation. This is known as prepayment risk. Mortgage-backed securities also are subject to extension risk. Extension risk is the possibility that rising interest rates may cause prepayments to occur at a slower than expected rate. This particular risk may effectively change a security which was considered short or intermediate term into a long-term security. The values of long-term securities generally fluctuate more widely in response to changes in interest rates than short or intermediate-term securities. In addition, a mortgage-backed security may be subject to redemption at the option of the issuer. If a mortgage-backed security held by the Fund is called for redemption, the Fund will be required to permit the issuer to redeem or pay-off the security, which could have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives.

**Liquidity Risk of Mortgage-Backed Securities.** The liquidity of mortgage-backed securities varies by type of security; at certain times the Fund may encounter difficulty in disposing of such investments. Because mortgage-backed securities have the potential to be less liquid than other securities, the Fund may be more susceptible to liquidity risks than funds that invest in other securities. In the past, in stressed markets, certain types of mortgage-backed securities suffered periods of illiquidity when disfavored by the market.

**Collateralized Mortgage Obligations.** There are certain risks associated specifically with CMOs. CMOs are debt obligations collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities. The expected average life of CMOs is determined using mathematical models that incorporate prepayment assumptions and other factors that involve estimates of future economic and market conditions. These estimates may vary from actual future results, particularly during periods of extreme market volatility. Further, under certain market conditions, such as those that occurred in 1994, 2007, 2008 and 2009, the average weighted life of certain CMOs may not accurately reflect the price volatility of such securities. For example, in periods of supply and demand imbalances in the market for such securities and/or in periods of sharp interest rate movements, the prices of CMOs may fluctuate to a greater extent than would be expected from interest rate movements alone. CMOs issued by private entities are not obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and are not guaranteed by any government agency, although the securities underlying a CMO may be subject to a guarantee. Therefore, if the collateral securing the CMO, as well as any third party credit support or guarantees, is insufficient to make payments when due, the holder could sustain a loss.

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**Adjustable Rate Mortgages.** ARMs contain maximum and minimum rates beyond which the mortgage interest rate may not vary over the lifetime of the security. In addition, many ARMs provide for additional limitations on the maximum amount by which the mortgage interest rate may adjust for any single adjustment period. Alternatively, certain ARMs contain limitations on changes in the required monthly payment. In the event that a monthly payment is not sufficient to pay the interest accruing on an ARM, any excess interest is added to the principal balance of the mortgage loan, which is repaid through future monthly payments. If the monthly payment for such an instrument exceeds the sum of the interest accrued at the applicable mortgage interest rate and the principal payment required at such point to amortize the outstanding principal balance over the remaining term of the loan, the excess is used to reduce the then-outstanding principal balance of the ARM.

In addition, certain ARMs may provide for an initial fixed, below-market or teaser interest rate. During this initial fixed-rate period, the payment due from the related mortgagor may be less than that of a traditional loan. However, after the teaser rate expires, the monthly payment required to be made by the mortgagor may increase dramatically when the interest rate on the mortgage loan adjusts. This increased burden on the mortgagor may increase the risk of delinquency or default on the mortgage loan and in turn, losses on the mortgage-backed security into which that loan has been bundled.

**Interest and Principal Only Securities Risk.** One type of stripped mortgage-backed security pays to one class all of the interest from the mortgage assets (the interest-only, or IO class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only, or PO class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the Fund's yield to maturity from these securities. If the assets underlying the IO class experience greater than anticipated prepayments of principal, the Fund may fail to recoup fully, or at all, its initial investment in these securities. PO class securities tend to decline in value if prepayments are slower than anticipated.

Investments in mortgage-related securities may involve particularly high levels of risk under current market conditions. See Mortgage Market/Subprime Risk.

### **MORTGAGE MARKET/SUBPRIME RISK**

The residential mortgage markets in the United States and in various foreign countries have experienced difficulties over the past few years that may adversely affect the performance and market value of certain of the Fund's mortgage-related investments. Delinquencies and losses on residential mortgage loans (especially subprime and second-lien mortgage loans) generally have increased recently and may continue to increase, and a decline in or flattening of housing values (as has been experienced during that period and may continue to be experienced in many real estate markets) may exacerbate such delinquencies and losses. Borrowers with ARMs are more sensitive to changes in interest rates, which affect their monthly mortgage payments, and may be unable to secure replacement mortgages at comparably low interest rates. Also, a number of residential mortgage loan originators have experienced serious financial difficulties or bankruptcy. Owing largely to the foregoing, reduced investor demand for mortgage loans and mortgage-related securities and increased investor yield requirements have caused limited liquidity in the secondary market for mortgage-related securities, which can adversely affect the market value of mortgage-related securities. It is possible that such limited liquidity in such secondary markets could continue or worsen.

### **COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS RISK**

The Fund may invest in CLOs. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans issued by banks, corporations or any other public or private entity or person, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans and subordinate or mezzanine loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. CLOs may charge





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management fees and administrative expenses. The cash flows from the trust are split into two or more portions, called tranches, varying in risk and yield. The riskiest portion is the equity tranche which generally bears losses in connection with the first defaults, if any, on the bonds or loans in the trust and serves to provide some measure of protection to the other, more senior tranches from defaults. The Fund will normally not invest in equity tranches of CLOs. A senior tranche from a CLO trust typically has higher ratings and lower yields than the underlying securities, and can be rated investment grade. Despite the protection from the equity tranche, CLO tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to defaults due to collateral default and disappearance of protecting tranches, market anticipation of defaults and aversion to CLO securities as a class. The risks of an investment in a CLO depend largely on the type of the collateral securities and the class of the CLO in which the Fund invests. Normally, CLOs are privately offered and sold, and thus are not registered under the securities laws. As a result, investments in CLOs may be characterized by the Fund as illiquid securities; however, an active dealer market may exist for CLOs allowing a CLO to qualify under Rule 144A under the Securities Act. In addition to the normal risks associated with debt instruments (*e.g.*, interest rate risk and credit risk), CLOs carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from the collateral will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the collateral may decline in value or default; (iii) that they may be subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or others and may produce unexpected investment results.

**ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES INVESTMENT RISK**

ABS tend to increase in value less than other debt securities when interest rates decline, but are subject to similar risk of decline in market value during periods of rising interest rates. In a period of declining interest rates, the Fund may be required to reinvest more frequent prepayments on ABS in lower-yielding investments. ABS in which the Fund invests may have underlying assets that include, among others, credit card and automobile finance receivables, student loans, airplane leases, installment loan contracts, home equity loans, and leases of various types of real and personal property. There is a risk that borrowers may default on their obligations in respect of those underlying obligations. Certain assets underlying ABS are subject to prepayment, which may reduce the overall return to ABS holders. Holders also may experience delays in payment on the securities if the full amounts due on underlying sales contracts or receivables are not realized by a trust because of unanticipated legal or administrative costs of enforcing the contracts or because of depreciation or damage to the collateral (usually automobiles) securing certain contracts, or other factors. The values of ABS may be substantially dependent on the servicing of the underlying asset pools, and are therefore subject to risks associated with the negligence or malfeasance by their servicers and to the credit risk of their servicers. In certain circumstances, the mishandling of related documentation also may affect the rights of security holders in and to the underlying collateral. The insolvency of entities that generate receivables or that utilize the assets may result in added costs and delays in addition to losses associated with a decline in the value of underlying assets. Certain ABS do not have the benefit of the same security interest in the related collateral as may mortgage-backed securities; nor are they provided government guarantees of repayment as are some mortgage-backed securities. Credit card receivables generally are unsecured, and the debtors are entitled to the protection of a number of state and federal consumer credit laws, many of which give such debtors the right to set off certain amounts owed on the credit cards, thereby reducing the balance due. In addition, some issuers of automobile receivables permit the servicers to retain possession of the underlying obligations. If the servicer were to sell these obligations to another party, there is a risk that the purchaser would acquire an interest superior to that of the holders of the related automobile receivables. The impairment of the value of collateral or other assets underlying an ABS, such as a result of non-payment of loans or non-performance of other collateral or underlying assets, may result in a

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reduction in the value of such ABS and losses to the Fund. It is possible that many or all ABS will fall out of favor at any time or over time with investors, affecting adversely the values and liquidity of the securities.

