



**AVE MARIA MUTUAL FUNDS**

**Ave Maria Value Fund (AVEMX)  
Ave Maria Growth Fund (AVEGX)  
Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund (AVEDX)  
Ave Maria World Equity Fund (AWEWX)  
Ave Maria Bond Fund (AVEFX)**

**Supplement to the Prospectus Dated May 1, 2017**

**Important Information for Shareholders of the Ave Maria Growth Fund**

Effective January 1, 2018, the advisory fee rate for the Ave Maria Growth Fund is reduced from 0.85% of average daily net assets to 0.75% of average daily net assets. All purchases and exchanges into the Ave Maria Growth Fund on or after January 1, 2018 are subject to the lower advisory fee rate.

**Important Information for Shareholders of the Ave Maria Value Fund and the Ave Maria Bond Fund**

Changes to the portfolio management team for the Ave Maria Value Fund and the Ave Maria Bond Fund became effective January 1, 2018 when Chadd M. Garcia was appointed co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund, replacing George P. Schwartz, CFA. Adam P. Gaglio, CFA was appointed as an additional co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Bond Fund. Accordingly, the disclosure in the section *Management of the Fund - Portfolio Managers* in the *Risk/Return Summary* for these Funds and *Portfolio Managers in Operation of the Funds* is revised as follows:

**RISK/RETURN SUMMARY**

**AVE MARIA VALUE FUND - Portfolio Managers (Page 6)**

Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA, is the lead portfolio manager and Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, and Chadd M. Garcia are co-portfolio managers of the Ave Maria Value Fund.

- Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc. (the "Adviser"), has acted as lead portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2016.
- Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, Senior Vice President of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2016.
- Chadd M. Garcia, Senior Research Analyst of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2018.

**AVE MARIA BOND FUND - Portfolio Managers (Page 31)**

Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA, is the lead portfolio manager and Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA, and Adam P. Gaglio, CFA, are co-portfolio managers of the Ave Maria Bond Fund.

- Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA, Fixed Income and Equity Research Analyst of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since September 2013 and lead portfolio manager since January 2016.

- Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA, President of the Adviser, has acted as sole portfolio manager of the Fund from its May 2003 inception until September 2013 and co-portfolio manager since September 2013.
- Adam P. Gaglio, CFA, Equity Research Analyst and Head Trader of the Adviser, has acted as a co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2018.

## **OPERATION OF THE FUNDS - PORTFOLIO MANAGERS (Page 54)**

The portfolio managers of each Fund are responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management and investment research for such Fund. The business experience of each portfolio manager is described below. The Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and their ownership of shares of the Funds.

**George P. Schwartz, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund, has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser for more than 30 years and served as President until January 2014.

**Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund and co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Growth Fund and Ave Maria Bond Fund, joined the Adviser in 1987 and currently serves as President.

**Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund, joined the Adviser in 1998 and currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

**Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund and lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund, joined the Adviser in 2012 and currently serves as Senior Vice President. He previously worked as a portfolio manager at Munder Capital Management from 2004 until 2012.

**Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Bond Fund, joined the Adviser in 2007 and currently serves as Vice President.

**Robert C. Schwartz, CFP**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund, joined the Adviser in 2001 and currently serves as Senior Vice President and Secretary.

**Brian D. Milligan, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Growth Fund, joined the Adviser in 2014 and currently serves as Vice President. He previously worked as an analyst at Standard & Poor's from 2010 until 2014.

**Chadd M. Garcia**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund, joined the Adviser in 2014 and currently serves as Senior Research Analyst. He previously worked as a Managing Director at SQ Advisors in 2014 and Gulf Coast Capital Partners from 2011 until 2014.

**Adam P. Gaglio, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Bond Fund, joined the Adviser in 2013 and currently serves as Equity Research Analyst and Head Trader. He previously worked as an actuarial analyst at Towers Watson from 2012 until 2013.

