# The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III



# MetLife Core Plus Fund

April 30, 2024

**Semi-Annual Report** 

| Investment Adviser:  MetLife Investment Management, LLC |  |
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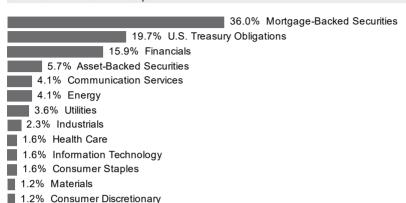
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The Fund files its complete schedule of investments with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its report on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT is available on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov, and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to fund securities, as well as information relating to how the Fund voted proxies relating to fund securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, will be available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-252-4993; and (ii) on the Commission's website at https://www.sec.gov.

MetLife Core Plus Fund April 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

### **SECTOR WEIGHTING †**



<sup>0.9%</sup> Real Estate

0.0% Loan Participation

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — 38.8%

|  | Face Amount | _  | Value   |
|--|-------------|----|---------|
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES — 4.2%<br>AT&T                  |             |    |         |
| 1.700%, 03/25/26                                       | \$ 605,000  | \$ | 563,408 |
| 3.500%, 06/01/41                                       | 320,000     |    | 237,280 |
| 3.550%, 09/15/55                                       | 335,000     |    | 218,487 |
| 6.000%, 11/15/34Charter Communications Operating       | 20,000      |    | 19,708  |
| 6.150%, 11/10/26<br>Meta Platforms                     | 550,000     |    | 551,353 |
| 4.450%, 08/15/52<br>Paramount Global                   | 305,000     |    | 253,924 |
| 5.900%, 10/15/40                                       | 305,000     |    | 248,876 |
| 6.250%, US0003M + 3.899%, 02/28/57 (A)                 | 225,000     |    | 197,255 |
| 6.375%, H15T5Y + 3.999%, 03/30/62 (A)<br>Rakuten Group | 880,000     |    | 813,873 |
| 9.750%, 04/15/29 (B)                                   | 675,000     |    | 665,213 |

<sup>■ 0.5%</sup> Municipal Bonds

<sup>†</sup> Percentages are based on total investments.

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued   |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|
| <u>_</u>  | ace Amount | Value      |
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES — continued Rogers Communications                      |            |            |
| 5.300%, 02/15/34\$<br>Sprint Spectrum   | 320,000    | \$ 306,771 |
| 5.152%, 03/20/28 (B)<br>Time Warner Cable                                     | 840,000    | 834,626    |
| 5.875%, 11/15/40<br>T-Mobile USA  | 625,000    | 516,656    |
| 4.500%, 04/15/50  | 360,000    | 292,803    |
| 5.150%, 04/15/34<br>Verizon Communications                                    | 205,000    | 197,381    |
| 4.016%, 12/03/29  | 176,000    | 164,011    |
| 5.250%, 03/16/37<br>Warnermedia Holdings                                      | 415,000    | 400,721    |
| 5.141%, 03/15/52  | 375,000    | 287,218    |
|   |            | 6,769,564  |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY — 1.3% Ford Motor Credit                               |            |            |
| 6.050%, 03/05/31Ford Otomotiv Sanayi  | 320,000    | 314,737    |
| 7.125%, 04/25/29 (B)<br>General Motors Financial                              | 570,000    | 569,715    |
| 5.950%, 04/04/34<br>Hyundai Capital America                                   | 425,000    | 415,698    |
| 5.400%, 01/08/31 (B)<br>Resorts World Las Vegas                               | 185,000    | 180,905    |
| 4.625%, 04/06/31 (B)  | 670,000    | 568,408    |
|   |            | 2,049,463  |
| CONSUMER STAPLES — 1.6% Altria Group  |            |            |
| 10.200%, 02/06/39 Anheuser-Busch Cos LLC / Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc | 40,000     | 53,663     |
| 4.900%, 02/01/46Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide                                | 160,000    | 143,982    |
| 5.450%, 01/23/39Bacardi   | 245,000    | 240,856    |
| 5.400%, 06/15/33 (B)  | 265,000    | 254,608    |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued               |             |            |
|---|-------------|------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value      |
| CONSUMER STAPLES — continued  BAT Capital       |             |            |
| 4.390%, 08/15/37                                | \$ 480,000  | \$ 394,012 |
| 5.834%, 02/20/31<br>JBS USA LUX                 | 455,000     | 454,823    |
| 6.500%, 12/01/52<br>Philip Morris International | 305,000     | 288,728    |
| 5.125%, 02/15/30<br>Reynolds American           | 550,000     | 540,657    |
| 7.250%, 06/15/37                                | 220,000     | 231,816    |
| 8.125%, 05/01/40                                | 45,000      | 50,032     |
|   |             | 2,653,177  |
| ENERGY — 4.1%                                   |             |            |
| Cheniere Corpus Christi Holdings                |             |            |
| 3.700%, 11/15/29<br>Continental Resources       | 538,000     | 488,714    |
| 2.268%, 11/15/26 (B)<br>Devon Energy            | 635,000     | 582,480    |
| 7.875%, 09/30/31<br>Diamondback Energy          | 195,000     | 217,821    |
| 5.750%, 04/18/54                                | 235,000     | 224,345    |
| 6.250%, 03/15/33<br>Energy Transfer             | 530,000     | 547,280    |
| 5.250%, 04/15/29                                | 840,000     | 826,856    |
| 5.950%, 05/15/54                                | 275,000     | 259,179    |
| 6.400%, 12/01/30                                | 535,000     | 550,994    |
| 1.750%, 09/30/27 (B)<br>Hess                    | 418,094     | 387,405    |
| 5.800%, 04/01/47                                | 265,000     | 259,455    |
| 6.000%, 01/15/40<br>HF Sinclair                 | 515,000     | 517,030    |
| 5.000%, 02/01/28 (B)<br>MPLX                    | 375,000     | 359,788    |
| 4.950%, 03/14/52                                | 430,000     | 359,395    |
| 5.000%, 03/15/27                                | 660,000     | 650,259    |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued   |             |            |
|---|-------------|------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value      |
| ENERGY — continued Tennessee Gas Pipeline   |             |            |
| 2.900%, 03/01/30 (B)  | \$ 425,000  | \$ 364,072 |
| 8.375%, 06/15/32  | 135,000     | 153,212    |
|   |             | 6,748,285  |
| FINANCIALS — 16.1%<br>Aon North America   |             |            |
| 5.450%, 03/01/34  | 585,000     | 572,165    |
| 2.950%, 11/12/26 (B)<br>Athene Holding  | 405,000     | 378,110    |
| 4.125%, 01/12/28Avolon Holdings Funding   | 685,000     | 651,470    |
| 5.750%, 03/01/29 (B)<br>Banco Santander   | 405,000     | 398,457    |
| 1.722%, H15T1Y + 0.900%, 09/14/27 (A)<br>Bank of America                          | 600,000     | 543,075    |
| 3.366%, TSFR3M + 1.072%, 01/23/26 (A)   | 570,000     | 559,505    |
| 4.571%, SOFRRATE + 1.830%, 04/27/33 (A)   | 780,000     | 719,003    |
| 5.288%, SOFRRATE + 1.910%, 04/25/34 (A)   | 235,000     | 226,360    |
| 5.468%, SOFRRATE + 1.650%, 01/23/35 (A)<br>Bank of America MTN                    | 490,000     | 476,509    |
| 3.093%, TSFR3M + 1.352%, 10/01/25 (A)<br>Bank of Nova Scotia                      | 380,000     | 375,494    |
| 4.900%, H15T5Y + 4.551%, 09/04/72 (A) (C)<br>Barclays                             | 870,000     | 849,984    |
| 4.375%, 01/12/26BNP Paribas   | 570,000     | 555,863    |
| 5.497%, SOFRRATE + 1.590%, 05/20/30 (A) (B)<br>BPCE MTN                           | 470,000     | 462,107    |
| 5.975%, SOFRRATE + 2.100%, 01/18/27 (A) (B)<br>Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 700,000     | 698,701    |
| 6.092%, 10/03/33<br>Cantor Fitzgerald   | 480,000     | 488,340    |
| 4.500%, 04/14/27 (B)  | 350,000     | 331,118    |
| 3.200%, 12/17/30  | 670,000     | 533,391    |
| 4.100%, 06/15/51  | 170,000     | 99,849     |
|   |             |            |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued                                     |             |               |
|---|-------------|---------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value         |
| FINANCIALS — continued  |             |               |
| Citigroup   |             |               |
| 2.561%, SOFRRATE + 1.167%, 05/01/32 (A)                               | \$ 455,000  | \$<br>370,435 |
| 5.174%, SOFRRATE + 1.364%, 02/13/30 (A)                               | 805,000     | 787,261       |
| 5.610%, SOFRRATE + 1.546%, 09/29/26 (A)                               | 280,000     | 279,384       |
| 8.125%, 07/15/39<br>Citigroup Capital III                             | 325,000     | 396,680       |
| 7.625%, 12/01/36<br>Constellation Insurance                           | 15,000      | 15,380        |
| 6.800%, 01/24/30 (B)<br>Cooperatieve Rabobank UA                      | 590,000     | 565,878       |
| 3.758%, H15T1Y + 1.420%, 04/06/33 (A) (B)<br>Credit Suisse Group      | 375,000     | 326,807       |
| 7.500%, USSW5 + 4.598%, 06/11/72 (B) (C)<br>Credit Suisse MTN         | 725,000     | 79,750        |
| 3.700%, 02/21/25<br>Danske Bank                                       | 530,000     | 520,995       |
| 6.466%, H15T1Y + 2.100%, 01/09/26 (A) (B)<br>Deutsche Bank NY         | 470,000     | 470,607       |
| 6.819%, SOFRRATE + 2.510%, 11/20/29 (A)<br>F&G Global Funding         | 285,000     | 292,914       |
| 1.750%, 06/30/26 (B)<br>Farmers Exchange Capital III                  | 475,000     | 430,369       |
| 5.454%, US0003M + 3.454%, 10/15/54 (A) (B)<br>Goldman Sachs Capital I | 335,000     | 277,442       |
| 6.345%, 02/15/34<br>Goldman Sachs Group                               | 445,000     | 449,011       |
| 2.383%, SOFRRATE + 1.248%, 07/21/32 (A)                               | 715,000     | 572,195       |
| 3.272%, TSFR3M + 1.463%, 09/29/25 (A)<br>HSBC Holdings                | 475,000     | 469,784       |
| 7.399%, SOFRRATE + 3.020%, 11/13/34 (A)<br>Jackson Financial          | 460,000     | 489,171       |
| 3.125%, 11/23/31<br>JPMorgan Chase                                    | 570,000     | 466,962       |
| 1.045%, SOFRRATE + 0.800%, 11/19/26 (A)                               | 570,000     | 530,442       |
| 5.766%, SOFRRATE + 1.490%, 04/22/35 (A)<br>Mercury General            | 510,000     | 510,341       |
| 4.400%, 03/15/27  | 464,000     | 442,113       |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued   |             |               |
|---|-------------|---------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value         |
| FINANCIALS — continued  |             |               |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group  |             |               |
| 5.063%, H15T1Y + 1.550%, 09/12/25 (A)                                       | \$ 740,000  | \$<br>737,238 |
| 5.719%, H15T1Y + 1.080%, 02/20/26 (A)                                       | 735,000     | 733,482       |
| Morgan Stanley  |             |               |
| 1.593%, SOFRRATE + 0.879%, 05/04/27 (A)                                     | 515,000     | 474,668       |
| 5.466%, SOFRRATE + 1.730%, 01/18/35 (A)                                     | 340,000     | 330,778       |
| 5.948%, H15T5Y + 2.430%, 01/19/38 (A)<br>Morgan Stanley MTN                 | 250,000     | 242,984       |
| 5.250%, SOFRRATE + 1.870%, 04/21/34 (A)                                     | 460,000     | 441,393       |
| 5.831%, SOFRRATE + 1.580%, 04/19/35 (A)<br>Mutual of Omaha Insurance        | 390,000     | 389,843       |
| 4.297%, US0003M + 2.640%, 07/15/54 (A) (B)                                  | 283,000     | 278,087       |
| Nasdaq  |             |               |
| 5.550%, 02/15/34  | 380,000     | 371,662       |
| NatWest Group   |             |               |
| 1.642%, H15T1Y + 0.900%, 06/14/27 (A)                                       | 475,000     | 435,397       |
| 7.472%, H15T1Y + 2.850%, 11/10/26 (A)<br>PNC Financial Services Group       | 535,000     | 547,301       |
| 5.582%, SOFRRATE + 1.841%, 06/12/29 (A)<br>Principal Life Global Funding II | 255,000     | 253,854       |
| 2.250%, 11/21/24 (B)<br>Societe Generale MTN                                | 990,000     | 971,242       |
| 2.625%, 01/22/25 (B)  | 520,000     | 507,291       |
| 7.367%, 01/10/53 (B)<br>UBS Group   | 325,000     | 321,819       |
| 3.750%, 03/26/25  | 410,000     | 402,485       |
| 5.699%, H15T1Y + 1.770%, 02/08/35 (A) (B)<br>Wells Fargo                    | 370,000     | 358,782       |
| 6.090%, TSFR3M + 0.762%, 01/15/27 (A)<br>Wells Fargo MTN                    | 735,000     | 714,035       |
| 3.196%, TSFR3M + 1.432%, 06/17/27 (A)                                       | 255,000     | 242,247       |
|   |             | 26,418,010    |
| HEALTH CARE — 1.6%  |             |               |
| Amgen   |             |               |
| 5.650%, 03/02/53  | 205,000     | 196,735       |
| 6.375%, 06/01/37  | 535,000     | 558,205       |
|   |             |               |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued             |             |            |
|---|-------------|------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value      |
| HEALTH CARE — continued CVS Health            |             |            |
| 5.125%, 02/21/30HCA                           | \$ 585,000  | \$ 572,664 |
| 3.500%, 09/01/30                              | •           | 326,215    |
| 6.000%, 04/01/54<br>Royalty Pharma            | 420,000     | 400,272    |
| 1.200%, 09/02/25<br>UnitedHealth Group        | 300,000     | 282,517    |
| 5.375%, 04/15/54                              | 270,000     | 256,469    |
|   |             | 2,593,077  |
| INDUSTRIALS — 2.4% AerCap Ireland Capital DAC |             |            |
| 3.000%, 10/29/28<br>Air Lease MTN             | 335,000     | 298,780    |
| 3.000%, 02/01/30BAE Systems                   | 470,000     | 407,287    |
| 5.250%, 03/26/31 (B)<br>Boeing                | 420,000     | 410,115    |
| 2.196%, 02/04/26                              | 500,000     | 466,388    |
| 6.298%, 05/01/29 (B)<br>Northrop Grumman      | 405,000     | 406,609    |
| 4.900%, 06/01/34Regal Rexnord                 | 385,000     | 367,142    |
| 6.050%, 02/15/26 (B)<br>Sisecam UK            | 585,000     | 585,083    |
| 8.625%, 05/02/32 (B)<br>United Airlines       | 320,000     | 324,224    |
| 4.375%, 04/15/26 (B)                          | 615,000     | 591,559    |
|   |             | 3,857,187  |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — 1.6% Broadcom        |             |            |
| 3.419%, 04/15/33 (B)                          | 214,000     | 179,716    |
| 4.926%, 05/15/37 (B)<br>Kyndryl Holdings      |             | 239,263    |
| 2.050%, 10/15/26                              | 330,000     | 301,691    |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued                                 |             |    |           |
|---|-------------|----|-----------|
| <u>_</u>  | Face Amount |    | Value     |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — continued Oracle                         |             |    |           |
| 3.600%, 04/01/40\$  | 650,000     | \$ | 487,041   |
| 3.800%, 11/15/37  | 670,000     |    | 536,644   |
| 6.900%, 11/09/52<br>Sprint  | 120,000     |    | 130,283   |
| 7.125%, 06/15/24Sprint Capital                                    | 110,000     |    | 110,061   |
| 8.750%, 03/15/32Vontier   | 305,000     |    | 360,126   |
| 1.800%, 04/01/26  | 330,000     |    | 305,225   |
|   |             |    | 2,650,050 |
| MATERIALS — 1.2%<br>Anglo American Capital                        |             |    |           |
| 5.750%, 04/05/34 (B)<br>Celanese US Holdings                      | 325,000     |    | 320,917   |
| 6.050%, 03/15/25  | 130,000     |    | 130,017   |
| 6.550%, 11/15/30<br>First Quantum Minerals                        | 435,000     |    | 445,590   |
| 8.625%, 06/01/31 (B)  | 560,000     |    | 542,023   |
| 9.375%, 03/01/29 (B)  | 440,000     |    | 454,597   |
|   |             | _  | 1,893,144 |
| REAL ESTATE — 1.0% Sabra Health Care                              |             |    |           |
| 3.900%, 10/15/29<br>Scentre Group Trust 2                         | 420,000     |    | 370,986   |
| 4.750%, H15T5Y + 4.379%, 09/24/80 (A) (B)<br>Simon Property Group | 960,000     |    | 914,049   |
| 2.450%, 09/13/29  | 310,000     |    | 266,762   |
|   |             |    | 1,551,797 |
| UTILITIES — 3.7% American Electric Power                          |             |    |           |
| 5.699%, 08/15/25<br>Chile Electricity Lux MPC Sarl                | 285,000     |    | 284,143   |
| 6.010%, 01/20/33 (B)<br>Duke Energy Ohio                          | 490,000     |    | 487,648   |
| 5.250%, 04/01/33  | 365,000     |    | 356,121   |

| CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS — continued                   |             |            |
|---|-------------|------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value      |
| UTILITIES — continued                               |             |            |
| Electricite de France                               |             |            |
| 6.000%, 04/22/64 (B)                                | .\$ 295,000 | \$ 269,900 |
| Louisville Gas and Electric                         | 405.000     | 400.050    |
| 5.450%, 04/15/33<br>NextEra Energy Capital Holdings | ,           | 480,053    |
| 5.250%, 03/15/34                                    | . 320,000   | 307,029    |
| 6.051%, 03/01/25                                    | . 460,000   | 460,911    |
| NiSource  | 470.000     | 440.000    |
| 5.350%, 04/01/34                                    | . 470,000   | 449,832    |
| 2.100%. 08/01/27                                    | . 725,000   | 645,740    |
| 5.800%, 05/15/34                                    | -,          | 327,095    |
| 6.100%, 01/15/29                                    | •           | 539,358    |
| Texas Electric Market Stabilization Funding N       | . 000,000   | 000,000    |
| 4.265%, 08/01/34 (B)Virginia Electric and Power     | . 357,685   | 337,870    |
| 5.000%, 04/01/33                                    | . 472,000   | 450,132    |
| 5.000%, 01/15/34                                    | . 370,000   | 351,686    |
| Virginia Power Fuel Securitization                  |             |            |
| 5.088%, 05/01/27                                    | . 205,000   | 203,368    |
|   |             | 5,950,886  |
| TOTAL CORPORATE OBLIGATIONS                         |             |            |
| (Cost \$67,929,196)                                 |             | 63,134,640 |
|   |             |            |
| MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES — 36.6%                  |             |            |
| AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — 32.9% FHLMC    | •           |            |
| 2.000%, 07/01/50 to 05/01/52                        | . 3,332,171 | 2,558,511  |
| 2.500%, 10/01/31 to 01/01/52                        |             | 3,609,114  |
| 3.000%, 12/01/47                                    |             | 54,052     |
| 3.500%, 08/01/30 to 11/01/48                        | *           | 1,150,010  |
| 4.000%, 08/01/44 to 09/01/48                        |             | 82,973     |
| 4.500%, 05/01/48 to 07/01/52                        | . 692,872   | 654,985    |
| 5.000%, 01/01/53                                    | 1,022,764   | 972,306    |
| 5.500%, 06/01/41 to 07/01/53                        | 1,565,454   | 1,523,444  |
| 6.000%, 01/01/53 to 04/01/54                        | . 1,399,151 | 1,398,399  |
|   |             |            |

| MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES — continued                                  |            |            |  |
|---|------------|------------|--|
|   | ace Amount | Value      |  |
| AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — continue                           | ed         |            |  |
| FHLMC Multiclass Certificates, Ser 2021-P009, CI A2                     |            |            |  |
| 1.878%, 01/25/31\$  | 295,000    | \$ 241,519 |  |
| FHLMC Multifamily Structured Pass-Through Certificates, Ser KLU1, Cl A4 |            |            |  |
| 2.854%, 01/25/31  | 215,000    | 190,402    |  |
| FHLMC Whole Loan Securities Trust, Ser 2016-SC01, Cl 2A                 |            |            |  |
| 3.500%, 07/25/46  | 29,021     | 25,721     |  |
| FHLMC, Ser 2006-R006, CI ZA   |            |            |  |
| 6.000%, 04/15/36  | 143,688    | 145,340    |  |
| FHLMC, Ser 2010-3632, CI PK   |            |            |  |
| 5.000%, 02/15/40  | 13,150     | 13,027     |  |
| FHLMC, Ser 2012-271, Cl 30  |            |            |  |
| 3.000%, 08/15/42  | 32,040     | 28,333     |  |
| FHLMC, Ser 2015-4479, CI HA   |            |            |  |
| 3.750%, 05/15/39 (D)  | 401        | 400        |  |
| FHLMC, Ser 2017-356, CI 300   |            |            |  |
| 3.000%, 09/15/47  | 132,123    | 114,007    |  |
| FNMA  |            |            |  |
| 1.850%, 09/01/35  | 256,813    | 212,432    |  |
| 2.000%, 05/01/36 to 12/01/51  | 12,016,139 | 9,288,034  |  |
| 2.500%, 06/01/50 to 04/01/52  | 5,211,358  | 4,210,075  |  |
| 3.000%, 12/01/31 to 12/01/51  | 6,669,731  | 5,713,940  |  |
| 3.040%, 01/01/28  | 161,597    | 150,240    |  |
| 3.500%, 07/01/30 to 04/01/52  | 2,492,001  | 2,200,288  |  |
| 4.000%, 06/01/42 to 05/01/52  | 946,309    | 863,906    |  |
| 4.500%, 04/01/35 to 09/01/52  | 1,129,263  | 1,059,930  |  |
| 5.000%, 02/01/31 to 04/01/53  | 1,001,151  | 962,538    |  |
| 5.500%, 04/01/36 to 07/01/40  | 121,652    | 119,146    |  |
| 6.000%, 09/01/39 to 05/01/54  | 2,545,906  | 2,527,842  |  |
| FNMA TBA  |            |            |  |
| 5.000%, 05/01/38  | 1,583,000  | 1,499,905  |  |
| FNMA, Ser 2001-T4, CI A1  |            |            |  |
| 7.500%, 07/25/41  | 1,185      | 1,186      |  |

| MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES — continued                                      |            |             |
|---|------------|-------------|
| F   | ace Amount | Value       |
| AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — continue                               | ed         |             |
| FNMA, Ser 2005-24, CI ZE  |            |             |
| 5.000%, 04/25/35\$  | 2,910      | \$<br>2,861 |
| FNMA, Ser 2012-121, CI TB   |            |             |
| 7.000%, 11/25/42  | 14,713     | 15,189      |
| FNMA, Ser 2012-411, CI A3   |            |             |
| 3.000%, 08/25/42  | 354,409    | 307,236     |
| GNMA  |            |             |
| 2.000%, 02/20/51  | 1,088,975  | 857,709     |
| 2.500%, 04/20/51 to 11/20/51  | 1,693,562  | 1,386,487   |
| 3.000%, 04/20/45 to 04/20/50  | 856,429    | 734,938     |
| 4.000%, 04/20/49 to 04/20/52  | 1,802,936  | 1,644,158   |
| 4.500%, 03/15/42  | 39,365     | 37,685      |
| 4.521%, 01/20/67 (A)  | 42,085     | 40,664      |
| 5.500%, 07/20/43 to 09/20/43  | 3,009      | 3,048       |
| GNMA TBA  |            |             |
| 2.500%, 05/15/46  | 245,000    | 200,824     |
| 5.000%, 05/01/40  | 510,000    | 488,164     |
| GNMA, Ser 2010-H14, CI BI, IO   |            |             |
| 1.460%, 07/20/60 (A)  | 1,554      | 148         |
| GNMA, Ser 2017-H16, CI PT   |            |             |
| 4.823%, 05/20/66 (A)  | 98         | 96          |
| UMBS TBA  |            |             |
| 2.000%, 05/15/28  | 1,334,000  | 1,149,013   |
| 2.500%, 05/01/17 to 05/01/43  | 1,390,253  | 1,196,180   |
| 3.500%, 05/15/54  | 225,000    | 193,914     |
| 4.000%, 05/01/39  | 217,997    | 194,960     |
| 4.500%, 05/01/38  | 610,346    | 562,381     |
| 5.500%, 04/30/35  | 2,046,000  | 1,985,747   |
| 6.000%, 05/01/32  | 910,000    | 901,540     |
|   |            | 53,474,947  |
| NON-AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — 3.7                                | %          |             |
| 1345 Avenue of the Americas & Park Avenue Plaza Trust,<br>Ser 2005-1, Cl A3 |            |             |
| 5.278%, 08/10/35 (B)  | 331,081    | 321,074     |

| MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES — continued                              |            |    |            |
|---|------------|----|------------|
|   | ace Amount | _  | Value      |
| NON-AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — con                        | tinued     |    |            |
| Alen Mortgage Trust, Ser 2021-ACEN, CI A                            |            | _  |            |
| 6.586%, TSFR1M + 1.264%, 04/15/34 (A) (B)\$                         | 370,000    | \$ | 335,775    |
| Arbor Multifamily Mortgage Securities Trust, Ser 2021-<br>MF2, CI B |            |    |            |
| 2.560%, 06/15/54 (A) (B)  | 360,000    |    | 281,106    |
| BBCMS Mortgage Trust, Ser 2020-C6, Cl AS                            |            |    |            |
| 2.840%, 02/15/53  | 75,000     |    | 63,473     |
| BBCMS Trust, Ser 2015-SRCH, CI A1                                   |            |    |            |
| 3.312%, 08/10/35 (B)  | 234,437    |    | 220,757    |
| Benchmark Mortgage Trust, Ser 2022-B33, Cl A5                       |            |    |            |
| 3.458%, 03/15/55  | 185,000    |    | 159,219    |
| Benchmark Mortgage Trust, Ser 2022-B35, CI AS                       |            |    |            |
| 4.592%, 05/15/55 (A)  | 205,000    |    | 177,566    |
| BWAY Mortgage Trust, Ser 2015-1740, Cl A                            | .=         |    |            |
| 2.917%, 01/10/35 (B)  | 350,000    |    | 200,375    |
| COMM Mortgage Trust, Ser 2014-UBS3, CI AM                           | 05.000     |    | 00.004     |
| 4.012%, 06/10/47  | 85,000     |    | 82,881     |
| COMM Mortgage Trust, Ser 2015-CR26, CI C                            | 400.000    |    | 457.000    |
| 4.613%, 10/10/48 (A)  | 490,000    |    | 457,860    |
| CSMC Trust, Ser 2021-RPL3, CI A1                                    |            |    |            |
| 2.000%, 01/25/60 (A) (B)  | 655,285    |    | 553,599    |
| CSMC, Ser 2014-USA, CI A2   |            |    |            |
| 3.953%, 09/15/37 (B)  | 510,000    |    | 442,425    |
| GPMT, Ser 2021-FL3, CI A  | 0.40 =00   |    | 0.40 = 0.4 |
| 6.683%, TSFR1M + 1.364%, 07/16/35 (A) (B)                           | 243,500    |    | 240,534    |
| JPMBB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust, Ser 2014-<br>C21, CI AS |            |    |            |
| 3.997%, 08/15/47  | 450,000    |    | 439,867    |
| JPMBB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust, Ser 2014-<br>C25, CI B  |            |    |            |
| 4.347%, 11/15/47 (A)  | 330,000    |    | 299,290    |
| Mill City Mortgage Loan Trust, Ser 2021-NMR1, CI A1                 |            |    |            |
| 1.125%, 11/25/60 (A) (B)  | 313,500    |    | 290,843    |

| MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES — continued   |             |            |
|--|-------------|------------|
|  | Face Amount | Value      |
| NON-AGENCY MORTGAGE-BACKED OBLIGATIONS — co<br>Morgan Stanley Bank of America Merrill Lynch Trust,<br>Ser 2015-C24, CI C |             |            |
| 4.466%, 05/15/48 (A)   | \$ 210,000  | \$ 189,299 |
| MSCG Trust, Ser 2015-ALDR, CI A2   |             |            |
| 3.577%, 06/07/35 (A) (B)   | 380,000     | 343,778    |
| Sequoia Mortgage Trust, Ser 2018-CH4, CI B1B 4.987%, 10/25/48 (A) (B)  | 592,217     | 556,085    |
| Towd Point Mortgage Trust, Ser 2020-3, CI A1   | 002,211     | 223,222    |
| 3.088%, 02/25/63 (A) (B)   | 74,451      | 69,564     |
| WFRBS Commercial Mortgage Trust, Ser 2014-C22, Cl B  | ,           | 33,33      |
| 4.371%, 09/15/57 (A)   | 425,000     | 379,438    |
|  |             | 6,104,808  |
| TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES   |             |            |
| (Cost \$66,428,720)  |             | 59,579,755 |
| , , ,  |             |            |
| U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS — 20.1%  |             |            |
| U.S. Treasury Bills  |             |            |
| 5.287%, 05/21/24 (E)   | 5,025,000   | 5,010,288  |
| U.S. Treasury Bonds  | 0,020,000   | 0,010,200  |
| 4.250%, 02/15/54   | 4,045,000   | 3,703,071  |
| 4.375%, 08/15/43   | 6,220,000   | 5,808,897  |
| 4.500%, 02/15/44   | 4,270,000   | 4,053,831  |
| 4.750%, 11/15/53   | 2,665,000   | 2,651,259  |
| U.S. Treasury Notes  |             |            |
| 4.000%, 02/15/34   | 2,775,000   | 2,627,578  |
| 4.125%, 02/15/27 to 03/31/29   | 3,965,000   | 3,873,452  |
| 4.250%, 03/15/27   | 740,000     | 727,512    |
| 4.625%, 02/28/26 to 04/30/31   | 4,245,000   | 4,218,293  |
| TOTAL U.S. TREASURY OBLIGATIONS  |             | 20.074.404 |
| (Cost \$33,440,229)  |             | 32,674,181 |
| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES — 5.9%   |             |            |
| A  |             |            |
| AccessLex Institute, Ser 2007-A, CI A3   | 475.040     | 470.074    |
| 5.885%, TSFR3M + 0.562%, 05/25/36 (A)  | 175,040     | 172,074    |

| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES — continued   |             |            |
|---|-------------|------------|
|   | Face Amount | Value      |
| ARI Fleet Lease Trust, Ser 2024-A, Cl A2  |             |            |
| 5.300%, 11/15/32 (B)<br>Arivo Acceptance Auto Loan Receivables Trust, Ser 2021-<br>1A. Cl A |             | \$ 273,173 |
| 1.190%, 01/15/27 (B)  | . 16,600    | 16,477     |
| 4.980%, 11/15/28  | . 435,000   | 431,326    |
| 5.598%, 03/15/57 (A)  | . 170,000   | 168,880    |
| 4.920%, 10/16/28  | . 300,000   | 296,324    |
| 6.000%, 02/25/55 (A) (B)  | 419,292     | 412,370    |
| 4.630%, 01/15/31 College Avenue Student Loans, Ser 2021-B, Cl B                             | . 100,000   | 97,685     |
| 2.420%, 06/25/52 (B)<br>DataBank Issuer, Ser 2021-1A, Cl A2                                 | . 205,728   | 176,842    |
| 2.060%, 02/27/51 (B)<br>Donlen Fleet Lease Funding 2, Ser 2021-2, CI B                      | . 310,000   | 282,746    |
| 0.980%, 12/11/34 (B)  | . 340,000   | 337,470    |
| 1.200%, 12/11/34 (B)<br>Enterprise Fleet Financing, Ser 2022-3, CI A2                       | . 600,000   | 592,115    |
| 4.380%, 07/20/29 (B)<br>Enterprise Fleet Financing, Ser 2023-3, Cl A2                       | . 293,807   | 290,143    |
| 6.400%, 03/20/30 (B)<br>Ford Credit Auto Owner Trust, Ser 2024-1, Cl A                      | 420,000     | 424,164    |
| 4.870%, 08/15/36 (B)  | . 380,000   | 371,850    |
| 2.740%, 02/25/39 (B)<br>HIN Timeshare Trust, Ser 2020-A, CI A                               | . 41,982    | 39,793     |
| 1.390%, 10/09/39 (B)<br>HPEFS Equipment Trust, Ser 2024-1A, CI A3                           | . 312,495   | 289,160    |
| 5.180%, 05/20/31 (B)  | 245,000     | 243,187    |
| 0.889%, 12/26/28 (B)  | . 53,258    | 52,432     |
| 0.760%, 02/26/29 (B)  | . 42,960    | 41,760     |

| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES — continued  |             |            |
|--|-------------|------------|
|  | Face Amount | Value      |
| LoanCore Issuer, Ser 2021-CRE6, CI A   |             |            |
| 6.736%, TSFR1M + 1.414%, 11/15/38 (A) (B)  | .\$ 485,549 | \$ 481,609 |
| 3.520%, 06/16/42 (B)<br>Navient Private Education Refi Loan Trust, Ser 2019-FA,<br>CI A2                         | 12,902      | 12,841     |
| 2.600%, 08/15/68 (B)<br>Navient Private Education Refi Loan Trust, Ser 2020-DA,<br>Cl A                          | 29,878      | 27,751     |
| 1.690%, 05/15/69 (B)<br>Nelnet Student Loan Trust, Ser 2021-CA, CI AFX   | 304,520     | 275,791    |
| 1.320%, 04/20/62 (B)<br>Octane Receivables Trust, Ser 2023-1A, CI A  | 473,137     | 425,462    |
| 5.870%, 05/21/29 (B)<br>SBA Small Business Investment, Ser 2018-10B, CI 1  | 302,953     | 302,842    |
| 3.548%, 09/10/28SBA Small Business Investment, Ser 2022-10A, CI 1  | 38,372      | 35,535     |
| 2.938%, 03/10/32   | . 592,141   | 521,868    |
| 4.262%, 09/10/32SBNA Auto Lease Trust, Ser 2024-A, Cl A3   | 309,825     | 289,463    |
| 5.390%, 11/20/26 (B)<br>Scholar Funding Trust, Ser 2011-A, Cl A  | 135,000     | 134,483    |
| 6.509%, SOFR90A + 1.162%, 10/28/43 (A) (B)<br>Sequoia Infrastructure Funding I, Ser 2021-1A, Cl A                | 259,789     | 257,239    |
| 6.990%, TSFR3M + 1.662%, 04/15/31 (A) (B)SMB Private Education Loan Trust, Ser 2021-B, CI A                      | 56,069      | 56,105     |
| 1.310%, 07/17/51 (B)SMB Private Education Loan Trust, Ser 2021-D, CI A1A   | 278,646     | 250,552    |
| 1.340%, 03/17/53 (B)<br>SoFi Consumer Loan Program Trust, Ser 2023-1S, CI A                                      | 366,097     | 327,390    |
| 5.810%, 05/15/31 (B)<br>South Carolina Student Loan, Ser 2015-A, Cl A  | 34,555      | 34,533     |
| 6.931%, TSFR1M + 1.614%, 01/25/36 (A)<br>STWD, Ser 2019-FL1, Cl A  | 272,885     | 273,072    |
| 6.516%, TSFR1M + 1.194%, 07/15/38 (A) (B)<br>United States Small Business Administration, Ser 2022-<br>25F, Cl 1 | 20,242      | 20,099     |
| 4.010%, 06/01/47   | 477,767     | 434,671    |