### **GOVERNMENT-ENTITY RISK**

Some U.S. Government securities, such as Treasury bills, notes, and bonds and mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Ginnie Mae, are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; others are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; others are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase the agency's obligations; still others are supported only by the credit of the issuing agency, instrumentality, or enterprise. Although U.S. GSEs, such as the Federal Home Loan Banks, Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae and Sallie Mae may be chartered or sponsored by Congress, they are not funded by Congressional appropriations, and their securities are not issued by the U.S. Treasury or supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government and involve increased credit risks. Although legislation has been enacted to support certain GSEs, including the Federal Home Loan Banks, Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, there is no assurance that GSE obligations will be satisfied in full, or that such obligations will not decrease in value or default. It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the future political, regulatory or economic changes that could impact the GSEs and the values of their related securities or obligations. In addition, certain governmental entities have been subject to regulatory scrutiny regarding their accounting policies and practices and other concerns that may result in legislation, changes in regulatory oversight and/or other consequences that could adversely affect the credit quality, availability or investment character of securities issued or guaranteed by these entities. See "Investment Objectives and Strategies Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Securities" in the SAI.

### **SOVEREIGN DEBT OBLIGATIONS RISK**

Investments in countries' government debt obligations involve special risks. Certain countries have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates, exchange rate fluctuations, large amounts of external debt, balance of payments and trade difficulties and extreme poverty and unemployment. The issuer or governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. A governmental entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the government entity's policy toward the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a government entity may be subject. Government debtors may default on their debt and also may depend on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and others to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. The commitment on the part of these governments, agencies and others to make such disbursements may be conditioned on a governmental entity's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations.

Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the governmental entity, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debts in a timely manner. Consequently, governmental entities may decide to default on their sovereign debt in whole or in part. Holders of sovereign debt, including the Fund, may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. There is no known bankruptcy proceeding by which sovereign debt on which governmental entities have defaulted may be collected in whole or in part.

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As a result of the foregoing, a government obligor may default on its obligations. If such an event occurs, the Fund may have limited (or no) legal recourse against the issuer and/or guarantor. Remedies must, in some cases, be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party itself, and the ability of the holder of foreign government debt securities to obtain recourse may be subject to the political climate in the relevant country. In addition, no assurance can be given that the holders of more senior fixed-income securities, such as commercial bank debt, will not contest payments to the holders of other foreign government debt securities in the event of default under their commercial bank loan agreements.

Government obligors in emerging market countries are among the world's largest debtors to commercial banks, other governments, international financial organizations and other financial institutions. The issuers of the government debt securities in which the Fund may invest have in the past experienced substantial difficulties in servicing their external debt obligations, which led to defaults on certain obligations and the restructuring of certain indebtedness. Restructuring arrangements have included, among other things, reducing and rescheduling interest and principal payments by negotiating new or amended credit agreements, and obtaining new credit to finance interest payments. Holders of certain foreign government debt securities may be requested to participate in the restructuring of such obligations and to extend further loans to their issuers. There can be no assurance that the foreign government debt securities in which the Fund may invest will not be subject to similar restructuring arrangements or to requests for new credit, which may adversely affect the Fund's holdings. Furthermore, certain participants in the secondary market for such debt may be directly involved in negotiating the terms of these arrangements and may therefore have access to information not available to other market participants.

Continuing uncertainty as to the status of the Euro and the EMU has created significant volatility in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of the Fund's portfolio investments.

Investments in a foreign country's government debt securities involve currency risk. See Foreign Currency Risk.

### **LOAN RISK**

Investments in loans are generally subject to the same risks as investments in other types of debt obligations, including, among others, credit risk, interest rate risk, prepayment risk, and extension risk. In addition, in many cases loans are subject to the risks associated with below-investment grade securities. This means loans are often subject to significant credit risks, including a greater possibility that the borrower will be adversely affected by changes in market or economic conditions and may default or enter bankruptcy. This risk of default will increase in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase in interest rates (which will increase the cost of the borrower's debt service).

Because there is limited public information available regarding loan investments, the Fund is particularly dependent on the analytical abilities of the Fund's portfolio managers. Opportunities to invest in loans or certain types of loans may be limited.

The Fund may invest in loans made in connection with highly leveraged transactions. These transactions may include operating loans, leveraged buyout loans, leveraged capitalization loans and other types of acquisition financing. Those loans are subject to greater credit and liquidity risks than other types of loans. The Fund may invest in loans of borrowers that are experiencing, or are likely to experience, financial difficulty. In addition, the Fund may invest in loans of borrowers that have filed for bankruptcy protection or that have had involuntary bankruptcy petitions filed against them by creditors.

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If the Fund holds a loan through another financial institution, or relies on another financial institution to administer the loan, the Fund's receipt of principal and interest on the loan is subject to the credit risk of the financial institution. If the Fund holds its interest in a loan through another financial institution, the Fund likely will not be able to exercise its rights directly against the borrower and may not be able to cause the financial institution to take what it considers to be appropriate action. If the Fund relies on a financial institution to administer a loan, the Fund is subject to the risk that the financial institution may be unwilling or unable to demand and receive payments from the borrower in respect of the loan, or otherwise unwilling or unable to perform its administrative obligations.

Loans in which the Fund may invest typically pay interest at floating rates. It is possible that the borrower may have the ability to change or to adjust the interest rate on a loan under circumstances or in ways that are unfavorable to the Fund, or that the timing or calculation of scheduled changes in the interest rate on a loan held by the Fund may delay, or prevent, the Fund from realizing the effects of favorable changes in interest rates.

If a loan is collateralized, the value of the collateral may decline after the Fund invests, and the value of the collateral may not be sufficient to cover the amount owed to the Fund. If a borrower defaults on a collateralized loan, the Fund may receive assets other than cash or securities in full or partial satisfaction of the borrower's obligation under the loan. Those assets may be illiquid, and the Fund might not be able to realize the benefit of the assets for legal, practical or other reasons.

Investments in loans may be difficult to value and may be illiquid, including due to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. The secondary market for loans may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads, and extended trade settlement periods, which may increase the expenses of the Fund or cause the Fund to be unable to realize the full value of its investment in the loan, resulting in a material decline in the Fund's NAV.

Transactions in many loans settle on a delayed basis, and the Fund may not receive the proceeds from the sale of a loan for a substantial period after the sale. As a result, sale proceeds related to the sale of loans will not be available to make additional investments until potentially a substantial period after the sale of the loans.

The Fund may make loans directly to borrowers or may acquire an interest in a loan by means of an assignment or a participation, although the Fund normally expects to acquire interests in loans primarily through assignments. In an assignment, the Fund may be required generally to rely upon the assigning financial institution to demand payment and enforce its rights against the borrower, but would otherwise be entitled to the benefit of all of the financial institution's rights in the loan. The Fund may also purchase a participating interest in a portion of the rights of a lending institution in a loan. In such case, the Fund will generally be entitled to receive from the lending institution amounts equal to the payments of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the loan received by the institution, but generally will not be entitled to enforce its rights directly against the agent bank or the borrower, and must rely for that purpose on the lending institution. In the case of an assignment or a participation, the value of the Fund's loan investment will depend at least in part on the credit standing of the assigning or participating institution. The Fund will in certain cases be required to rely upon the intermediary from which it purchases an assignment or participation interest to collect and pass on to the Fund such payments and to enforce the Fund's rights. As a result, an insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the intermediary may delay or prevent the Fund from receiving principal, interest and other amounts with respect to the Fund's interest in the loan.