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## RISK/RETURN SUMMARY

### AVE MARIA VALUE FUND

#### WHAT IS THE FUND'S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?

The investment objective of the Ave Maria Value Fund is to seek long-term capital appreciation.

#### WHAT ARE THE FUND'S FEES AND EXPENSES?

**This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.**

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) ..... None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees .....	0.95%
Other Expenses .....	0.25%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>1.21%<sup>(1)</sup></u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses will not correlate to the Fund's ratio of total expenses to average net assets in the Fund's Financial Highlights, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund but does not include "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses."

#### Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEARS</u>	<u>5 YEARS</u>	<u>10 YEARS</u>
\$123	\$384	\$665	\$1,466

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 47% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **WHAT ARE THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?**

Under normal market conditions, the Ave Maria Value Fund invests primarily in common stocks believed by Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc. (the "Adviser") to be priced at a discount to their true value according to the Adviser's criteria for value. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria (as discussed below). The Fund invests in securities of established companies of various market capitalizations. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts (stocks issued by a U.S. bank or broker that trade in the U.S. but represent ownership of securities issued by foreign companies).

The Adviser utilizes a comprehensive financial database and other sources with a universe of over 10,000 primarily domestic corporations to identify companies as candidates for the Fund. Using fundamental security analysis, the Adviser extensively analyzes stocks to identify those that meet the Fund's investment objective and standards. The price of stocks in relation to cash flow, earnings, dividends, book value and asset value, both historical and prospective, are key determinants in the security selection process. Emphasis is also placed on identifying companies undergoing changes that the Adviser believes will significantly enhance shareholder value in the future, including changes in operations, management, capital allocation, strategies and product offerings.

The Fund practices morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support

embryonic stem cell research. The Fund is not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

The prices of securities held by the Fund are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for value. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. When a stock appreciates substantially and is no longer undervalued according to the Adviser's valuation criteria, it is sold. Stocks are also sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's intrinsic value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE AVE MARIA VALUE FUND?**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**General Market Risks.** The return on and value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate in response to stock market movements. Stocks and other equity securities are subject to market risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings or other developments affecting a particular company or industry, stock market trends and general economic conditions, investor perceptions, interest rates and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, terrorism, natural disasters and other circumstances in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the Fund's return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.



**Foreign Exposure Risks.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks that may be different from those of U.S. securities, including the risk that foreign economies may be less stable than the U.S. economy. Foreign securities may not be subject to uniform audit, financial reporting or disclosure standards, practices or requirements comparable to those found in the United States. Foreign securities are also subject to the risk of adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of money or other assets, political or social instability, and nationalization of companies or industries. Certain of these risks may also apply to securities of U.S. companies with significant non-U.S. operations.

**Sector Risks.** If the Fund holds significant investments in the securities of issuers in industries within a particular sector, any development affecting that sector will have a greater impact on the value of the net assets of the Fund than would be the case if the Fund did not have significant investments in that sector. For instance, economic or market factors, regulation or deregulation, and technological or other developments may negatively impact all companies in a particular sector. This may increase the risk of loss in the Fund and the volatility of its net asset value.

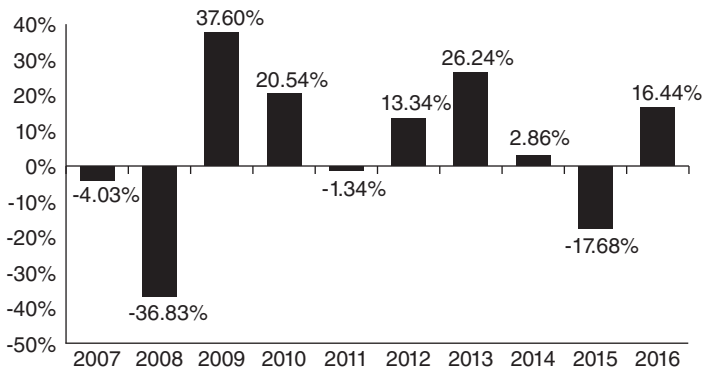
**Security Selection and Investment Style Risks.** Like any mutual fund, the Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund may underperform the stock market as a whole. A stock may never achieve the price appreciation the Adviser anticipates and the Fund's value style may go out of favor with investors.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risks.** Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. In addition, in many instances, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies may be subject to wider price fluctuations. Small- and mid-sized companies also may not be widely followed by the investment community, which can lower the demand for their stock.