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| ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES — continued   |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | Face Amount    | Value          |
| Verizon Master Trust, Ser 2024-1, CI A1A                                    | . 2357 Allouit |                |
| 5.000%, 12/20/28<br>TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES                           | \$ 345,000     | \$ 341,970     |
| (Cost \$9,915,747)  |                | 9,513,247      |
| MUNICIPAL BONDS — 0.5%  |                |                |
| GEORGIA — 0.5%  Georgia State, Municipal Electric Authority, RB, Ser 2010-A |                |                |
| 6.637%, 04/01/57  | 601,000        | 644,342        |
| 7.055%, 04/01/57<br>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS                                   | 199,000        | 214,585        |
| (Cost \$1,161,224)  |                | 858,927        |
| LOAN PARTICIPATION — 0.0%   |                |                |
| Sungard AS New Holdings III LLC, Initial Loan (2020), 1st<br>Lien           |                |                |
| 8.500%, 07/01/24  | 4,361          | 2,965          |
| TOTAL LOAN PARTICIPATION  |                |                |
| (Cost \$4,359)  |                | 2,965          |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 101.9%  |                |                |
| (Cost \$178,879,475)  |                | \$ 165,763,715 |
|   |                |                |

Open futures contracts held by the Fund at April 30, 2024 are as follows:

| Number of<br>Contracts | Expiration<br>Date | Notional<br>Amount   | Value  |  | Unrealized ppreciation/ epreciation)  |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|---|
|                        |                    |  |  |  |   |
| 32                     | Jun-2024 \$        | 6,550,088 \$   | 6,485,000  | \$   | (65,088)  |
|                        |                    |  |  |  |   |
| 112                    | Jun-2024           | 11,954,611   | 11,731,125   |  | (223,486)   |
| 91                     | Lun 2024           | 2 207 100  | 2 256 100  |  | (51,003)  |
| 21                     |                    |  |  | \$   | (339,577)   |
|                        | -                  | .,. , ,  | ., . ,   |  | (====   |
| (50)                   | T 2024 f           | (5.695.450) #  | (5.510.000)  |  | 104.510   |
| (50)                   | Jun-2024 §         | ( , , , , .  | ( , , ,  |  | (215.064)   |
|                        | Contracts          | Contracts         Date           32         Jun-2024 \$           112         Jun-2024 \$           21         Jun-2024 \$ | Contracts         Date         Amount           32         Jun-2024 \$ 6,550,088 \$           112         Jun-2024 11,954,611           21         Jun-2024 2,307,190 \$ 20,811,889 \$ | Contracts         Date         Amount         Value           32         Jun-2024 \$ 6,550,088 \$ 6,485,000           112         Jun-2024 11,954,611 11,731,125           21         Jun-2024 2,307,190 2,256,188 \$ 20,472,313           (50)         Jun-2024 \$ (5,635,450) \$ (5,510,938) | Contracts         Date         Amount         Value         (Date of Date o |

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Percentages are based on Net Assets of \$162,730,641.

- (A) Variable or floating rate security, the interest rate of which adjusts periodically based on changes in current interest rates and prepayments on the underlying pool of assets.
- (B) Securities sold within terms of a private placement memorandum, exempt from registration under Section 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may be sold only to dealers in that program or other "accredited investors." The total value of these securities at April 30, 2024 was \$27,993,654 and represents 17.2% of Net Assets.
- (C) Perpetual security with no stated maturity date.
- (D) Step coupon security. Coupon rate will either increase (step-up bond) or decrease (step-down bond) at regular intervals until maturity. Interest rate shown reflects the rate currently in effect.
- (E) Rate shown represents the bond equivalent yield to maturity at date of purchase.

CI - Class

DAC — Designated Activity Company

FHLMC — Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation

FNMA — Federal National Mortgage Association

GNMA — Government National Mortgage Association

H15T1Y — US Treasury Yield Curve Rate T Note Constant Maturity 1 Year Rate

H15T5Y — US Treasury Yield Curve Rate T Note Constant Maturity 5 Year Rate

IO — Interest Only - face amount represents notional amount

LLC — Limited Liability Company

MTN — Medium Term Note

RB — Revenue Bond

Ser - Series

SOFR90A — Secured Overnight Financing Rate 90-day Average

SOFRRATE — Secured Overnight Financing Rate

TBA — To Be Announced

TSFR1M — One Month Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate

TSFR3M — Three Month Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate

UMBS — Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of April 30, 2024, in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

| Investments in Securities       | Level 1 |     | Level 2        | Level 3 |     | Total             |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----|----------------|---------|-----|-------------------|
| Corporate Obligations           | \$      | — 5 | \$ 63,134,640  | \$ -    | - : | \$<br>63,134,640  |
| Mortgage-Backed Securities      |         | _   | 59,579,755     | _       | _   | 59,579,755        |
| U.S. Treasury Obligations       |         | _   | 32,674,181     | -       | _   | 32,674,181        |
| Asset-Backed Securities         |         | _   | 9,513,247      | _       | _   | 9,513,247         |
| Municipal Bonds                 |         | _   | 858,927        | _       | _   | 858,927           |
| Loan Participation              |         | _   | 2,965          | _       | _   | 2,965             |
| Total Investments in Securities | \$      | _ : | \$ 165,763,715 | \$ -    | _ : | \$<br>165,763,715 |

| Other Financial Instruments       | Level 1         | Level 2 |     | Level 3 |   | Total           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|-----|---------|---|-----------------|
| Futures Contracts*                |                 |         |     |         |   |                 |
| Unrealized Appreciation           | \$<br>124,513   | \$<br>_ | . ; | \$      | - | \$<br>124,513   |
| Unrealized Depreciation           | (339,577)       | _       |     |         | - | (339,577)       |
| Total Other Financial Instruments | \$<br>(215,064) | \$<br>_ | . : | \$      | Ξ | \$<br>(215,064) |

<sup>\*</sup> Futures contracts are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the instrument.

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For more information on valuation inputs, see Note 2 — Significant Accounting Policies in the Notes to Financial Statements.

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0.

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### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| Assets:  |    |              |
|--|----|--------------|
| Investments, at Value (Cost \$178,879,475).  | \$ | 165,763,715  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  |    | 5,271,218    |
| Foreign Currency, at Value (Cost \$(229))  |    | (223)        |
| Receivable for Investment Securities Sold.   |    | 2,004,905    |
| Dividends and Interest Receivable  |    | 1,153,184    |
| Variation Margin Receivable  |    | 31,250       |
| Reclaims Receivable  |    | 20,284       |
| Prepaid Expenses   | _  | 23,177       |
| Total Assets   | _  | 174,267,510  |
| Payable for Investment Securities Purchased  |    | 11,325,090   |
| Variation Margin Payable   |    | 59,203       |
| Investment Advisory Fees Payable - Note 6  |    | 20,504       |
| Payable due to Administrator   |    | 13,510       |
| Payable due to Trustees  |    | 6,098        |
| Chief Compliance Officer Fees Payable  |    | 2,318        |
| Other Accrued Expenses   | _  | 110,146      |
| Total Liabilities  | _  | 11,536,869   |
| Net Assets   | \$ | 162,730,641  |
| NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:   |    |              |
| Paid-in Capital  | \$ | 228,704,325  |
| Total Accumulated Losses   | _  | (65,973,684) |
| Net Assets   | \$ | 162,730,641  |
| I Class Shares   |    |              |
| Net Assets   | \$ | 162,730,635  |
| Outstanding Shares of Beneficial Interest (unlimited authorization — no par value) | _  | 19,524,183   |
| Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share                           | \$ | 8.33*        |
| R Class Shares   |    |              |
| Net Assets   | \$ | 6            |
| Outstanding Shares of Beneficial Interest (unlimited authorization — no par value) | _  | 1            |
| Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share                           | \$ | 7.43*        |

<sup>†</sup> See Note 5 in Notes to Financial Statements.

Net Assets divided by Shares do not calculate to the stated NAV because Net Assets are shown rounded.

MetLife Core Plus Fund For the Six Months Ended April 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

| STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS   |    |                        |
|---|----|------------------------|
| Investment Income   | Φ. | 4 077 770              |
| Interest  | \$ | 4,277,773<br>4,277,773 |
| Total Investment Income   |    | 4,211,113              |
| Expenses  |    | 200.004                |
| Investment Advisory Fees - (Note 5)  Administration Fees - (Note 4) |    | 390,904<br>97,724      |
| Trustees' Fees  |    | 8,967                  |
| Chief Compliance Officer Fees - (Note 3)                            |    | 4,038                  |
| Transfer Agent Fees - (Note 4)                                      |    | 42,248                 |
| Pricing Fees.   |    | 30,623                 |
| Legal Fees.   |    | 21,613                 |
| Registration Fees   |    | 18,646                 |
| Audit Fees  |    | 17,592                 |
| Custodian Fees - (Note 4)   |    | 9,748                  |
| Printing Fees   |    | 9,448                  |
| Insurance and Other Expenses  |    | 8,366                  |
| •   |    | 659,917                |
| Total Expenses  |    |                        |
| Investment Advisory Fees Waived - (Note 5)                          |    | (220,172)              |
|   |    | 439.745                |
| Net Expenses  |    |                        |
| Net Investment Income   |    | 3,838,028              |
| Net Realized Gain (Loss) on:  |    |                        |
| Investments   |    | (5,731,747)            |
| Futures Contracts   |    | 109,887                |
| Net Realized Loss   |    | (5,621,860)            |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on:            |    |                        |
| Investments   |    | 16,809,383             |
| Futures Contracts.  |    | 111,980                |
|   |    | 111,900                |
| Foreign Currency Translation  |    | 16,921,368             |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)                |    | 10,921,300             |
| Net Realized and Unrealized Gain                                    |    | 11,299,508             |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations                | \$ | 15,137,536             |

### STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|   | Six Months<br>Ended April 30,<br>2024<br>(Unaudited) | Year Ended<br>October 31,<br>2023 |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Operations:   |  |                                   |
| Net Investment Income   | \$ 3,838,028 \$                                      | 9,154,313                         |
| Net Realized Loss   | (5,621,860)  | (22,183,530)                      |
| Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)                    | 16,921,368   | 15,607,230                        |
| Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations Distributions      | 15,137,536   | 2,578,013                         |
| l Class Shares  | (4,038,872)  | (9,126,133)                       |
| Total Distributions   | (4,038,872)  | (9,126,133)                       |
| Capital Share Transactions: I Class Shares:                             |  |                                   |
| Issued  | 460,319  | 31,318,032                        |
| Reinvestment of Dividends   | 4,038,872  | 9,121,920                         |
| Redeemed  | (92,185,944)   | (87,602,816)                      |
| Decrease from I Class Shares Capital Share Transactions R Class Shares: | (87,686,753)   | (47,162,864)                      |
| Issued  | _  | _                                 |
| Reinvestment of Dividends   | _  | _                                 |
| Redeemed  |  |                                   |
| Increase from R Class Shares Capital Share Transactions                 |  |                                   |
| Net Decrease in Net Assets from Capital Share Transactions              | (87,686,753)   | (47,162,864)                      |
| Total Decrease in Net Assets  | (76,588,089)   | (53,710,984)                      |
| Beginning of Period   | 239,318,730  | 293,029,714                       |
| End of Period   | \$ 162,730,641 \$                                    | 239,318,730                       |