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#### **HIGH YIELD SECURITIES RISK ( JUNK BONDS )**

Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and to repay principal when due, and are commonly referred to as high yield securities or junk bonds. High yield securities involve a greater risk of default and their prices are generally more volatile and sensitive to actual or perceived negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn, than are the prices of higher grade securities. Securities in the lowest investment grade category also may be considered to possess some speculative characteristics by certain rating agencies. The Fund may purchase distressed securities that are at risk of default or whose issuers are at risk of bankruptcy, which involves heightened risks. An economic downturn could severely affect the ability of issuers (particularly those who are highly leveraged) to service their debt obligations or to repay their obligations upon maturity. Lower-rated securities are generally less liquid than higher-rated securities, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular security. For example, under adverse market or economic conditions, the secondary market for below investment grade securities could contract further, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer, and certain securities in the Fund's portfolio may become illiquid or less liquid. As a result, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell these securities or may be able to sell these securities only at prices lower than if such securities were widely traded. See [Liquidity Risk](#). To the extent the Fund invests in high yield securities, DoubleLine's capabilities in analyzing credit quality and associated risks will be particularly important, and there can be no assurance that DoubleLine will be successful in this regard. See [Portfolio Contents High Yield Securities \( Junk Bonds \)](#) for additional information.

#### **DISTRESSED AND DEFAULTED SECURITIES RISK**

Distressed and defaulted securities generally present the same risks as investment in below investment grade securities. However, in most cases, these risks are of a greater magnitude because of the uncertainties of investing in an issuer undergoing financial distress. An issuer of distressed securities may be in bankruptcy or undergoing some other form of financial restructuring. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to an investment, the Fund may lose its entire investment or may be required to accept cash or securities with a value substantially less than its original investment. Interest and/or principal payments on distressed securities may be in default. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings. Distressed securities present a risk of loss of principal value, including potentially a total loss. Distressed securities may be highly illiquid and the prices at which distressed securities may be sold may represent a substantial discount to what the Adviser believes to be the ultimate value of such obligations. It may be difficult to obtain information as to the true financial condition of such issuer. DoubleLine's judgments about the credit quality of a financially stressed issuer and the relative value of its securities may prove to be wrong.

#### **LEVERAGE RISK**

The Fund's use of leverage (as described under [Leverage](#) above) creates the opportunity for increased net income and capital appreciation, but also creates special risks for Common Shareholders. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategies will be successful. Leverage is a speculative technique that may expose the Fund to greater risk and increased costs. The net proceeds the Fund obtains from its use of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings (as well as from any future issuance of preferred shares) will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as described in this prospectus. The interest expense payable by the Fund with respect to its reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions and/or borrowings (or dividends payable with

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respect to any outstanding preferred shares) may be based on shorter-term interest rates that periodically reset. So long as the Fund's portfolio investments provide a higher rate of return (net of applicable Fund expenses) than the interest expenses and other costs to the Fund of such leverage, the investment of the proceeds thereof should generate more income than will be needed to pay the costs of the leverage. If so, and all other things being equal, the excess would be used to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders than if the Fund were not so leveraged. If, however, interest rates rise relative to the rate of return on the Fund's portfolio, the interest and other costs to the Fund of leverage (including interest expenses on reverse repurchase agreements, dollar rolls, borrowings and the dividend rate on any outstanding preferred shares) could exceed the rate of return on the debt obligations and other investments held by the Fund, thereby reducing the return to Common Shareholders. When leverage is used, the NAV and market price of the Common Shares and the investment return to Common Shareholders will likely be more volatile. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of leverage will result in a higher investment return on the Common Shares, and it may result in losses. In addition, fees and expenses of any form of leverage used by the Fund will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders (and not by preferred shareholders, if any) and will reduce the investment return of the Common Shares. In addition, any preferred shares issued by the Fund may pay cumulative dividends, which may tend to increase leverage risk.

Leverage creates several major types of risks for Common Shareholders, including:

- Ø the likelihood of greater volatility of NAV and market price of Common Shares, and of the investment return to Common Shareholders, than a comparable portfolio without leverage;
- Ø the possibility either that Common Share dividends will fall if the interest and other costs of leverage rise, or that dividends paid on Common Shares will fluctuate because such costs vary over time; and
- Ø the effects of leverage in a declining market or a rising interest rate environment, as leverage is likely to cause a greater decline in the NAV of the Common Shares than if the Fund were not leveraged and may result in a greater decline in the market value of the Common Shares. In addition, the counterparties to the Fund's leveraging transactions and any preferred shareholders of the Fund will have priority of payment over the Fund's Common Shareholders.

The use by the Fund of reverse repurchase agreements and dollar roll transactions to obtain leverage also involves special risks. For instance, the market value of the securities that the Fund is obligated to repurchase under a reverse repurchase agreement may decline below the repurchase price and the securities may not be returned to the Fund. See [Portfolio Contents Reverse Repurchase Agreements and Dollar Rolls](#).

In addition to reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, and/or borrowings (or a future issuance of preferred shares), the Fund's use of other transactions that may give rise to a form of leverage (including, among others, inverse floaters and related securities, credit default swap contracts and other transactions, loans of portfolio securities, transactions involving derivative instruments, short sales, and when issued, delayed delivery, and forward commitment transactions) gives rise to associated leverage risks described above, and may adversely affect the Fund's income, distributions, and total returns to Common Shareholders. The Fund also may seek to offset derivatives positions against one another or against other assets in an attempt to manage effective market exposure resulting from derivatives in its portfolio. To the extent that any positions do not behave in relation to one another as expected by the Adviser, the Fund may perform as if it is leveraged through use of these derivative strategies. See [Leverage](#).

Because the fees received by the Adviser are based on the total managed assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or





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preferred shares that may be outstanding), there is a financial incentive for the Adviser to cause the Fund to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Adviser, on the one hand, and the Common Shareholders, on the other hand.

### **REIT RISK**

An investment in a REIT may be subject to risks similar to those associated with direct ownership of real estate, including difficulties in valuing and disposing of real estate, losses from casualty or condemnation and environmental liabilities, and changes in local and general economic conditions, market value, supply and demand, interest rates, zoning laws, regulatory limitations on rents, property taxes and operating expenses. In addition, an investment in a REIT is subject to additional risks, such as poor performance by the manager of the REIT, adverse changes to the tax laws, changes in the cost or availability of credit, or the failure by the REIT to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Code, and the risk of general declines in stock prices. In addition, some REITs have limited diversification because they invest in a limited number of properties, a narrow geographic area, or a single type of property. Also, the organizational documents of a REIT may contain provisions that make changes in control of the REIT difficult and time-consuming. To the extent the Fund invests in REITs, it will also be subject to the risk that a REIT may default on its obligations or go bankrupt. As a shareholder in a REIT, the Fund, and indirectly the Fund's shareholders, would bear its ratable share of the REIT's expenses and would at the same time continue to pay its own fees and expenses. The Fund's investments in REITs could cause the Fund to recognize income in excess of cash received from those investments and, as a result, the Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities, including when it is not advantageous to do so, in order to make distributions. Equity REITs invest primarily in direct fee ownership or leasehold ownership of real property and derive most of their income from rents. Mortgage REITs invest primarily in mortgages on real estate, which may secure, for example, construction, development or long-term loans, and the main source of their income is mortgage interest payments. Equity REITs are generally affected by changes in the values of and incomes from the properties they own, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the credit quality of the mortgage loans they hold. A hybrid REIT combines the characteristics of equity REITs and mortgage REITs, generally by holding both ownership interests and mortgage interests in real estate, and thus may be subject to risks associated with both real estate ownership and investments in mortgage-related securities.

### **INVERSE FLOATERS AND RELATED SECURITIES RISK**

Investments in inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments expose the Fund to the same risks as investments in debt securities and derivatives, as well as other risks, including those associated with leverage and increased volatility. An investment in these securities typically will involve greater risk than an investment in a fixed rate security. Distributions on inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments will typically bear an inverse relationship to short term interest rates and typically will be reduced or, potentially, eliminated as interest rates rise. Inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments will underperform the market for fixed rate securities in a rising interest rate environment. Some inverse floaters may be considered to be leveraged to the extent that their interest rates vary by a magnitude that exceeds the magnitude of the change in a reference rate of interest (typically a short term interest rate). The leverage inherent in inverse floaters is associated with greater volatility in their market values. Investments in inverse floaters, residual interest tender option bonds and similar instruments that have mortgage-backed securities underlying them will expose the Fund to the risks associated with those mortgage-backed securities and the values of those investments may be especially sensitive to changes in prepayment rates on the underlying mortgage-backed securities.