**WHAT HAS BEEN THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE HISTORY?**

The bar chart and performance table that follows provide some indication of the risks and variability of investing in the Ave Maria Value Fund by showing the Fund’s performance from year to year for each of the last ten calendar years, and by showing how the Fund’s average annual total returns for the 1, 5 and 10 year periods ended December 31, 2016 compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. How the Fund has performed in the past (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information, current through the most recent month end, is available on the Fund’s website ([www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com)) or by calling 1-888-726-9331.



The Fund’s 2017 year-to-date total return through March 31, 2017 is 3.61%. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 22.46% during the quarter ended June 30, 2009 and the lowest return for a quarter was -25.71% during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

**Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2016**

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

<b>AVE MARIA VALUE FUND</b>	<b>ONE YEAR</b>	<b>FIVE YEARS</b>	<b>TEN YEARS</b>
Return Before Taxes	16.44%	7.13%	3.42%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	16.44%	6.30%	3.00%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	9.31%	5.65%	2.72%
STANDARD & POOR'S MIDCAP 400 INDEX* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	20.74%	15.33%	9.16%
RUSSELL MID-CAP INDEX* (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	13.80%	14.72%	7.86%

\* On January 1, 2017, the Ave Maria Value Fund changed its primary benchmark index from the Russell Mid-Cap Index to the Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index because of unfavorable changes in the terms of use by FTSE Russell.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

### **Investment Adviser**

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc.

### **Portfolio Managers**

Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA, is the lead portfolio manager and George P. Schwartz, CFA, and Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, are co-portfolio managers of the Ave Maria Value Fund.

- Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Adviser, has acted as lead portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2016.
- George P. Schwartz, CFA, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser, has acted as a co-portfolio manager of the Fund since July 2002.
- Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, Senior Vice President of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2016.

***For important information about the purchase and sale of Fund shares, tax information and financial intermediary compensation, please turn to "Information Relevant to All Funds" on page 32 of this Prospectus.***

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# AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND

## WHAT IS THE FUND’S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?

The investment objective of the Ave Maria Growth Fund is to seek long-term capital appreciation.

## WHAT ARE THE FUND’S FEES AND EXPENSES?

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees .....	0.85% <sup>(1)</sup>
Other Expenses .....	0.22%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>1.07%<sup>(2)</sup></u>

- (1) Management Fees have been restated to reflect a reduction in the annual percentage rate at which such fees are computed from 0.95% to 0.85% effective May 1, 2017.
- (2) Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses will not correlate to the Fund’s ratio of total expenses to average net assets in the Fund’s Financial Highlights, which does not reflect the reduction in Management Fees.

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEARS</u>	<u>5 YEARS</u>	<u>10 YEARS</u>
\$109	\$340	\$590	\$1,306

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 29% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **WHAT ARE THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?**

The Ave Maria Growth Fund invests primarily in common stocks of companies believed by the Adviser to offer above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits or cash flow. Dividend and interest income are secondary considerations in investment selection. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria (as discussed below). The Fund may invest in companies of all sizes, including small and mid-cap companies. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts (stocks issued by a U.S. bank or broker that trade in the U.S. but represent ownership of securities issued by foreign companies).

In selecting investments, the Adviser relies primarily on fundamental analysis by reviewing the issuing company's financial statements, the fundamentals of other companies in the same industry, market trends and economic conditions. The Adviser evaluates a company's earnings growth and prospects, price to cash flow and other variables to determine whether the company meets its growth criteria.