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0 or have been rounded to \$0.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (continued)

|   | Six Months<br>Ended April 30,<br>2024<br>(Unaudited) | Year Ended<br>October 31,<br>2023 |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Shares Issued and Redeemed:                                 |  |                                   |
| I Class Shares:   |  |                                   |
| Issued  | 55,074   | 3,692,616                         |
| Reinvestment of Dividends                                   | 467,971  | 1,073,778                         |
| Redeemed  | (10,624,474)   | (10,180,547)                      |
| Decrease in Shares Outstanding from I Class Share           |  |                                   |
| Transactions  | (10,101,429)   | (5,414,153)                       |
| R Class Shares:   |  |                                   |
| Issued  | _  | _                                 |
| Reinvestment of Dividends                                   | _  | _                                 |
| Redeemed  | _  | _                                 |
| Increase in Shares Outstanding from R Class Share           |  |                                   |
| Transactions  |  | _                                 |
| Net Decrease in Shares Outstanding from Share Transactions. | (10,101,429)   | (5,414,153)                       |

Amounts designated as "—" are zero or have been rounded to zero.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Period/Years

| Six Months   Ended   Year   Year   Year   Ended   Ended   Ended   Ended   Ended   Ended   Cotober 31,   Cotober  |   | I Class Shares             |    |                    |    |                            |    |                            |     |                    |     |                    |
|--|---|----------------------------|----|--------------------|----|----------------------------|----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|
| of Period/Year         \$ 8.08         8.36         \$ 10.26         \$ 10.42         \$ 10.36         \$ 9.55           Income from Operations:         Net Investment Income(1)         0.17         0.30         0.19         0.12         0.23         0.29           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments         0.28         (0.27)         (1.91)         (0.09)         0.39         0.79           Total from Operations         0.45         0.03         (1.72)         0.03         0.62         1.08           Dividends and Distributions from:         Net Investment Income         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.13)         (0.26)         (0.27)           Net Realized Gains         —         —         —         (0.06)         (0.30)         —           Total Dividends and Distributions         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.19)         (0.56)         (0.27)           Net Asset Value, End of Period/Year         \$ 8.33         \$ 8.08         \$ 8.36         \$ 10.26         \$ 10.42         \$ 10.36           Total Return †         5.46%         0.19%         (16.88)%         0.30%         6.17%         11.39%           Ratios and Supplemental Data         Average Net Assets, End of Period/Year         \$ 162,731 <th></th> <th>Ended<br/>April 30,<br/>2024</th> <th></th> <th>Ended<br/>tober 31,</th> <th></th> <th>Year<br/>Ended<br/>tober 31,</th> <th></th> <th>Year<br/>Ended<br/>tober 31,</th> <th></th> <th>Ended<br/>tober 31,</th> <th>Oct</th> <th>Ended<br/>tober 31,</th>   |   | Ended<br>April 30,<br>2024 |    | Ended<br>tober 31, |    | Year<br>Ended<br>tober 31, |    | Year<br>Ended<br>tober 31, |     | Ended<br>tober 31, | Oct | Ended<br>tober 31, |
| Net Investment   Net Realized Gains   Net Realized Gains   Net Realized Gains   Net Realized Gains   Net Investment   Net I |   | \$ 8.08                    | \$ | 8.36               | \$ | 10.26                      | \$ | 10.42                      | \$  | 10.36              | \$  | 9.55               |
| on Investments         0.28         (0.27)         (1.91)         (0.09)         0.39         0.79           Total from Operations         0.45         0.03         (1.72)         0.03         0.62         1.08           Dividends and Distributions from:         Net Investment Income         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.13)         (0.26)         (0.27)           Net Realized Gains         —         —         —         (0.06)         (0.30)         —           Total Dividends and Distributions         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.19)         (0.56)         (0.27)           Net Asset Value, End of Period/Year         \$ 8.33         \$ 8.08         \$ 8.36         \$ 10.26         \$ 10.42         \$ 10.36           Total Return †         5.46%         0.19%         (16.88)%         0.30%         6.17%         11.39%           Ratios and Supplemental Data         Net Assets, End of Period/Year (Thousands).         \$ 162,731         \$ 239,319         \$ 293,030         \$ 302,163         \$ 100,285         \$ 47,291           Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)         (10.20)  | Income from Operations:  Net Investment  Income <sup>(1)</sup>  | <u> </u>                   |    |                    |    |                            |    |                            | _ T |                    |     |                    |
| Dividends and Distributions from:   Net Investment Income   (0.20)   (0.31)   (0.18)   (0.13)   (0.26)   (0.27)     Net Realized Gains   |   | 0.28                       |    | (0.27)             |    | (1.91)                     |    | (0.09)                     |     | 0.39               |     | 0.79               |
| Net Investment Income Net Realized Gains         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.13)         (0.26)         (0.27)           Net Realized Gains         —         —         —         (0.06)         (0.30)         —           Total Dividends and Distributions         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.19)         (0.56)         (0.27)           Net Asset Value, End of Period/Year         \$ 8.33         \$ 8.08         \$ 8.36         \$ 10.26         \$ 10.42         \$ 10.36           Total Return †         5.46%         0.19%         (16.88)%         0.30%         6.17%         11.39%           Ratios and Supplemental Data         Net Assets, End of Period/Year (Thousands)         \$ 162,731         \$ 239,319         \$ 293,030         \$ 302,163         \$ 100,285         \$ 47,291           Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,         * 100,285         * 100,285         * 47,291  | Total from Operations   | 0.45                       |    | 0.03               |    | (1.72)                     |    | 0.03                       |     | 0.62               |     | 1.08               |
| Net Realized Gains         —         —         —         —         (0.06)         (0.30)         —           Total Dividends and Distributions   | Dividends and Distributions   | from:                      |    |                    |    |                            |    |                            |     |                    |     |                    |
| Distributions         (0.20)         (0.31)         (0.18)         (0.19)         (0.56)         (0.27)           Net Asset Value, End of Period/Year         \$ 8.33         \$ 8.08         \$ 8.36         \$ 10.26         \$ 10.42         \$ 10.36           Total Return †         5.46%         0.19%         (16.88)%         0.30%         6.17%         11.39%           Ratios and Supplemental Data         Net Assets, End of Period/ Year (Thousands).         \$ 162,731         \$ 239,319         \$ 293,030         \$ 302,163         \$ 100,285         \$ 47,291           Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,   |   | (0.20)                     |    | (0.31)             |    | (0.18)                     |    | ` ,                        |     | , ,                |     | (0.27)             |
| Period/Year  |   | (0.20)                     | _  | (0.31)             |    | (0.18)                     |    | (0.19)                     |     | (0.56)             |     | (0.27)             |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data  Net Assets, End of Period/ Year (Thousands) \$ 162,731 \$ 239,319 \$ 293,030 \$ 302,163 \$ 100,285 \$ 47,291  Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,  |   | \$ 8.33                    | \$ | 8.08               | \$ | 8.36                       | \$ | 10.26                      | \$  | 10.42              | \$  | 10.36              |
| Data  Net Assets, End of Period/ Year (Thousands) \$ 162,731 \$ 239,319 \$ 293,030 \$ 302,163 \$ 100,285 \$ 47,291  Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,  | Total Return †  | 5.46%                      |    | 0.19%              |    | (16.88)%                   |    | 0.30%                      |     | 6.17%              |     | 11.39%             |
| Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets (including waivers, reimbursements,  | Data Net Assets, End of Period/   | \$ 162.731                 | \$ | 239 319            | \$ | 293 030                    | \$ | 302 163                    | \$  | 100 285            | \$  | 47 291             |
| indirectly)  | Ratio of Expenses to<br>Average Net Assets<br>(including waivers,<br>reimbursements,<br>excluding fees paid |                            | Ť  |                    | Ψ  |                            | •  |                            | Ψ   |                    | Ψ   | ·                  |
| Ratio of Expenses to  Average Net Assets (excluding waivers, reimbursements and fees paid indirectly) 0.68%** 0.64% 0.62% 0.64% 1.22% 1.38%  | Average Net Assets<br>(excluding waivers,<br>reimbursements and   | 0 68%**                    |    | 0.64%              |    | 0.62%                      |    | 0.64%                      |     | 1 22%              |     | 1 38%              |
| Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net  | Ratio of Net Investment   | 0.00%                      |    | 3.0470             |    | 3.0270                     |    | 3.0470                     |     | 7.2270             |     |                    |
| Assets   |   |                            |    |                    |    |                            |    |                            |     |                    |     |                    |

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0 or round to \$0.

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share calculations were performed using average shares method.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Annualized

<sup>†</sup> Total return and portfolio turnover rate are for the period indicated and have not been annualized. Return shown does not reflect the deductions of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total return would have been lower had the Adviser not waived its fee and/or reimbursed other expenses.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (continued)**

Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Period/Years

|   | R Class Shares                           |            |                       |    |                           |           |                          |     |                           |      |                          |
|---|--|------------|-----------------------|----|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|
|   | Six Months<br>Ended<br>April 30,<br>2024 | En<br>Octo | ear<br>ded<br>ber 31, | -  | Year<br>Ended<br>ober 31, | E<br>Octo | Year<br>nded<br>ober 31, | Oct | Year<br>Inded<br>ober 31, | Octo | Year<br>nded<br>ober 31, |
| Net Asset Value, Beginning  | (Unaudited)                              | 2          | 023                   |    | 2022                      | 2         | 2021                     |     | 2020                      | 2    | 2019                     |
| of Period/Year  | \$ 7.27                                  | \$         | 7.68                  | \$ | 9.45                      | \$        | 9.57                     | \$  | 9.92                      | \$   | 9.52                     |
| Income from Operations:  Net Investment Income (Loss)(1)  Net Realized and                                  | 0.17                                     |            | 0.31                  |    | 0.22                      |           | 0.16                     |     | (0.01)                    |      | 0.20                     |
| Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments   | 0.19                                     |            | (0.41)                |    | (1.81)                    |           | (0.09)                   |     | 0.21                      |      | 0.47                     |
| Total from Operations   | 0.36                                     |            | (0.10)                |    | (1.59)                    |           | 0.07                     |     | 0.20                      |      | 0.67                     |
| Dividends and Distributions<br>Net Investment Income<br>Net Realized Gains                                  | from:<br>(0.20)                          |            | (0.31)                |    | (0.18)                    |           | (0.13)<br>(0.06)         |     | (0.25)<br>(0.30)          |      | (0.27)                   |
| Total Dividends and Distributions   | (0.20)                                   |            | (0.31)                |    | (0.18)                    |           | (0.19)                   |     | (0.55)                    |      | (0.27)                   |
| Net Asset Value, End of<br>Period/Year  | \$ 7.43                                  | \$         | 7.27                  | \$ | 7.68                      | \$        | 9.45                     | \$  | 9.57                      | \$   | 9.92                     |
| Total Return †  | 4.82%                                    |            | (1.52)%               |    | (16.96)%                  |           | 0.74%                    |     | 2.05%                     |      | 7.05%                    |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data  |  |            |                       |    |                           |           |                          |     |                           |      |                          |
| Net Assets, End of Period/<br>Year (Thousands)  | \$ —                                     | \$         | _                     | \$ | _                         | \$        | _                        | \$  | _                         | \$   | _                        |
| Ratio of Expenses to<br>Average Net Assets<br>(including waivers,<br>reimbursements,<br>excluding fees paid |  |            |                       |    |                           |           |                          |     |                           |      |                          |
| indirectly) <sup>‡</sup>  | 0.45%**                                  |            | 0.45%                 |    | 0.45%                     |           | 0.45%                    |     | 0.45%                     |      | 0.45%                    |
| fees paid indirectly) Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss) to  | 0.64%**                                  |            | 0.64%                 |    | 0.62%                     |           | 0.64%                    |     | 1.22%                     |      | 1.38%                    |
| Average Net Assets<br>Portfolio Turnover Rate†  | 4.38%**<br>156%                          |            | 3.99%<br>254%         |    | 2.52%<br>329%             |           | 1.65%<br>463%            |     | (0.11)%<br>300%           |      | 2.05%<br>356%            |

Amounts designated as "—" are \$0 or round to \$0.