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#### **MUNICIPAL BOND RISK**

Investing in the municipal bond market involves the risks of investing in debt securities generally and certain other risks. The amount of public information available about the municipal bonds in the Fund's portfolio is generally less than that for corporate equities or bonds, and the investment performance of the Fund's investment in municipal bonds may therefore be more dependent on the analytical abilities of the Adviser than its investments in taxable bonds. The secondary market for municipal bonds also tends to be less well developed or liquid than many other securities markets, which may adversely affect the Fund's ability to sell municipal bonds at attractive prices.

The ability of municipal issuers to make timely payments of interest and principal may be diminished during general economic downturns, by litigation, legislation or political events, or by the bankruptcy of the issuer. Laws, referenda, ordinances or regulations enacted in the future by Congress or state legislatures or the applicable governmental entity could extend the time for payment of principal and/or interest, or impose other constraints on enforcement of such obligations, or on the ability of municipal issuers to levy taxes. Issuers of municipal securities also might seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. In the event of bankruptcy of such an issuer, the Fund could experience delays in collecting principal and interest and the Fund may not, in all circumstances, be able to collect all principal and interest to which it is entitled. To enforce its rights in the event of a default in the payment of interest or repayment of principal, or both, the Fund may take possession of and manage the assets securing the issuer's obligations on such securities, which may increase the Fund's operating expenses. Any income derived from the Fund's ownership or operation of such assets may not be tax exempt.

The Fund may invest in revenue bonds, which are typically issued to fund a wide variety of capital projects including: electric, gas, water and sewer systems; highways, bridges and tunnels; port and airport facilities; colleges and universities; and hospitals. Because the principal security for a revenue bond is generally the net revenues derived from a particular facility or group of facilities or, in some cases, from the proceeds of a special excise or other specific revenue source, there is no guarantee that the particular project will generate enough revenue to pay its obligations, in which case the Fund's performance may be adversely affected.

Interest on municipal obligations, while generally exempt from federal income tax, may not be exempt from federal alternative minimum tax. The Fund does not expect to be eligible to pass the tax-exempt character of such interest through to Common Shareholders.

#### **REINVESTMENT RISK**

Income from the Fund's portfolio will decline if and when the Fund invests the proceeds from matured, traded or called debt obligations at market interest rates that are below the portfolio's current earnings rate. For instance, during periods of declining interest rates, an issuer of debt obligations may exercise an option to redeem securities prior to maturity, forcing the Fund to reinvest the proceeds in lower-yielding securities. The Fund also may choose to sell higher yielding portfolio securities and to purchase lower yielding securities to achieve greater portfolio diversification, because the portfolio managers believe the current holdings are overvalued or for other investment-related reasons. A decline in income received by the Fund from its investments is likely to have a negative effect on the dividend levels and market price, NAV and/or overall return of the Common Shares.

#### **FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK**

The Fund's Common Shares are priced in U.S. dollars and the distributions paid by the Fund to Common Shareholders are paid in U.S. dollars. However, a portion of the Fund's assets may be denominated in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies and income received by the Fund from many foreign debt obligations may



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be paid in foreign currencies. The Fund also may invest in or gain exposure to foreign currencies themselves for investment or hedging purposes. The Fund's investments in or exposure to foreign currencies or in securities or instruments that trade, or receive revenues, in foreign currencies are subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar or, in the case of hedging positions (if used), that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States or abroad. These fluctuations may have a significant adverse impact on the value of the Fund's portfolio and/or the level of Fund distributions made to Common Shareholders. As noted above, the Fund may (but is not required to) attempt to hedge some of its exposure to foreign currencies in order to reduce the risk of loss due to fluctuations in currency exchange rates relative to the U.S. dollar. There is no assurance, however, that these hedging strategies will be available or will be used by the Fund or, if used, that they will be successful.

### **REDENOMINATION RISK**

As the European debt crisis has progressed, the possibility of one or more Eurozone countries exiting the EMU, or even the potential of the collapse of the euro as a common currency, has persisted, creating significant volatility at times in currency and financial markets generally. Any partial or complete dissolution of the EMU could have significant adverse effects on currency and financial markets, and on the values of the Fund's portfolio investments. If one or more EMU countries were to stop using the euro as its primary currency, the Fund's investments in such countries may be redenominated into a different or newly adopted currency. As a result, the values of those investments could decline significantly and unpredictably. In addition, securities or other investments that are redenominated may be subject to foreign currency risk, liquidity risk and valuation risk to a greater extent than similar investments currently denominated in euros. See Foreign Currency Risk,

Liquidity Risk and Valuation Risk. To the extent a currency used for redenomination purposes is not specified in respect of certain EMU-related investments, or should the euro cease to be used entirely, the currency in which such investments might be deemed to be denominated may be unclear, making such investments particularly difficult to value or dispose of. The Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek judicial or other clarification of the denomination or value of such securities.

### **CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS RISK**

Credit default swaps involve greater risks than investing in the reference obligation directly. In addition to general market risks, credit default swaps are subject to liquidity risk, counterparty risk and credit risk. A buyer will lose its investment and recover nothing should no event of default occur. If an event of default were to occur, the value of the reference obligation received by the seller (if any), coupled with the periodic payments previously received, may be less than the full notional value it pays to the buyer, resulting in a loss of value to the seller. When the Fund acts as a seller of a credit default swap, it is exposed to many of the same risks of leverage described herein since if an event of default occurs the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value of the reference obligation.

Although the Fund may seek to realize gains by writing credit default swaps that increase in value, to realize gains on writing credit default swaps, an active secondary market for such instruments must exist or the Fund must otherwise be able to close out these transactions at advantageous times. If no such secondary market exists or the Fund is otherwise unable to close out these transactions at advantageous times, writing credit default swaps may not be profitable for the Fund.

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The market for credit default swaps has become more volatile in recent years as the creditworthiness of certain counterparties has been questioned and/or downgraded. If a counterparty's credit becomes significantly impaired, multiple requests for collateral posting in a short period of time could increase the risk that the Fund may not receive adequate collateral. As of the date of this prospectus, credit default swaps are not currently traded on any securities exchange; however certain credit default swaps may be cleared through swaps clearing houses. The Fund may exit its obligations under a credit default swap only by terminating the contract and paying applicable breakage fees, or by entering into an offsetting credit default swap position, which may cause the Fund to incur more losses.

### **HEDGING STRATEGY RISK**

Certain of the investment techniques that the Fund may employ for hedging will expose the Fund to additional or increased risks.

There may be an imperfect correlation between changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings and hedging positions entered into by the Fund, which may prevent the Fund from achieving the intended hedge or expose the Fund to risk of loss. In addition, the Fund's success in using hedge instruments is subject to the Adviser's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Fund's portfolio holdings, and there can be no assurance that the Adviser's judgment in this respect will be accurate. Consequently, the use of hedging transactions might result in a poorer overall performance for the Fund, whether or not adjusted for risk, than if the Fund had not hedged its portfolio holdings.

The Adviser is under no obligation to engage in any hedging strategies, and may, in its discretion, choose not to. Even if the Adviser desires to hedge some of the Fund's risks, suitable hedging transactions may not be available or, if available, attractive. A failure to hedge may result in losses to the value of the Fund's investments.

### **SHORT SALES RISK**

To the extent the Fund makes use of short sales for investment and/or risk management purposes, the Fund may be subject to certain risks associated with selling short. Short sales are transactions in which the Fund sells securities or other instruments that the Fund does not own. Short exposure with respect to securities or market segments may also be achieved through the use of derivative instruments, such as forwards, futures or swaps on indices or on individual securities. When the Fund engages in a short sale on a security or other instrument, it typically borrows the security or other instrument sold short and delivers it to the counterparty. The Fund will ordinarily have to pay a fee or premium to borrow the security and will be obligated to repay the lender of the security any dividends or interest that accrue on the security during the period of the loan. The amount of any gain from a short sale will be decreased, and the amount of any loss increased, by the amount of the premium, dividends, interest or expenses the Fund pays in connection with the short sale. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk that it will be required to cover its short position at a time when the securities have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the Fund. The Fund may engage in short sales when it does not own or have the right to acquire the security sold short at no additional cost. The Fund's loss on a short sale theoretically could be unlimited in a case in which the Fund is unable, for whatever reason, to close out its short position. In addition, the Fund's short selling strategies may limit its ability to benefit from increases in the markets. Short selling involves a form of financial leverage that may exaggerate any losses realized by the Fund. Also, there is the risk that the counterparty to a short sale may fail to honor its contractual terms, causing a loss to the Fund.