The Fund practices morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support embryonic stem cell research. The Fund is not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Fund's investments are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for a growth company. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. However, when a company no longer meets the Adviser's investment standards, it is sold regardless of the time held by the Fund. In addition, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND?**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**General Market Risks.** The return on and value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate in response to stock market movements. Stocks and other equity securities are subject to market risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings or other developments affecting a particular company or industry, stock market trends and general economic conditions, investor perceptions, interest rates and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, terrorism, natural disasters and other circumstances in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the Fund's return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.

**Foreign Exposure Risks.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks that may be different from those of U.S. securities, including the risk that foreign economies may be less stable than the U.S. economy. Foreign securities may not be subject to uniform audit, financial reporting or disclosure standards, practices or requirements comparable to those found in the United States. Foreign securities are also subject to the risk of adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or

confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of money or other assets, political or social instability, and nationalization of companies or industries. Certain of these risks may also apply to securities of U.S. companies with significant non-U.S. operations.

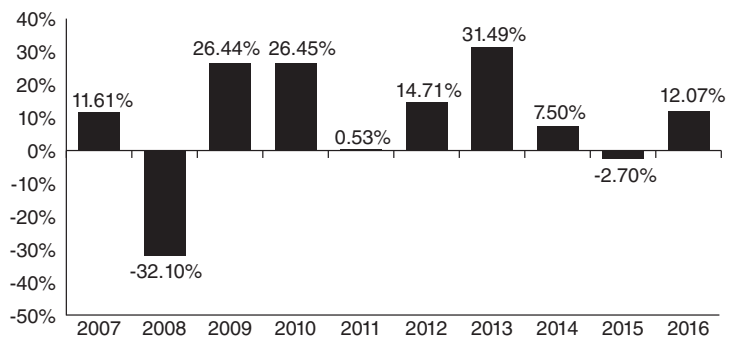
**Sector Risks.** If the Fund holds significant investments in the securities of issuers in industries within a particular sector, any development affecting that sector will have a greater impact on the value of the net assets of the Fund than would be the case if the Fund did not have significant investments in that sector. For instance, economic or market factors, regulation or deregulation, and technological or other developments may negatively impact all companies in a particular sector. This may increase the risk of loss in the Fund and the volatility of its net asset value. As of December 31, 2016, the Fund had 33% of its net assets invested in stocks within the industrials sector. Companies in the industrials sector may be impacted by factors such as general economic conditions, interest rates, insurance costs, technical progress, capital-spending levels, commodity prices, labor relations and government regulation.

**Security Selection and Investment Style Risks.** Like any mutual fund, the Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund may underperform the stock market as a whole. Growth securities typically trade at higher multiples of current earnings than other securities. Therefore, growth securities may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than other securities. Growth securities also may be more volatile because growth companies usually invest a high portion of earnings in their business, and may lack the dividend income of value companies that can offset losses in a falling market. A company may never achieve the earnings growth the Adviser anticipates and the Fund's growth style may go out of favor with investors.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risks.** Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. In addition, in many instances, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies may be subject to wider price fluctuations. Small- and mid-sized companies also may not be widely followed by the investment community, which can lower the demand for their stock.

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE HISTORY?**

The bar chart and performance table shown below provide some indication of the risks and variability of investing in the Ave Maria Growth Fund by showing the Fund's performance from year to year for each of the last ten calendar years, and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns for the 1, 5 and 10 year periods ended December 31, 2016 compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. How the Fund has performed in the past (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information, current through the most recent month end, is available on the Fund's website ([www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com)) or by calling 1-888-726-9331.



The Fund’s 2017 year-to-date total return through March 31, 2017 is 8.51%. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 18.84% during the quarter ended June 30, 2009 and the lowest return for a quarter was -23.18% during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.



## Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2016

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND	ONE YEAR	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
Return Before Taxes	12.07%	12.07%	7.97%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	10.55%	10.42%	7.15%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	8.10%	9.55%	6.46%
STANDARD & POOR'S 500 INDEX (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	11.96%	14.66%	6.95%

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Investment Adviser

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc.