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share calculations were performed using average shares method.

<sup>†</sup> Total return and portfolio turnover rate are for the period indicated and have not been annualized. Return shown does not reflect the deductions of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total return would have been lower had the Adviser not waived its fee and/or reimbursed other expenses.

<sup>‡</sup> The share class is expected to run at the expense limit of 0.70% when assets are contributed. Amounts have been revised to reflect an estimation base on I Class Shares.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Annualized.

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#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### 1. Organization:

The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III (the "Trust") is organized as a Delaware statutory trust under an Agreement and Declaration of Trust, dated December 4, 2013. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company with 56 funds. The financial statements herein are those of the MetLife Core Plus Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund is diversified and its investment objective is to seek to maximize capital appreciation and income. The Fund invests in a portfolio of investment grade, U.S. fixed income securities of any maturity or duration. The Fund also may invest up to 20% of its net assets in any combination of high yield bonds (also known as "junk bonds") and non-U.S. fixed income securities, including emerging market bonds. The financial statements of the remaining funds of the Trust are presented separately. The assets of each fund are segregated, and a shareholder's interest is limited to the fund in which shares are held.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies:

The following are significant accounting policies, which are consistently followed in the preparation of the financial statements of the Fund. The Fund is an investment company that applies the accounting and reporting guidance issued in Topic 946 by the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB").

Use of Estimates — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and such differences could be material.

Security Valuation — Securities listed on a securities exchange, market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available (except for securities traded on NASDAQ), including securities traded over the counter, are valued at the last quoted sale price on an exchange or market (foreign or domestic) on which they are traded on valuation date (or at approximately 4:00 pm ET if a security's primary exchange is normally open at that time), or, if there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, at the most recent quoted bid price. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the NASDAQ Official Closing Price will be used. If available, debt securities are priced based upon valuations provided by independent, third-party pricing agents. Such values generally reflect the last reported sales price if the security is actively traded. The third-party pricing agents may also value debt securities at an evaluated bid price by employing methodologies that utilize actual market transactions, broker-supplied valuations, or other methodologies designed to identify the market value for such securities. Such methodologies generally consider such factors as security prices, yields, maturities, call features, ratings and developments relating to specific securities in arriving at valuations. On the first day a new debt security purchase is recorded, if a price is not available on the automated pricing feeds from our primary and secondary pricing vendors nor is it available from an independent broker, the security may be valued at its purchase price. Each day thereafter, the debt security will be valued according to the Trust's fair value procedures until an independent source can be

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secured. Debt obligations with remaining maturities of sixty days or less may be valued at their amortized cost, which approximates market value provided that it is determined the amortized cost continues to approximate fair value. Should existing credit, liquidity or interest rate conditions in the relevant markets and issuer specific circumstances suggest that amortized cost does not approximate fair value, then the amortized cost method may not be used.

Securities for which market prices are not "readily available" are valued in accordance with fair value procedures (the "Fair Value Procedures") established by the Adviser and approved by the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, the Board has designated the Adviser as the "valuation designee" to determine the fair value of securities and other instruments for which no readily available market quotations are available. The Fair Value Procedures are implemented through a Fair Value Committee (the "Committee") of the Adviser.

Some of the more common reasons that may necessitate that a security be valued using fair value procedures include: the security's trading has been halted or suspended; the security has been de-listed from a national exchange; the security's primary trading market is temporarily closed at a time when under normal conditions it would be open; the security has not been traded for an extended period of time; the security's primary pricing source is not able or willing to provide a price; or trading of the security is subject to local government imposed restrictions. When a security is valued in accordance with the fair value procedures, the Committee will determine the value after taking into consideration relevant information reasonably available to the Committee. As of April 30, 2024, there were no fair valued securities.

In accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurement under U.S. GAAP, the Fund discloses fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Other significant observable inputs (includes quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, referenced indices, quoted prices in inactive markets, adjusted quoted prices in inactive markets, etc.); and
- Level 3 Prices, inputs or exotic modeling techniques which are both significant
  to the fair value measurement and unobservable (supported by little or no market
  activity).

Investments are classified within the level of the lowest significant input considered in determining fair value. Investments classified within Level 3 whose fair value measurement

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considers several inputs may include Level 1 or Level 2 inputs as components of the overall fair value measurement. For details of the investment classifications, refer to the Schedule of Investments.

Federal Income Taxes — It is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company for Federal income tax purposes by complying with the appropriate provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Accordingly, no provision for Federal income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

The Fund evaluates tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether it is "more-likely-than-not" (i.e., greater than 50-percent) that each tax position will be sustained upon examination by a taxing authority based on the technical merits of the position. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold are recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current period. The Fund did not record any tax provision in the current period. However, management's conclusions regarding tax positions taken may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, examination by tax authorities (i.e., all open tax year ends, since inception), on-going analysis of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof.

As of and during the period ended, the Fund did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended April 30, 2024, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates. The Fund or its agent files withholding tax reclaims in certain jurisdictions to recover certain amounts previously withheld. The Fund may record a reclaim receivable based on collectability, which includes factors such as the jurisdiction's applicable laws, payment history and market convention. Professional fees paid to those that provide assistance in receiving the tax reclaims, which generally are contingent upon successful receipt of reclaimed amounts, are recorded in Professional Fees on the Statement of Operations once the amounts are due. The professional fees related to pursuing these tax reclaims are not subject to the Adviser's expense limitation agreement.

Security Transactions and Investment Income — Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Costs used in determining realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are based on the specific identification method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income is recorded net of unrecoverable withholding tax. Interest income and expense is recorded on an accrual basis. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis from settlement date and includes the amortization of premiums and the accretion of discount. Realized gains (losses) on paydowns of mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are recorded as an adjustment to interest income.

Foreign Currency Translation — The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. The Fund does not isolate that portion of realized or unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in the foreign exchange rate from fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of

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the securities. These gains and losses are included in net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments on the Statement of Operations. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions represent net foreign exchange gains or losses from foreign currency exchange contracts, disposition of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between trade and settlement dates on securities transactions and the difference between the amount of the investment income and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid.

Expenses — Expenses that are directly related to the Fund are charged to the Fund. Other operating expenses of the Trust are prorated to the funds based on the number of funds and/or relative net assets.

Classes — Class specific expenses are borne by that class of shares. Income, realized and unrealized gains (losses), and non-class specific expenses are allocated to the respective class on the basis of relative daily net assets.

Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders — The Fund will distribute its net investment income quarterly. Distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and paid annually. All distributions are recorded on ex-dividend date.

Cash — Idle cash may be swept into various money market sweep accounts and is classified as cash equivalents on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Fund maintains cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed United States federally insured limits. Amounts invested are available on the same business day.

Futures Contracts — The Fund utilized futures contracts during the period ended April 30, 2024. To the extent consistent with its investment objective and strategies, the Fund may use futures contracts for tactical hedging purposes as well as to enhance the Fund's returns. Initial margin deposits of cash or securities are made upon entering into futures contracts. The futures contracts are valued at the settlement price established each day by the Board of exchange on which they are traded. The futures contracts are marked to market daily and the resulting changes in value are accounted for as unrealized gains and losses. Variation margin payments are paid or received, depending upon whether unrealized gains or losses are incurred. When the futures contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction and the amount invested in the futures contract.

Risks of entering into futures contracts include the possibility that there will be an imperfect price correlation between the futures and the underlying securities. Second, it is possible that a lack of liquidity for futures contracts could exist in the secondary market, resulting in an inability to close a position prior to its maturity date. Third, the futures contract involves the risk that a Fund could lose more than the original margin deposit required to initiate a futures transaction.

Finally, the risk exists that losses could exceed amounts disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Refer to the Fund's Schedule of Investments for details regarding open futures contracts as of April 30, 2024.

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#### 3. Derivative Transactions:

The following tables include the Fund's exposure by type of risk on derivatives held throughout the period.

The fair value of derivative instruments as of April 30, 2024, was as follows:

| Asset Derivatives Liability Derivatives |  |    |            |   |  |            |           |
|---|--|----|------------|---|--|------------|-----------|
| State                                   | ements of Assets and Liabilities<br>Location             |    | Fair Value | Statements of Assets and Liabilities Location Fai |  | Fair Value |           |
| Interest Rate contracts                 | Net Assets – Unrealized appreciation on Future Contracts | \$ | 124,513    | Interest Rate<br>contracts                        | Net Assets – Unrealized<br>depreciation on Future<br>Contracts | \$         | (339,577) |
| Total                                   |  | \$ | 124,513    |   |  | \$         | (339,577) |

<sup>\*</sup>Includes cumulative appreciation (depreciation) of futures contracts as reported in the Schedule of Investments. Only current day's variation margin, if any, is reported within the Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the period ended April 30, 2024, was as follows:

The amount of realized gain (loss) on derivatives recognized in income:

|                | Futures<br>Contracts | Forward<br>Foreign<br>Currency<br>Contracts | Swap<br>Contracts | Purchased<br>Options | Written<br>Options | Total   |
|----------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Interest Rates | \$<br>109,887 \$     | - \$  | - \$              | - \$                 | - \$               | 109,887 |
| Total          | \$<br>109,887 \$     | - \$  | - \$              | - \$                 | - \$               | 109,887 |

Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on derivatives recognized in income:

|                | Futures<br>Contracts | Forward<br>Foreign<br>Currency<br>Contracts | Swap<br>Contracts | Purchased<br>Options | Written<br>Options | Total         |
|----------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Interest Rates | \$<br>111,980 \$     | - \$  | - \$              | - \$                 |                    | \$<br>111,980 |
| Total          | \$<br>111,980 \$     | - \$  | - \$              | - \$                 | _                  | \$<br>111,980 |

The following discloses the volume of the Fund's forward futures contracts activity during the period ended April 30, 2024.

For the period ended April 30, 2024, the average quarterly notional amount of futures contracts held were as follows:

| Average Quarterly Notional Balance Long  | \$<br>18,598,766  |
|--|-------------------|
| Average Quarterly Notional Balance Short | \$<br>(2,755,469) |

#### 4. Transactions with Affiliates:

Certain officers of the Trust are also employees of SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the "Administrator"), a wholly owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company, and/or SEI

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Investments Distribution Co. (the "Distributor"). Such officers are paid no fees by the Trust, other than the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") as described below, for serving as officers of the Trust.

A portion of the services provided by the CCO and his staff, whom are employees of the Administrator, are paid for by the Trust as incurred. The services include regulatory oversight of the Trust's advisors and service providers, as required by SEC regulations. The CCO's services and fees have been approved by, and are reviewed by, the Board.

#### 5. Administration, Shareholder Servicing, Custodian and Transfer Agent Agreements:

The Fund and the Administrator are parties to an Administration Agreement under which the Administrator provides management and administrative services to the Fund. For these services, the Administrator is paid an asset-based fee, which will vary depending on the number of share classes and the average daily net assets of the Fund. For the period ended April 30, 2024, the Fund paid \$97,724 for these services.

The Fund has adopted a shareholder servicing plan that provides that the Fund may pay financial intermediaries for shareholder services in an annual amount not to exceed 0.25% based on the Fund's R Class Shares' average net assets. For the period ended April 30, 2024, the R Class Shares incurred no shareholder servicing fees.