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#### **CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES RISK**

Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible debt securities of similar quality. The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, a convertible security's market value tends to reflect the market price of the common stock of the issuing company when that stock price approaches or is greater than the convertible security's conversion price. The conversion price is defined as the predetermined price at which the convertible security could be exchanged for the associated stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines, the price of the convertible security tends to be influenced more by the yield of the convertible security. Thus, it may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the issuing company, holders of convertible securities would be paid before the company's common stockholders but after holders of any senior debt obligations of the company. Consequently, the issuer's convertible securities generally entail less risk than its common stock but more risk than its debt obligations.

The Fund may invest in synthetic convertible securities, which are created through a combination of separate securities that possess the two principal characteristics of a traditional convertible security, *i.e.*, an income-producing security ( income-producing component ) and the right to acquire an equity security ( convertible component ). The income-producing component is achieved by investing in non-convertible, income-producing securities such as bonds, preferred stocks and money market instruments. The convertible component is achieved by purchasing warrants or options to buy common stock at a certain exercise price, or options on a stock index. The values of synthetic convertible securities will respond differently to market fluctuations than a traditional convertible security because a synthetic convertible is composed of two or more separate securities or instruments, each with its own market value. Synthetic convertible securities also are subject to the risks associated with derivatives. See Derivatives Risk. In addition, if the value of the underlying common stock or the level of the index involved in the convertible element falls below the strike price of the warrant or option, the warrant or option may lose all value.

#### **PREFERRED SECURITIES RISK**

In addition to equity securities risk (see Equity Securities and Related Market Risk ), credit risk (see Credit Risk ) and possibly high yield risk (see High Yield Securities Risk ( Junk Bonds ) ), investment in preferred stocks involves certain other risks. Certain preferred securities contain provisions that allow an issuer under certain conditions to skip or defer distributions. If the Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring its distribution, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes despite the fact that it is not receiving current income on this position. Preferred securities often are subject to legal provisions that allow for redemption in the event of certain tax or legal changes or at the issuer's call. In the event of redemption, the Fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at comparable rates of return. Preferred securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt securities in an issuer's capital structure in terms of priority for corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt securities. Preferred securities may trade less frequently and in a more limited volume and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than many other securities, such as common stocks, corporate debt securities and U.S. Government securities.

#### **MANAGEMENT RISK**

The Fund's ability to identify and invest in attractive opportunities is dependent upon the Adviser. If one or more key individuals leave the Adviser, it may not be able to hire qualified replacements, or may require an extended time to do so. This could prevent the Fund from achieving its investment objectives.

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The Fund is the second closed-end fund to be managed by the Adviser. The Adviser is the adviser to several registered open-end funds, and the portfolio managers have previous experience managing closed-end funds. As with any managed fund, the Adviser may not be successful in selecting the best-performing securities, leverage strategy or investment techniques, and the Fund's performance may lag behind that of similar funds as a result.

### **VALUATION RISK**

When market quotations are not readily available or are deemed to be unreliable, the Fund values its investments at fair value as determined in good faith pursuant to policies and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. See **Net Asset Value**. Fair value pricing may require subjective determinations about the value of a security or other asset. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will result in adjustments to the prices of securities or other assets, or that fair value pricing will reflect actual market value, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security or other asset will be materially different from quoted or published prices, from the prices used by others for the same security or other asset and/or from the value that actually could be or is realized upon the sale of that security or other asset.

### **FOCUSED INVESTMENT RISK**

The Fund will be subject to focused investment risks to the extent that it invests a substantial portion of its assets in a small number of issuers or in a particular country or geographic region. To the extent that the Fund focuses or concentrates its investments in a particular industry, the NAV of the Common Shares will be more susceptible to events or factors affecting companies in that industry. These may include, but are not limited to, changes in governmental regulation, inflation, rising interest rates, competition from new entrants, and other economic, market, political or other developments specific to that industry. The Fund may have greater risk to the extent that it invests a substantial portion of its assets in companies in related industry sectors, which may share common characteristics, are often subject to similar business risks and regulatory burdens, and whose securities may react similarly to the types of events and factors described above. See **Issuer Non-Diversification Risk**, **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk**, **Emerging Markets Risk**, and **Foreign Currency Risk**.

### **DERIVATIVES RISK**

Derivatives are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this prospectus, such as liquidity risk, issuer risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, leverage risk, counterparty risk, management risk and, if applicable, smaller company risk. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation, the risk of unfavorable or ambiguous documentation, and the risk that changes in the value of a derivative may not correlate perfectly with an underlying asset, currency, interest rate or index. If the Fund invests in a derivative instrument, it could lose more than the principal amount invested. Suitable derivatives transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Fund will engage in these transactions to reduce exposure to other risks when that would be beneficial.

The use by the Fund of derivatives such as options, forwards or futures contracts, or short sales may subject the Fund to risks associated with short economic exposure. Taking a short economic position through derivatives exposes the Fund to the risk that it will be obligated to make payments to its counterparty if the underlying asset appreciates in value, resulting in a loss to the Fund. The Fund's loss on a short position theoretically could be unlimited.

The U.S. Government has enacted legislation that provides for new regulation of certain portions of the derivatives market, including clearing, margin, reporting, recordkeeping, and registration requirements

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for certain types of swaps contracts. Because the legislation leaves much to rule making, which is not yet completed, its ultimate impact remains unclear. New regulations could, among other things, restrict the Fund's ability to engage in derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the Fund) and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements), and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategy as a result. New rules required but not yet fully enacted under the Dodd-Frank Act will require certain over-the-counter derivatives, including certain interest rate swaps and certain credit default index swaps, to be executed on a regulated market and cleared through a central counterparty, which may result in increased margin requirements and costs for the Fund. It is unclear how the regulatory changes will affect counterparty risk.

**RISKS RELATED TO THE FUND'S CLEARING BROKER AND CENTRAL CLEARING COUNTERPARTY**

The CEA requires swaps and futures clearing brokers registered as futures commission merchants to segregate all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of U.S. domestic futures contracts and cleared swaps from the brokers' proprietary assets. Similarly, the CEA requires each futures commission merchant to hold in separate secure accounts all funds received from customers with respect to any orders for the purchase or sale of foreign futures contracts and cleared swaps and segregate any such funds. However, all funds and other property received by a clearing broker from its customers are held by the clearing broker on a commingled basis in an omnibus account and may be invested in certain instruments permitted under applicable regulations. There is a risk that assets deposited by the Fund with any swaps or futures clearing broker as margin for futures contracts or cleared swaps may, in certain circumstances, be used to satisfy losses of other clients of the Fund's clearing broker. In addition, the assets of the Fund might not be fully protected in the event of the Fund's clearing broker's bankruptcy, as the Fund would be limited to recovering only a pro rata share of all available funds segregated on behalf of the clearing broker's customers for the relevant account class. Similarly, the CEA requires a clearing organization approved by the CFTC as a derivatives clearing organization to segregate all funds and other property received from a clearing member's clients in connection with domestic cleared derivative contracts from any funds held at the clearing organization to support the clearing member's proprietary trading. Nevertheless, all customer funds held at a clearing organization in connection with any futures contracts are held in a commingled omnibus account and are not identified to the name of the clearing member's individual customers. All customer funds held at a clearing organization with respect to cleared swaps of customers of a clearing broker are also held in an omnibus account, but CFTC rules require that the clearing broker notify the clearing organization of the amount of the initial margin provided by the clearing broker to the clearing organization that is attributable to each customer. With respect to futures and options contracts, a clearing organization may use assets of a non-defaulting customer held in an omnibus account at the clearing organization to satisfy payment obligations of a defaulting customer of the clearing member to the clearing organization. With respect to cleared swaps, a clearing organization generally cannot do so, but may do so if the clearing member does not provide accurate reporting to the clearing organization as to the attribution of margin among its clients. Also, since clearing brokers generally provide to clearing organizations the net amount of variation margin required for cleared swaps for all of its customers in the aggregate, rather than the gross amount of each customer, the Fund is subject to the risk that a clearing organization will not make variation margin payments owed to the Fund if another customer of the clearing member has suffered a loss and is in default. As a result, in the event of a default or the clearing broker's other clients or the clearing broker's failure to extend its own funds in connection with any such default, the Fund may not be able to recover the full amount of assets deposited by the clearing broker on behalf of the Fund with the clearing organization.