### Portfolio Managers

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# AVE MARIA RISING DIVIDEND FUND

## WHAT IS THE FUND’S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?

The investment objective of the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund is to seek to provide increasing dividend income over time, long-term growth of capital, and a reasonable level of current income.

## WHAT ARE THE FUND’S FEES AND EXPENSES?

**This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.**

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) ..... None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees .....	0.75%
Other Expenses .....	0.17%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>0.93%<sup>(1)</sup></u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses will not correlate to the Fund’s ratio of total expenses to average net assets in the Fund’s Financial Highlights, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund but does not include “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.”

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEARS</u>	<u>5 YEARS</u>	<u>10 YEARS</u>
\$ 95	\$ 297	\$ 516	\$ 1,145

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 24% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **WHAT ARE THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?**

Under normal circumstances, the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the common stocks of dividend-paying companies that are expected to increase their dividends over time and to provide long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria (as discussed below). The Fund may invest in companies of all sizes. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts (stocks issued by a U.S. bank or broker that trade in the U.S. but represent ownership of securities issued by foreign companies).

The Adviser believes that a track record of dividend increases is an excellent indicator of a company's financial health and growth prospects, and that over the long term, income can contribute significantly to total return. Dividends can also help reduce the Fund's volatility during periods of market turbulence and help offset losses when stock prices are falling. The Adviser looks for stocks with sustainable, above-average growth in earnings and dividends, and the Adviser attempts to buy them when they are temporarily out-of-favor or undervalued by the market.

Using fundamental security analysis, the Adviser extensively analyzes stocks to identify those that meet the Fund's investment objective and standards. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser favors companies with one or more of the following attributes:

- either a track record of, or the potential for, above-average earnings and dividend growth;
- a competitive dividend yield;
- a sound balance sheet and solid cash flow to support future dividend increases;
- a sustainable competitive advantage and leading market position; and
- reasonable valuations, such as low price/earnings, price/cash flow, or price/sales ratios.

In pursuing the Fund's investment objective, the Adviser has the discretion to purchase securities in special situations when it perceives an unusual opportunity for gain. These special situations might arise when the Adviser believes a security could increase in value for a variety of reasons, including a change in management, an extraordinary corporate event, or a temporary imbalance in the supply of or demand for the securities.

The Fund practices morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support embryonic stem cell research. The Fund is not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

Stocks are sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE AVE MARIA RISING DIVIDEND FUND?**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**General Market Risks.** The return on and value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate in response to stock market movements. Stocks and other equity securities are subject to market risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings or other developments affecting a particular company or industry, stock market trends and general economic conditions, investor perceptions, interest rates and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, terrorism, natural disasters and other circumstances in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the Fund's return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.

**Sector Risks.** If the Fund holds significant investments in the securities of issuers in industries within a particular sector, any development affecting that sector will have a greater impact on the value of the net assets of the Fund than would be the case if the Fund did not have significant investments in that sector. For instance, economic or market factors, regulation or deregulation, and technological or other developments may negatively impact all companies in a particular sector. This may increase the risk of loss in the Fund and the volatility of its net asset value. As of December 31, 2016, the Fund had 28% of its net assets invested in stocks within the industrials sector. Companies in the industrials sector may be impacted by factors such as general economic conditions, interest rates, insurance costs, technical progress, capital-spending levels, commodity prices, labor relations and government regulation.

**Security Selection and Investment Style Risks.** Like any mutual fund, the Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund may underperform the stock market as a whole. There is no guarantee that the Fund will provide increasing dividend income. Changes in the dividend policies or capital resources of companies in which the Fund invests may affect the Fund's ability to generate income. The investment style utilized for the Fund could fall out of favor with investors, which may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other mutual funds that do not emphasize dividend paying stocks.