The Trust and the Distributor are parties to a Distribution Agreement. The Distributor receives no fees under the Agreement.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. acts as custodian (the "Custodian") for the Fund. The Custodian plays no role in determining the investment policies of the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Fund.

SS&C Global Investor & Distribution Solutions, Inc. serves as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent for the Fund under a transfer agency agreement with the Trust.

#### 6. Investment Advisory Agreement:

Under the terms of an investment advisory agreement, MetLife Investment Management, LLC, (the "Adviser") provides investment advisory services to the Fund at a fee, which is calculated daily and paid monthly at an annual rate of 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to keep the total annual Fund operating expenses (excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expenses (collectively, "excluded expenses")) from exceeding 0.45% of the Fund's I Class Shares' average daily net assets and 0.70% of the Fund's R Class Shares' average daily net assets until February 28, 2024. This Agreement may be terminated: (i) by the Board, for any reason at any time; or (ii) by the Adviser, upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the Trust, effective as of the close of business on February 28, 2024. Refer to waiver of investment advisory fees on the Statement of Operations for fees waived for the period ended April 30, 2024. In addition, if at any point it becomes unnecessary for the Adviser to reduce fees or make expense reimbursements, the Adviser may retain the difference between the total annual operating expenses and the aforementioned expense limitations to recapture all or a portion of its prior expense limitation reimbursements made during the preceding three-year period. As of April 30, 2024, fees which were previously waived and/or reimbursed by the Adviser which may be

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subject to possible future reimbursement to the Adviser were \$565,195, expiring in 2025, \$5, expiring in 2026, and \$471,122, expiring in 2027. The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of MetLife, Inc., a publicly held company. During the period ended April 30, 2024, the Funds did not incur any recoupments. Reimbursement of previously waived fees and reimbursed expenses would be recognized as Recovery of Investment Advisory fees previously waived in the Statement of Operations.

#### 7. Investment Transactions:

The cost of security purchases and the proceeds from security sales, other than short-term investments, for the period ended April 30, 2024, were as follows:

|           |    | U.S.        |    |            |                   |   |
|-----------|----|-------------|----|------------|-------------------|---|
|           | _  | Government  | _  | Other      | <br>Total         | _ |
| Purchases | \$ | 259,116,797 | \$ | 39,550,175 | \$<br>298,666,972 |   |
| Sales     |    | 317,076,409 |    | 67,542,124 | 384,618,533       |   |

#### 8. Federal Tax Information:

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during such period. These book/tax differences may be temporary or permanent. The permanent differences primarily consist of foreign currency translations, gains and losses on paydowns of mortgage and asset-backed securities for tax purposes, and Perpetual Bond adjustment. There are no permanent differences that are credited or charged to Paid-in Capital and Distributable Earnings as of October 31, 2023.

The tax character of dividends and distributions declared during the years ended October 31, were as follows:

|      | Ord | <br>Total |                 |
|------|-----|-----------|-----------------|
| 2023 | \$  | 9,126,133 | \$<br>9,126,133 |
| 2022 |     | 6.449.449 | 6.449.449       |

As of October 31, 2023, the components of accumulated losses on a tax basis were as follows:

| Undistributed Ordinary Income         | \$<br>889,421      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Capital Loss Carryforwards Short-Term | (17,625,376)       |
| Capital Loss Carryforwards Long-Term  | (30,023,366)       |
| Unrealized Depreciation               | (30,268,424)       |
| Other Temporary Differences           | (44,603)           |
| Total Accumulated Losses              | \$<br>(77,072,348) |

For Federal income tax purposes, capital losses incurred may be carried forward and applied against future capital gains. Such capital losses retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses. During the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund did not utilize capital loss carryforwards to offset capital gains.

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The Federal tax cost and aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for the investments held by the Fund at April 30, 2024, were as follows:

|               | Aggregate    | Aggregate      | Net            |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Federal       | Gross        | Gross          | Unrealized     |
| Tax           | Unrealized   | Unrealized     | Appreciation/  |
| Cost          | Appreciation | (Depreciation) | (Depreciation) |
| \$178,879,475 | \$493,332    | \$(13,609,092) | \$(13,115,760) |

Tax cost on investment is different than book cost because of wash sale adjustments.

#### 9. Concentration of Shareholders:

At April 30, 2024, 92% of I Class Shares total shares outstanding were held by three record shareholders and 100% of R Class Shares total shares outstanding were held by one record related party shareholder, owning 10% or greater of the aggregate total shares outstanding. These are comprised of omnibus accounts that are held on behalf of various individual shareholders.

#### 10 Concentration of Risks:

As with all mutual funds, there is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. You could lose money by investing in the Fund. An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any government agency. The principal risks affecting shareholders' investments in the Fund are set forth below.

Credit Risk — The risk that the issuer of a security or the counterparty to a contract will default or otherwise become unable to honor a financial obligation. A decline in the credit rating of an individual security held by the Fund may have an adverse impact on its price. Rating agencies might not always change their credit rating on an issuer or security in a timely manner to reflect events that could affect the issuer's ability to make timely payments on its obligations.

Interest Rate Risk — The risk that the value of fixed income securities, including U.S. Government securities, will fall due to rising interest rates.

Liquidity Risk — Liquidity risk is the risk that certain securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the Fund would like. The Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash, or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on Fund management or performance.

Market Risk — The risk that the market value of an investment may move up and down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Markets for securities in which the Fund invests may decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, economic or other developments that may cause broad changes in market value, public perceptions concerning these developments, and adverse investor sentiment or publicity. Similarly, the impact of any epidemic, pandemic or natural disaster, or widespread fear that such events may occur, could negatively affect the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial performance of individual companies and sectors, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect the prices and liquidity of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests, which in turn could negatively impact the Fund's performance and cause losses on your investment in the

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Issuer Risk — The risk that the value of a security may decline for a reason directly related to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

Privately Issued Securities Risk — Investment in privately placed securities may be less liquid than in publicly traded securities. Although these securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized from these sales could be less than those originally paid by the Fund or less than what may be considered the fair value of such securities. Further, companies whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements that might be applicable if their securities were publicly traded.

Unrated Securities Risk — Debt securities that are not rated by Moody's, S&P or Fitch may not have an active trading market or may be difficult to value, which means the Fund might have difficulty selling them promptly at an acceptable price.

Call Risk — The risk that an issuer may exercise its right to redeem a fixed income security earlier than expected (a call). If an issuer calls a security that the Fund has invested in, the Fund may not recoup the full amount of its initial investment and may be forced to reinvest in lower-yielding securities, securities with greater credit risks or securities with other, less favorable features.

Prepayment Risk — The risk that, with declining interest rates, fixed income securities with stated interest rates may have the principal paid earlier than expected. Such sooner-than-expected principal payments may reduce the returns of the Fund because of loss of expected future interest payments on the principal amount paid back early and requires the Fund to invest the proceeds at generally lower interest rates.

Extension Risk — The risk that rising interest rates may extend the duration of a fixed income security, typically reducing the security's value.

Asset-Backed Securities Risk — Payment of principal and interest on asset-backed securities is dependent largely on the cash flows generated by the assets backing the securities, and asset-backed securities may not have the benefit of any security interest in the related assets.

Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk — Mortgage-backed securities are affected by, among other things, interest rate changes and the possibility of prepayment of the underlying mortgage loans. Mortgage-backed securities are also subject to the risk that underlying borrowers will be unable to meet their obligations. TBA Transactions involve the additional risk that the value of the mortgage-backed securities to be purchased declines prior to settlement date or the counterparty does not deliver the securities as promised.

Derivatives Risk — The Fund's use of futures contracts, forward contracts and swaps is subject to market risk, leverage risk, correlation risk and liquidity risk. Market risk and liquidity risk are described elsewhere in this section. Leverage risk is the risk that the use of leverage may amplify the effects of market volatility on the Fund's share price and may also cause the Fund to liquidate portfolio positions when it would not be advantageous to do so in order to satisfy its obligations. Correlation risk is the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. The Fund's use of forward contracts

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and swaps is also subject to credit risk and valuation risk. Credit risk is described elsewhere in this section. Valuation risk is the risk that the derivative may be difficult to value and/or valued incorrectly. Each of these risks could cause the Fund to lose more than the principal amount invested in a derivative instrument.

Fixed Income Market Risk — The prices of the Fund's fixed income securities respond to regulatory and economic developments, particularly interest rate changes, as well as to perceptions about the creditworthiness of individual issuers, including governments and their agencies. In the case of foreign securities, price fluctuations will reflect international economic and political events, as well as changes in currency valuations relative to the U.S. dollar. Events in the fixed income markets may lead to periods of volatility, liquidity issues and, in some cases, credit downgrades and increased likelihood of default.

Hedging Risk — The Fund may use derivative instruments for hedging purposes. Hedging through the use of these instruments does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the securities that the Fund owns or intends to purchase or sell. While entering into these instruments tends to reduce the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged asset, such instruments also limit any potential gain that may result from the increase in value of the asset. There can be no assurance that any hedging strategy will be effective or that there will be a hedge in place at any given time.

Portfolio Turnover Risk — The Fund may buy and sell securities frequently. Such a strategy often involves higher expenses, including brokerage commissions, and may increase the amount of capital gains (in particular, short term gains) realized by the Fund. Shareholders may pay tax on such capital gains and will indirectly incur additional expenses related to a fund with a higher portfolio turnover rate.

High Yield Bond Risk — High yield, or "junk," bonds involve greater risks of default or downgrade and are more volatile than investment grade securities because the prospect for repayment of principal and interest of many of these securities is speculative. High-yield bonds also may be less liquid than higher quality investments.

Emerging Markets Securities Risk — Investments in emerging markets securities are considered speculative and subject to heightened risks in addition to the general risks of investing in foreign securities. Unlike more established markets, emerging markets may have governments that are less stable, markets that are less liquid and economies that are less developed. In addition, the securities markets of emerging market countries may consist of companies with smaller market capitalizations and may suffer periods of relative illiquidity; significant price volatility; restrictions on foreign investment; and possible restrictions on repatriation of investment income and capital. Furthermore, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales, and future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization or creation of government monopolies.

Foreign Company Risk — Investing in foreign companies poses additional risks since political and economic events unique to a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers. These risks will not necessarily affect the U.S. economy or similar issuers located in the U.S. Securities of foreign companies may not be registered with the SEC and foreign companies are generally not subject to the regulatory controls imposed on U.S. issuers and, as a consequence, there is generally less publically available information about foreign securities than is available about domestic securities. Income from foreign securities owned by the Fund

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may be reduced by a withholding tax at the source, which would reduce income received from the securities comprising the Fund's portfolio. Foreign securities may also be more difficult to value than securities of U.S. issuers.

Currency Risk — As a result of the Fund's investments in securities or other investments denominated in, and/or receiving revenues in, foreign currencies, the Fund will be subject to currency risk. Currency risk is the risk that foreign currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar or, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency hedged. In either event, the dollar value of an investment in the Fund would be adversely affected.

LIBOR Replacement Risk — The elimination of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") may adversely affect the interest rates on, and value of, certain Fund investments for which the value is tied to LIBOR. The U.K. Financial Conduct Authority has announced that it intends to stop compelling or inducing banks to submit LIBOR rates after 2021. However, it remains unclear if LIBOR will continue to exist in its current, or a modified, form. Alternatives to LIBOR are established or in development in most major currencies, including the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), which is intended to replace U.S. dollar LIBOR. Markets are slowly developing in response to these new rates. Questions around liquidity impacted by these rates, and how to appropriately adjust these rates at the time of transition, remain a concern for the Fund. Accordingly, it is difficult to predict the full impact of the transition away from LIBOR on the Fund until new reference rates and fallbacks for both legacy and new products, instruments and contracts are commercially accepted.