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#### **COUNTERPARTY RISK**

The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange-traded instruments or another third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments) and other instruments entered into directly by the Fund or held by special purpose or structured vehicles in which the Fund invests. If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations to the Fund due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant losses or delays in obtaining any recovery (including recovery of any collateral it has provided to the counterparty) in a dissolution, assignment for the benefit of creditors, liquidation, winding-up, bankruptcy, or other analogous proceeding. In addition, in the event of the insolvency of a counterparty to a derivative transaction, the derivative transaction would typically be terminated at its fair market value. If the Fund is owed this fair market value in the termination of the derivative transaction and its claim is unsecured, the Fund will be treated as a general creditor of such counterparty, and will not have any claim with respect to any underlying security or asset. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

Counterparty risk with respect to certain exchange-traded and over-the-counter derivatives may be further complicated by U.S. financial reform legislation. See [Derivatives Risk](#) above for more information.

#### **NET ASSET VALUE DISCOUNT RISK**

Frequently, shares of closed-end investment companies, such as the Fund, trade at a price below their NAV, commonly referred to as a discount.

The Fund cannot predict whether, or to what extent, its Common Shares will trade at a discount to their NAV. Immediately following this offering, the NAV of the Fund's Common Shares will be reduced by offering costs paid by the Fund, and the public offering price you pay for the Common Shares includes the sales load, creating an increased risk that the Common Shares will trade at a discount to their offering price and NAV for a period following the offering. Therefore, there is an added risk to investors who may sell their shares shortly after the offering. Before making an investment decision, a prospective investor should consider the suitability of this investment with respect to the investor's investment objectives and personal situation. See [Description of Shares](#).

#### **STRUCTURED PRODUCTS RISK**

Generally, structured investments are interests in entities organized and operated for the purpose of restructuring the investment characteristics of underlying investment interests or securities. These investment entities may be structured as trusts or other types of pooled investment vehicles. This type of restructuring generally involves the deposit with or purchase by an entity of the underlying investments and the issuance by that entity of one or more classes of securities backed by, or representing interests in, the underlying investments or referencing an indicator related to such investments. The cash flow or rate of return on the underlying investments may be apportioned among the newly issued securities to create different investment characteristics, such as varying maturities, credit quality, payment priorities and interest rate provisions.

Structured notes are derivative securities for which the amount of principal repayment and/or interest payments is based on the movement of one or more factors. These factors may include, but are not limited to, currency exchange rates, interest rates (such as the prime lending rate or LIBOR), referenced bonds and stock indices. Some of these factors may or may not correlate to the total rate of return on one or more underlying instruments referenced in such notes. In some cases, the impact of the movements of these factors may increase or decrease through the use of multipliers or deflators.

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The cash flow or rate of return on a structured investment may be determined by applying a multiplier to the rate of total return on the underlying investments or referenced indicator. Application of a multiplier is comparable to the use of financial leverage, a speculative technique. Leverage magnifies the potential for gain and the risk of loss. As a result, a relatively small decline in the value of the underlying investments or referenced indicator could result in a relatively large loss in the value of a structured product. Holders of structured products indirectly bear risks associated with the underlying investments, index or reference obligation, and are subject to counterparty risk. The Fund generally has the right to receive payments to which it is entitled only from the structured product, and generally does not have direct rights against the issuer. While certain structured investment vehicles enable the investor to acquire interests in a pool of securities without the brokerage and other expenses associated with directly holding the same securities, investors in structured vehicles generally pay their share of the investment vehicle's administrative and other expenses.

Structured products are generally privately offered and sold, and thus, are not registered under the securities laws. Certain structured products may be thinly traded or have a limited trading market and may have the effect of increasing the Fund's illiquidity to the extent that the Fund, at a particular point in time, may be unable to find qualified buyers for these securities. In addition to the general risks associated with fixed income securities discussed herein, structured products carry additional risks including, but not limited to: (i) the possibility that distributions from underlying investments will not be adequate to make interest or other payments; (ii) the quality of the underlying investments may decline in value or default; (iii) the possibility that the security may be subordinate to other classes; and (iv) the complex structure of the security may not be fully understood at the time of investment and may produce disputes with the issuer or unexpected investment results.

Investments in structured notes involve risks including interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk. Where the Fund's investments in structured notes are based upon the movement of one or more factors, depending on the factor used and the use of multipliers or deflators, changes in interest rates and movement of the factor may cause significant price fluctuations. Additionally, changes in the reference instrument or security may cause the interest rate on the structured note to be reduced to zero and any further changes in the reference instrument may then reduce the principal amount payable on maturity.

### **EQUITY SECURITIES AND RELATED MARKET RISK**

The market price of common stocks and other equity securities may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Equity securities may decline in value due to factors affecting equity securities markets generally, particular industries represented in those markets, or the issuer itself. See Issuer Risk. The values of equity securities may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They also may decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than bonds and other debt securities.

### **SMALLER COMPANY RISK**

The general risks associated with debt instruments or equity securities are particularly pronounced for securities issued by companies with small market capitalizations. Small capitalization companies involve certain special risks. They are more likely than larger companies to have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or to depend on a small, inexperienced management group. Securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in lesser volume than more widely held securities and their values may fluctuate more sharply than other securities. They also may have limited liquidity. These

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securities may therefore be more vulnerable to adverse developments than securities of larger companies, and the Fund may have difficulty purchasing or selling securities positions in smaller companies at prevailing market prices. Also, there may be less publicly available information about smaller companies or less market interest in their securities as compared to larger companies. Companies with medium-sized market capitalizations may have risks similar to those of smaller companies.

### **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION ACCESS RISK**

In managing the Fund, DoubleLine may seek to avoid the receipt by portfolio managers and analysts of Confidential Information about the issuers of senior floating rate loans, other bank loans and related investments being considered for acquisition by the Fund or held in the Fund's portfolio if the receipt of the Confidential Information will restrict one or more of the Adviser's clients, including, potentially, the Fund, from trading in securities it holds or in which it expects to invest. In many instances, issuers offer to furnish Confidential Information to prospective purchasers or holders of the issuer's loans. In circumstances when the Fund's portfolio managers and analysts do not receive Confidential Information from these issuers, the Fund may be disadvantaged in comparison to other investors, including with respect to the price the Fund pays or receives when it buys or sells a bank loan. Further, in situations when the Fund is asked, for example, to grant consents, waivers or amendments with respect to bank loans, DoubleLine's ability to assess the desirability of such consents, waivers and amendments may be compromised. In such circumstances, DoubleLine may determine to receive such Confidential Information, but in so doing, may create information walls around persons (walled-off personnel) having access to the Confidential Information, which may limit the restrictions on others at DoubleLine but could also impair the ability of walled-off personnel to assist in managing the Fund. Also, certain issuers of senior floating rate loans, other bank loans and related investments may not have any publicly traded securities (Private Issuers) and may offer private information pursuant to confidentiality agreements or similar arrangements. DoubleLine may access such private information, while recognizing that the receipt of that information could potentially limit the Fund's ability to trade in certain securities if the Private Issuer later issues publicly traded securities. If DoubleLine intentionally or unintentionally comes into possession of Confidential Information, it may be unable, potentially for a substantial period of time, to sell certain investments held by the Fund.

### **OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES RISK**

As a shareholder in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's investment management fees with respect to the assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. In addition, these other investment companies may use leverage, in which case an investment would subject the Fund to additional risks associated with leverage. See Leverage Risk.

### **RULE 144A SECURITIES RISK**

Rule 144A under the Securities Act permits certain qualified institutional buyers, such as the Fund, to trade in privately placed securities that have not been registered for sale under the Securities Act. Rule 144A securities may be deemed illiquid, although the Fund may determine that certain Rule 144A securities are liquid in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees.