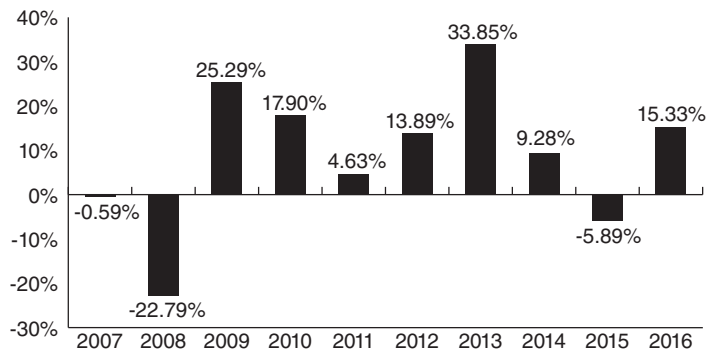
**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risks.** Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. In addition, in many instances, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies may be subject to wider price fluctuations. Small- and mid-sized companies also may not be widely followed by the investment community, which can lower the demand for their stock.

**Foreign Exposure Risks.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks that may be different from those of U.S. securities, including the risk that foreign economies may be less stable than the U.S. economy. Foreign securities may not be subject to uniform audit, financial reporting or disclosure

standards, practices or requirements comparable to those found in the United States. Foreign securities are also subject to the risk of adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of money or other assets, political or social instability, and nationalization of companies or industries. Certain of these risks may also apply to securities of U.S. companies with significant non-U.S. operations.

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE HISTORY?**

The bar chart and performance table shown below provide some indication of the risks and variability of investing in the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund by showing the Fund’s performance from year to year for each of the last ten calendar years, and by showing how the Fund’s average annual total returns for the 1, 5 and 10 year periods ended December 31, 2016 compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. How the Fund has performed in the past (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information, current through the most recent month end, is available on the Fund’s website ([www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com)) or by calling 1-888-726-9331.



The Fund’s 2017 year-to-date total return through March 31, 2017 is 4.65%. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 15.51% during the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and the lowest return for a quarter was -19.23% during the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

## Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2016

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

AVE MARIA RISING DIVIDEND FUND	ONE YEAR	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
Return Before Taxes	15.33%	12.58%	7.93%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	13.42%	11.06%	7.01%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	10.05%	9.98%	6.40%
STANDARD & POOR'S 500 INDEX (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	11.96%	14.66%	6.95%

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Investment Adviser

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc.

### Portfolio Managers

Richard L. Platte, Jr. CFA, is the lead portfolio manager and George P. Schwartz, CFA, is co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund.

- Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA, President of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in May 2005 and lead portfolio manager since January 2016.
- George P. Schwartz, CFA, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception in May 2005.

***For important information about the purchase and sale of Fund shares, tax information and financial intermediary compensation, please turn to "Information Relevant to All Funds" on page 32 of this Prospectus.***



# **AVE MARIA WORLD EQUITY FUND**

## **WHAT IS THE FUND’S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?**

The investment objective of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund is to seek long-term capital appreciation.

## **WHAT ARE THE FUND’S FEES AND EXPENSES?**

**This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.**

**Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment) ..... None**

### **Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)**

Management Fees .....	0.95%
Other Expenses .....	0.50%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	1.46% <sup>(1)</sup>
Less: Management Fee Reductions .....	0.20% <sup>(2)</sup>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Management Fee Reductions .....	1.26% <sup>(3)</sup>

- (1) Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses will not correlate to the ratio of expenses to average net assets in the Fund’s Financial Highlights, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund but does not include “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.”
- (2) Effective May 1, 2016, the Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce Management Fees and reimburse Other Expenses so that “Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses” (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest, taxes, brokerage costs and extraordinary expenses) do not exceed 1.25%. Any Management Fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser are subject to repayment by the Fund for a period of three years after such fees and expenses were incurred, provided the repayment to the Adviser does not cause “Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses” (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest, taxes, brokerage costs and extraordinary expenses) of the Fund to exceed the 1.25% limitation. This expense limitation is in effect until May 1, 2018 and may be terminated by the Fund or the Adviser upon not less than 60 days’ prior written notice, provided, however, that (i) the Adviser may not terminate the agreement without the approval of the Board of Trustees, and (ii) the agreement terminates automatically if the Adviser ceases to serve as the Fund’s investment adviser.
- (3) Information in this table has been restated to reflect a full year of operations under the 1.25% limitation that went into effect on May 1, 2016. Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Management Fee Reductions will not correlate to the ratio of net expenses to average net assets in the Fund’s Financial Highlights, which reflects four months of operations under a higher limitation of 1.50% and does not include “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.”