The foregoing is not intended to be a complete discussion of the risks associated with investing in the Fund. A more complete description of risks associated with the Fund is included in the prospectus and statement of additional information.

#### 11. Indemnifications:

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is dependent on future claims that may be made against the Fund and, therefore, cannot be established; however, based on experience, the risk of loss from such claim is considered remote.

#### 12. Subsequent Events:

The Fund has evaluated the need for additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. Based on this evaluation, no additional disclosures and/or adjustments were required to the financial statements.

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### **DISCLOSURE OF FUND EXPENSES (unaudited)**

All mutual funds have operating expenses. As a shareholder of a mutual fund, your investment is affected by these ongoing costs, which include (among others) costs for fund management, administrative services, and shareholder reports like this one. It is important for you to understand the impact of these costs on your investment returns.

Operating expenses such as these are deducted from the mutual fund's gross income and directly reduce your final investment return. These expenses are expressed as a percentage of the mutual fund's average net assets; this percentage is known as the mutual fund's expense ratio

The following examples use the expense ratio and are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period (November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024).

The table on the next page illustrates your Fund's costs in two ways:

**Actual Fund Return**. This section helps you to estimate the actual expenses after fee waivers that your Fund incurred over the period. The "Expenses Paid During Period" column shows the actual dollar expense cost incurred by a \$1,000 investment in the Fund, and the "Ending Account Value" number is derived from deducting that expense cost from the Fund's gross investment return.

You can use this information, together with the actual amount you invested in the Fund, to estimate the expenses you paid over that period. Simply divide your ending starting account value by \$1,000 to arrive at a ratio (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply that ratio by the number shown for your Fund under "Expenses Paid During Period"

**Hypothetical 5% Return.** This section helps you compare your Fund's costs with those of other mutual funds. It assumes that the Fund had an annual 5% return before expenses during the year, but that the expense ratio (Column 3) for the period is unchanged. This example is useful in making comparisons because the Securities and Exchange Commission requires all mutual funds to make this 5% calculation. You can assess your Fund's comparative cost by comparing the hypothetical result for your Fund in the "Expenses Paid During Period" column with those that appear in the same charts in the shareholder reports for other mutual funds.

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### **DISCLOSURE OF FUND EXPENSES (unaudited) (continued)**

**NOTE:** Because the return is set at 5% for comparison purposes — NOT your Fund's actual return — the account values shown may not apply to your specific investment.

|                        | Beginning<br>Account<br>Value<br>11/1/23 | ,  | Ending<br>Account<br>Value<br>4/30/24 | Annualized<br>Expense<br>Ratios | Expenses<br>Paid During<br>Period** |
|------------------------|--|----|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| MetLife Core Plus Fund |  |    |                                       |                                 |                                     |
| Actual Fund Return     |  |    |                                       |                                 |                                     |
| I Class Shares         | \$<br>1,000.00                           | \$ | 1,054.60                              | 0.45%                           | \$2.30                              |
| R Class Shares         | 1,000.00                                 |    | 1,048.20                              | 0.45% <sup>‡</sup>              | 2.29                                |
| Hypothetical 5% Return |  |    |                                       |                                 |                                     |
| I Class Shares         | \$<br>1,000.00                           | \$ | 1,022.63                              | 0.45%                           | \$2.26                              |
| R Class Shares         | 1,000.00                                 |    | 1,021.38                              | 0.70%                           | 3.52                                |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/366 (to reflect the one-half year period).

The share class is expected to run at the expense limit of 0.70% when assets are contributed. Amounts have been revised to reflect an estimation base on I Class Shares.

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#### ADVISORY AGREEMENT APPROVAL AND RENEWAL DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to Section 15 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), the Fund's advisory agreement (the "Agreement") must be renewed at least annually after its initial two-year term: (i) by the vote of the Board of Trustees (the "Board" or the "Trustees") of The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III (the "Trust") or by a vote of a majority of the shareholders of the Fund; and (ii) by the vote of a majority of the Trustees who are not parties to the Agreement or "interested persons" of any party thereto, as defined in the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"), cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such renewal.

A Board meeting was held on December 6–7, 2023 to decide whether to renew the Agreement for an additional one-year term. In preparation for the meeting, the Trustees requested that the Adviser furnish information necessary to evaluate the terms of the Agreement. Prior to the meeting, the Independent Trustees of the Fund met to review and discuss the information provided and submitted a request for additional information to the Adviser, and information was provided in response to this request. The Trustees used this information, as well as other information that the Adviser and other service providers of the Fund presented or submitted to the Board at the meeting and other meetings held during the prior year, to help them decide whether to renew the Agreement for an additional year.

Specifically, the Board requested and received written materials from the Adviser and other service providers of the Fund regarding: (i) the nature, extent and quality of the Adviser's services; (ii) the Adviser's investment management personnel; (iii) the Adviser's operations and financial condition, (iv) the Adviser's brokerage practices (including any soft dollar arrangements) and investment strategies; (v) the Fund's advisory fee paid to the Adviser and overall fees and operating expenses compared with a peer group of mutual funds; (vi) the level of the Adviser's profitability from its relationship with the Fund, including both direct and indirect benefits accruing to the Adviser and its affiliates; (vii) the Adviser's potential economies of scale; (viii) the Adviser's compliance program, including a description of material compliance matters and material compliance violations; (ix) the Adviser's policies on and compliance procedures for personal securities transactions; and (x) the Fund's performance compared with a peer group of mutual funds and the Fund's benchmark index.

Representatives from the Adviser, along with other Fund service providers, presented additional information and participated in question and answer sessions at the Board meeting to help the Trustees evaluate the Adviser's services, fee and other aspects of the Agreement. The Independent Trustees received advice from independent counsel and met in executive sessions outside the presence of Fund management and the Adviser.

At the Board meeting, the Trustees, including all of the Independent Trustees, based on their evaluation of the information provided by the Adviser and other service providers of the Fund, renewed the Agreement. In considering the renewal of the Agreement, the Board considered various factors that they determined were relevant, including: (i) the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser; (ii) the investment performance of the Fund and the Adviser; (iii) the costs of the services provided and profits realized by the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund, including both direct and indirect benefits accruing to the Adviser and its affiliates; (iv) the extent to which economies of scale are being realized by the Adviser; and (v) whether fee levels reflect such economies of scale for the benefit of Fund investors, as discussed in further detail below.

### Nature, Extent and Quality of Services Provided by the Adviser

In considering the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser, the Board reviewed the portfolio management services provided by the Adviser to the Fund, including the quality and continuity of the Adviser's portfolio management personnel, the resources of the Adviser, and the Adviser's compliance history and compliance program. The Trustees reviewed the terms of the Agreement. The Trustees also reviewed the Adviser's investment and risk management approaches for the Fund. The most recent investment adviser registration form ("Form ADV") for the Adviser was available to the Board, as was the response of the Adviser to a detailed series of questions which included, among other things, information about the investment advisory services provided by the Adviser to the Fund.

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The Trustees also considered other services provided to the Fund by the Adviser such as selecting brokerdealers for executing portfolio transactions, monitoring adherence to the Fund's investment restrictions, and monitoring compliance with various Fund policies and procedures and with applicable securities laws and regulations. Based on the factors above, as well as those discussed below, the Board concluded, within the context of its full deliberations, that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser were sufficient to support renewal of the Agreement.

#### Investment Performance of the Funds and the Adviser

The Board was provided with regular reports regarding the Fund's performance over various time periods. The Trustees also reviewed reports prepared by the Fund's administrator comparing the Fund's performance to its benchmark index and a peer group of mutual funds as classified by Lipper, an independent provider of investment company data, over various periods of time. Representatives from the Adviser provided information regarding and led discussions of factors impacting the performance of the Fund, outlining current market conditions and explaining their expectations and strategies for the future. The Trustees determined that the Fund's performance was satisfactory, or, where the Fund's performance was materially below its benchmark and/or peer group, the Trustees were satisfied by the reasons for the underperformance and/or the steps taken by the Adviser in an effort to improve the performance of the Fund. Based on this information, the Board concluded, within the context of its full deliberations, that the investment results that the Adviser had been able to achieve for the Fund were sufficient to support renewal of the Agreement.

#### Costs of Advisory Services, Profitability and Economies of Scale

In considering the advisory fee payable by the Fund to the Adviser, the Trustees reviewed, among other things, a report of the advisory fee paid to the Adviser. The Trustees also reviewed reports prepared by the Fund's administrator comparing the Fund's net and gross expense ratios and advisory fee to those paid by a peer group of mutual funds as classified by Lipper. The Trustees reviewed the management fees charged by the Adviser to other clients with comparable mandates. The Trustees considered any differences in management fees and took into account the respective demands, resources and complexity associated with the Fund and other client accounts as well as the extensive regulatory, compliance and tax regimes to which the Fund is subject. The Board concluded, within the context of its full deliberations, that the advisory fee was reasonable in light of the nature and quality of the services rendered by the Adviser.

The Trustees reviewed the costs of services provided by and the profits realized by the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund, including both direct benefits and indirect benefits, such as research and brokerage services received under soft dollar arrangements, accruing to the Adviser and its affiliates. The Trustees considered how the Adviser's profitability was affected by factors such as its organizational structure and method for allocating expenses. The Trustees concluded that the profit margins of the Adviser with respect to the management of the Fund were not unreasonable. The Board also considered the Adviser's commitment to managing the Fund and its willingness to continue its expense limitation and fee waiver arrangement with the Fund.

The Trustees considered the Adviser's views relating to economies of scale in connection with the Fund as Fund assets grow and the extent to which the benefits of any such economies of scale are shared with the Fund and Fund shareholders. The Board considered the existence of any economies of scale and whether those were passed along to the Fund's shareholders through a graduated advisory fee schedule or other means, including fee waivers. The Trustees recognized that economies of scale are difficult to identify and quantify and are rarely identifiable on a fund-by-fund basis. Based on this evaluation, the Board concluded that the advisory fee was reasonable in light of the information that was provided to the Trustees by the Adviser with respect to economies of scale.

#### Renewal of the Agreement

Based on the Board's deliberations and its evaluation of the information described above and other factors and information it believed relevant in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment, the Board, including

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all of the Independent Trustees, with the assistance of Fund counsel and Independent Trustees' counsel, unanimously concluded that the terms of the Agreement, including the fees payable thereunder, were fair and reasonable and agreed to renew the Agreement for another year. In its deliberations, the Board did not identify any absence of information as material to its decision, or any particular factor (or conclusion with respect thereto) or single piece of information that was all-important, controlling or determinative of its decision, but considered all of the factors together, and each Trustee may have attributed different weights to the various factors (and conclusions with respect thereto) and information.

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#### REVIEW OF LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Pursuant to Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, the Fund's investment adviser has adopted, and the Board has approved, a liquidity risk management program (the "Program") to govern the Fund's approach to managing liquidity risk. The Program is overseen by the Fund's Liquidity Risk Management Program Administrator (the "Program Administrator"), and the Program's principal objectives include assessing, managing and periodically reviewing the Fund's liquidity risk, based on factors specific to the circumstances of the Fund.

At a meeting of the Board held on March 26, 2024, the Trustees received a report from the Program Administrator addressing the operations of the Program and assessing its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Program Administrator's report noted that:

- the Program Administrator had determined that the Program is reasonably designed to assess and manage the Fund's liquidity risk and has operated adequately and effectively to manage the Fund's liquidity risk during the period covered by the report.
- during the period covered by the report, there were no liquidity events that impacted the Fund or its ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders.
- the Board approved a change to the membership of the committee serving as Program Administrator.
- no material changes have been made to the Program during the period covered by the report.

There can be no assurance that the Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the prospectus for more information regarding the Fund's exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

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This information must be preceded or accompanied by a current prospectus for the Fund described.