### **INFLATION/DEFLATION RISK**

Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from the Fund's investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of payments at future dates. As inflation increases, the real

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value of the Fund's portfolio could decline. Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time. Deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio.

### **LIQUIDITY RISK**

Illiquid securities are securities that the Adviser determines cannot be disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the value at which the Fund has valued the securities. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments, and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Also, the Fund may not be able to dispose readily of illiquid securities when that would be beneficial at a favorable time or price or at prices approximating those at which the Fund currently values them. The absence of a trading market can make it difficult to determine a market value for illiquid investments. Disposing of illiquid investments may involve time-consuming negotiation and legal expenses, and it may be difficult or impossible for the Fund to sell them promptly at an acceptable price. The Fund may have to bear the extra expense of registering such securities for resale and the risk of substantial delay in effecting such registration. In addition, market quotations are less readily available. The judgment of the Adviser may at times play a greater role in valuing these securities than in the case of publicly traded securities.

### **MARKET DISRUPTION AND GEOPOLITICAL RISK**

The wars with Iraq and Afghanistan and similar conflicts and geopolitical developments, their aftermath and continued military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan are likely to have a substantial effect on the U.S. and world economies and securities markets. The nature, scope and duration of the wars and the potential costs of rebuilding infrastructure cannot be predicted with any certainty. Terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 closed some of the U.S. securities markets for a four-day period and similar future events cannot be ruled out. The war and occupation, terrorism and related geopolitical risks have led, and may in the future lead, to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets generally. Likewise, natural and environmental disasters, such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan in early 2011, and systemic market dislocations of the kind surrounding the insolvency of Lehman Brothers in 2008, if repeated, could be highly disruptive to economies and markets. Those events, as well as other changes in foreign and domestic economic and political conditions, also could have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers. These risks also could adversely affect individual issuers and securities markets, interest rates, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, deflation and other factors relating to the Fund's investments and the market value and NAV of the Fund's Common Shares.

### **U.S. CREDIT RATING DOWNGRADE RISK**

The events surrounding the U.S. federal government debt ceiling and any resulting agreement could adversely affect the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives. On August 5, 2011, S&P lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the United States to AA+ from AAA. The downgrade by S&P and other future downgrades could increase volatility in both stock and bond markets, result in higher interest rates and lower Treasury prices and increase the costs of all kinds of debt. These events and similar events in other areas of the world could have significant adverse effects on the economy generally and could result in significant adverse impacts on issuers of securities held by the Fund and the Fund itself. The Adviser cannot predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the U.S. economy and securities markets or on the Fund's portfolio. The Adviser may not timely anticipate or manage existing, new or additional risks, contingencies or developments.

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#### **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RISK**

The techniques and strategies contemplated by the Fund might result in a high degree of portfolio turnover. Higher portfolio turnover rates result in corresponding increases in brokerage commissions and other trading costs and generate short-term capital gains taxable at ordinary income rates.

#### **LEGAL AND REGULATORY RISK**

Legal, tax and regulatory changes could occur and may adversely affect the Fund and its ability to pursue its investment strategies and/or increase the costs of implementing such strategies. New (or revised) laws or regulations may be imposed by the CFTC, the SEC, the U.S. Federal Reserve or other banking regulators, other governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations that supervise the financial markets that could adversely affect the Fund. In particular, these agencies are empowered to promulgate a variety of new rules pursuant to financial reform legislation in the United States. The Fund also may be adversely affected by changes in the enforcement or interpretation of existing statutes and rules by these governmental regulatory authorities or self-regulatory organizations.

In addition, the securities and futures markets are subject to comprehensive statutes, regulations and margin requirements. The CFTC, the SEC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, other regulators and self-regulatory organizations and exchanges are authorized under these statutes, regulations and otherwise to take extraordinary actions in the event of market emergencies. The Fund and the Adviser have historically been eligible for exemptions from certain regulations. However, there is no assurance that the Fund and the Adviser will continue to be eligible for such exemptions.

The CFTC and certain futures exchanges have established limits, referred to as position limits, on the maximum net long or net short positions which any person may hold or control in particular options and futures contracts; those position limits may apply to certain other derivatives positions the Fund may wish to take. All positions owned or controlled by the same person or entity, even if in different accounts, may be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the applicable position limits have been exceeded. Thus, even if the Fund does not intend to exceed applicable position limits, it is possible that different clients managed by the Adviser and its affiliates may be aggregated for this purpose. Therefore it is possible that the trading decisions of the Adviser may have to be modified and that positions held by the Fund may have to be liquidated in order to avoid exceeding such limits. The modification of investment decisions or the elimination of open positions, if it occurs, may adversely affect the performance of the Fund.

The SEC has in the past adopted interim rules requiring reporting of all short positions above a certain de minimis threshold and may adopt rules requiring monthly public disclosure in the future. In addition, other non-U.S. jurisdictions where the Fund may trade have adopted reporting requirements. If the Fund's short positions or its strategy become generally known, it could have a significant effect on the Adviser's ability to implement its investment strategy. In particular, it would make it more likely that other investors could cause a short squeeze in the securities held short by the Fund forcing the Fund to cover its positions at a loss. Such reporting requirements may also limit the Adviser's ability to access management and other personnel at certain companies where the Adviser seeks to take a short position. In addition, if other investors engage in copycat behavior by taking positions in the same issuers as the Fund, the cost of borrowing securities to sell short could increase drastically and the availability of such securities to the Fund could decrease drastically. Such events could make the Fund unable to execute its investment strategy. In addition, if the SEC were to adopt restrictions regarding short sales, they could restrict the Fund's ability to engage in short sales in certain circumstances, and the Fund may be unable to execute its investment strategies as a result.

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The SEC and regulatory authorities in other jurisdictions may adopt (and in certain cases, have adopted) bans on short sales of certain securities in response to market events. Bans on short selling may make it impossible for the Fund to execute certain investment strategies and may have a material adverse effect on the Fund's ability to generate returns.

Federal legislation has been passed that requires the adoption of regulations that would require any creditor that makes a loan and any securitizer of a loan to retain at least 5% of the credit risk on any loan that is transferred, sold or conveyed by such creditor or securitizer. It is currently unclear how these requirements would apply to loan participations, syndicated loans, and loan assignments. If the Fund invests in loans, it could be adversely affected by the regulation. The effect of any future regulatory change on the Fund could be substantial and adverse.

### **REGULATORY RISK COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR**

The Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" under the CEA pursuant to Rule 4.5 under the CEA (the "exclusion") promulgated by the CFTC, in connection with its services to the Fund. To ensure the Adviser's eligibility for the exclusion under Rule 4.5 as it has recently been amended by the CFTC, the Fund may be limited in its ability to use futures and options on futures and to engage in certain swaps transactions. The Fund currently expects to operate in a manner that would permit the Adviser to continue to claim the exclusion under Rule 4.5, which may adversely affect the Adviser's ability to manage the Fund under certain market conditions and may adversely affect the Fund's total return. In the event the Adviser becomes unable to rely on the exclusion in Rule 4.5 and is required to register with the CFTC as a commodity pool operator, the Fund's expenses may increase. The effect of the rule changes on the operations of the Fund and the Adviser is not fully known at this time.

### **TAX RISK**

The Fund intends to elect to be treated as a RIC under the Code and intends each year to qualify and be eligible to be treated as such. If the Fund qualifies as a RIC, it generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its net investment income or net short-term or long-term capital gains, distributed (or deemed distributed) to shareholders, provided that, for each taxable year, the Fund distributes (or is treated as distributing) to its shareholders an amount equal to or exceeding 90% of its investment company taxable income as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, as reduced by certain deductible expenses). The Fund intends to distribute all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income and net capital gain each year. In order for the Fund to qualify as a RIC in any taxable year, the Fund must meet certain asset diversification tests and at least 90% of its gross income for such year must be certain types of qualifying income. If for any taxable year the Fund were to fail to meet the income or diversification test described above, the Fund could in some cases cure the failure, including by paying a fund-level tax and, in the case of a diversification test failure, disposing of certain assets. If the Fund were ineligible to or otherwise did not cure such failure for any year, or were otherwise to fail to qualify as a RIC accorded special tax treatment in any taxable year, it would be treated as a corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax, thereby subjecting any income earned by the Fund to tax at the corporate level (currently at a 35% U.S. federal tax rate) and, when such income is distributed, to a further tax as dividends at the shareholder level to the extent of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits.