**Example**

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The Example also takes into account the Adviser's contractual arrangement to maintain the Fund's expenses at the agreed upon level for a period of one year. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEARS</u>	<u>5 YEARS</u>	<u>10 YEARS</u>
\$ 128	\$ 442	\$ 778	\$ 1,729

**Portfolio Turnover**

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 42% of the average value of its portfolio.

**WHAT ARE THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?**

Under normal market conditions, the Ave Maria World Equity Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks of U.S. and non-U.S. companies. The Fund will invest at least 60% of its net assets in common stocks issued by non-U.S. companies. For purposes of this requirement, a company is deemed to be a "non-U.S. company" if the company is headquartered outside the United States, or has at least 50% of its revenues or operations outside of the United States during its most recent fiscal year, at the time of purchase. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria (as discussed below). The Fund invests in securities of established companies of various market capitalizations.

The Fund may, with respect to its investments in the stocks of non-U.S. companies, invest indirectly in such securities through depositary receipts. Depositary receipts are receipts issued by a bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by foreign companies. All of the stocks owned by the Fund will be U.S. dollar-denominated and will be traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets.

The Fund will limit its investments in securities of issuers located in any one country (other than the United States) to less than 25% of the Fund's total assets. The Fund may invest in equity securities of issuers located in emerging markets. Emerging market countries are those considered to be developing by the World Bank and include, but are not limited to, South Korea, Brazil, Russia, China, Mexico, Taiwan, South Africa, India and Greece.

The Fund invests primarily in common stocks believed to be priced at a discount to their true value according to the Adviser's criteria for value. The price of stocks in relation to cash flow, earnings, dividends, book value and asset value, both historical and prospective, are key determinants in the security selection process. Emphasis is also placed on identifying companies undergoing changes that the Adviser believes will significantly enhance shareholder value in the future, including changes in operations, management, capital allocation, strategies and product offerings.

The Fund practices morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support embryonic stem cell research. The Fund is not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

The prices of securities held by the Fund are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for value. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. When a stock appreciates substantially and is no longer undervalued according to the Adviser's valuation criteria, it is sold. Stocks are also sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's intrinsic value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE AVE MARIA WORLD EQUITY FUND?**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve

its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**General Market Risks.** The return on and value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate in response to stock market movements. Stocks and other equity securities are subject to market risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings or other developments affecting a particular company or industry, stock market trends and general economic conditions, investor perceptions, interest rates and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, terrorism, natural disasters and other circumstances in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the Fund's return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.

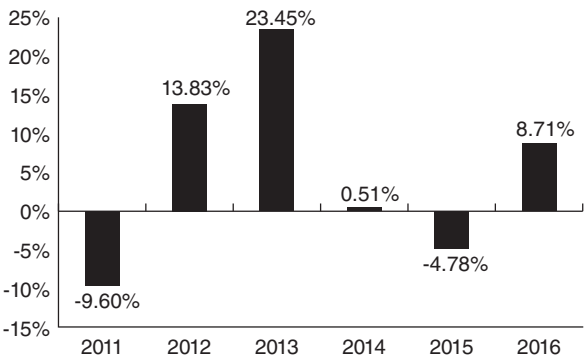
**Foreign Exposure Risks.** Foreign securities and securities issued by U.S. entities with substantial foreign operations can involve additional risks relating to political, economic or regulatory conditions in foreign countries. These risks include less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of some foreign markets; fluctuations in foreign currencies; and withholding or other taxes. These factors can make foreign investments more volatile and potentially less liquid than U.S. investments. In addition, foreign markets can perform differently than the U.S. market. Even with respect to U.S. companies with substantial foreign operations, economic, regulatory and currency changes in foreign countries could dramatically affect the demand for a company's products or the cost of producing those products. The foregoing risks are more pronounced in the case of investments in securities of issuers that are located in or have substantial operations in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries may have less diverse and mature economies and their political systems may be less stable than those of developed countries.