*Changes in tax law.* Recent changes in federal, state and local tax laws have resulted in increased tax liability on the part of many investors. The effect of these changes, and any future changes in tax law which cannot be predicted, may make an investment in the Fund less attractive to many investors and may adversely affect the market value of the Fund's Common Shares.

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### **Principal risk factors**

#### **REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS RISK**

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements, in which the Fund purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer, which agrees to repurchase the security at the Fund's cost plus interest within a specified time. If the party agreeing to repurchase should default, the Fund may be delayed or prevented from realizing on the security.

#### **ZERO-COUPON BOND AND PAYMENT-IN-KIND SECURITIES RISK**

Investments in zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities are subject to certain risks, including that market prices of zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities generally are more volatile than the prices of securities that pay interest periodically and in cash, and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than other types of debt securities with similar maturities and credit quality. Because zero-coupon securities bear no interest, their prices are especially volatile. And because zero-coupon bondholders do not receive interest payments, the prices of zero-coupon securities generally fall more dramatically than those of bonds that pay interest on a current basis when interest rates rise. However, when interest rates fall, the prices of zero-coupon securities generally rise more rapidly in value than those of similar interest paying bonds. Under many market and other conditions, the market for the zero-coupon and payment-in-kind securities may suffer decreased liquidity making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of them or to determine their current value. In addition, as these securities may not pay cash interest, the Fund's investment exposure to these securities and their risks, including credit risk, will increase during the time these securities are held in the Fund's portfolio. Further, to maintain its qualification for treatment as a RIC and to avoid Fund-level U.S. federal income and/or excise taxes, the Fund is required to distribute to its shareholders any income it is deemed to have received in respect of such investments, notwithstanding that cash has not been received currently, and the value of paid-in-kind interest. Consequently, the Fund may have to dispose of portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate the cash, or may have to leverage itself by borrowing the cash to satisfy this distribution requirement. The required distributions, if any, would result in an increase in the Fund's exposure to these securities.

#### **ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS**

The Declaration includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or to convert the Fund to open-end status. See Anti-Takeover and Other Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and Repurchase of Common Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund. These provisions in the Declaration could have the effect of depriving the Common Shareholders of opportunities to sell their Common Shares at a premium over the then-current market price of the Common Shares or at NAV.

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The Board is responsible for overseeing the management and operations of the Fund, including oversight of the duties performed by the Adviser. The role of the Board and of any individual Trustee is one of oversight and not of management of the day-to-day affairs of the Fund and its oversight role does not make the Board a guarantor of the Fund's investments, operations or activities. As is the case for most registered investment companies, the day-to-day management and operation of the Fund are performed by various service providers to the Fund, such as the Adviser, Administrator, custodian and transfer agent, each of which is discussed in greater detail in this prospectus or in the SAI. The names and business addresses of the Trustees and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations and other affiliations during the past five years are set forth under "Management of the Fund" in the SAI.

**Investment Adviser**

DoubleLine Capital LP serves as the investment adviser of the Fund. Subject to the oversight of the Board of Trustees, the Adviser is responsible for managing, either directly or through others selected by it, the investment activities of the Fund and the Fund's business affairs. The Adviser is located at 333 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1800, Los Angeles, California 90071.

The Adviser was co-founded by Jeffrey E. Gundlach and Philip A. Barach in December 2009. Prior to founding the Adviser, Mr. Gundlach was Chief Investment Officer of the TCW Group, Inc. and Mr. Barach was a Group Managing Director of the TCW Mortgage Group. The success of the Adviser is highly dependent upon its founders. DoubleLine employees hold 79% of the Adviser's limited partnership interests, with 20% held by affiliates of Oaktree Capital Management and the remaining 1% is held by DoubleLine Capital GP LLC. The general partner of the Adviser is DoubleLine Capital GP LLC, an entity that is wholly owned by Jeffrey E. Gundlach. As a result, Mr. Gundlach may be deemed to control the Adviser. As of February 28, 2013, the Adviser had approximately \$55 billion of assets under management.

The following individuals at DoubleLine have primary responsibility for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Since</b>	<b>Recent Professional Experience</b>
Jeffrey E. Gundlach	*	Mr. Gundlach is the founder and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of DoubleLine. Mr. Gundlach has been Chief Executive Officer of DoubleLine since its inception in December 2009. Mr. Gundlach's business experience during the five years prior to founding DoubleLine includes holding the following positions at TCW: Chief Investment Officer, Group Managing Director and President.
Luz M. Padilla	*	Ms. Padilla has been a portfolio manager of DoubleLine since January 2010. As part of the Fund's portfolio management team, Ms. Padilla manages the emerging markets fixed income portion of the Fund's portfolio. For the five-year period prior to joining DoubleLine, Ms. Padilla was a Managing Director at TCW.
Bonnie Baha	*	Ms. Baha has been a portfolio manager of DoubleLine since its inception in December 2009. As part of the Fund's portfolio management team, Ms. Baha manages the global developed credit portion of the Fund's portfolio. For the five-year period prior to joining DoubleLine, Ms. Baha was a Managing Director at TCW.

\* As of the date of this prospectus, the Fund has not commenced operations.





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The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in the Fund.

### **Investment Management Agreement**

Pursuant to an investment management agreement between the Adviser and the Fund (the "Investment Management Agreement"), the Fund has agreed to pay the Adviser an annual fee, computed and paid monthly, in an amount equal to 1.00% of the Fund's average daily total managed assets, for the services rendered, facilities provided, and expenses paid by the Adviser. Total managed assets means the total assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions or similar transactions, borrowings, and preferred shares that may be outstanding) minus accrued liabilities (other than liabilities in respect of reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, or similar transactions, and borrowings). For purposes of calculating total managed assets, the liquidation preference of any preferred shares outstanding shall not be considered a liability. With respect to any reverse repurchase agreement, dollar roll or similar transaction, total managed assets includes any proceeds from the sale of an asset of the Fund to a counterparty in such a transaction, in addition to the value of the asset so sold as of the relevant measuring date. Cash and cash equivalents are included when calculating the Fund's total managed assets. For purposes of calculating total managed assets, the Fund's derivative investments generally will be valued based on their market value (*i.e.*, the notional value of such investments will not be used for purposes of calculating total managed assets). The average daily total managed assets of the Fund for any month is determined by taking an average of all of the determinations of total managed assets during such month at the close of business on each business day during such month.

Because the fees received by the Adviser are based on the total managed assets of the Fund (including assets attributable to any reverse repurchase agreements, dollar roll transactions, borrowings, and/or preferred shares that may be outstanding), the Adviser has a financial incentive for the Fund to use leverage, which may create a conflict of interest between the Adviser, on the one hand, and the holders of the Fund's Common Shares, on the other hand.

A discussion regarding the considerations of the Fund's Board for approving the Investment Management Agreement will be included in the Fund's first annual report to shareholders.

### **Administrator**

Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement among the Fund, USBFS and TSC, USBFS serves as administrator, fund accountant and transfer agent, and provides certain additional compliance services to the Fund. As administrator, USBFS provides certain services, including, among other things, furnishing the Fund with various services required by the Fund's operations; compiling data for and preparing notices to the SEC; calculating the Fund's daily NAV and certain other financial data; preparing reports that are required by the securities, investment, tax or other laws and regulations of the United States; coordinating federal and state tax returns; monitoring the Fund's expense accruals; and generally assisting in the overall operations of the Fund. Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, the Fund has retained TSC to provide, upon request, certain other services to the Fund, including, among other things, preparing a variety of shareholder communications and press releases; communicating with the closed-end fund analyst community; generally assisting with the Fund's communications with the investment community; and providing reports to the Board regarding certain strategic issues relating to closed-end funds.

For these services the Fund will pay USBFS an aggregate fee, payable monthly (the "Administration Fee"), at the annual rate of 0.15% of the Fund's average daily total managed assets. For these purposes, the Fund's average daily total managed assets will be calculated in the same manner as they are for



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