**Security Selection and Investment Style Risks.** Like any mutual fund, the Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund may underperform the stock market as a whole. A stock may never achieve the price appreciation the Adviser anticipates and the Fund's value style may go out of favor with investors.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risks.** Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. In addition, in many instances, the securities of small and mid-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of small and mid-sized companies may be subject to wider price fluctuations. Small and mid-sized companies also may not be widely followed by the investment community, which can lower the demand for their stock.

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE HISTORY?**

The bar chart and performance table shown below provide some indication of the risks and variability of investing in the Ave Maria World Equity Fund by showing the Fund’s performance from year to year for each full calendar year over the lifetime of the Fund, and by showing how the Fund’s average annual total returns for the 1 year, 5 year, and since inception periods ended December 31, 2016 compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. How the Fund has performed in the past (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Certain performance information reflects fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser; without such fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements, returns would be less than those shown. Updated performance information, current through the most recent month end, is available on the Fund’s website ([www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com)) or by calling 1-888-726-9331.



The Fund’s 2017 year-to-date total return through March 31, 2017 is 5.92%. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 10.88% during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 and the lowest return for a quarter was -20.66% during the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

## Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2016

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

<b>AVE MARIA WORLD EQUITY FUND</b>	<b>ONE YEAR</b>	<b>FIVE YEARS</b>	<b>SINCE INCEPTION (APRIL 30, 2010)</b>
Return Before Taxes	8.71%	7.90%	6.11%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	8.31%	7.34%	5.69%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	5.43%	6.23%	4.84%
STANDARD & POOR'S GLOBAL 1200 INDEX (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	8.89%	10.84%	8.50%

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

### Investment Adviser

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc.

### Portfolio Managers

Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, is the lead portfolio manager and Robert C. Schwartz, CFP, is co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund.

- Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA, Senior Vice President of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2013 and lead portfolio manager since January 2016.
- Robert C. Schwartz, CFP, Vice President and Secretary of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since January 2016.

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# AVE MARIA BOND FUND

## WHAT IS THE FUND’S INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE?

The investment objective of the Ave Maria Bond Fund is to seek preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income.

## WHAT ARE THE FUND’S FEES AND EXPENSES?

**This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the Fund.**

**Shareholder Fees** (fees paid directly from your investment) ..... None

**Annual Fund Operating Expenses** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

Management Fees .....	0.30%
Other Expenses .....	0.20%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>0.51%<sup>(1)</sup></u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses will not correlate to the Fund’s ratio of net expenses to average net assets in the Fund’s Financial Highlights, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund but does not include “Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.”

## Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEARS</u>	<u>5 YEARS</u>	<u>10 YEARS</u>
\$ 52	\$ 164	\$ 285	\$ 640

## Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.



## **WHAT ARE THE FUND'S PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES?**

The Ave Maria Bond Fund invests primarily (80% or more of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment-grade debt securities of domestic issuers, including the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, corporations and municipalities and money market instruments. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in equity securities (which include preferred stocks, common stocks paying dividends and securities convertible into common stock) of domestic issuers or U.S. dollar-denominated foreign issuers of any market capitalization. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's investments in corporate debt and equity securities will satisfy the Fund's religious criteria (as discussed below).

The Fund seeks to invest in securities that appear comparatively undervalued. For example, the Fund would consider a security having a yield that is higher than another security of similar credit quality and duration to be comparatively undervalued. Unlike funds investing solely for income, the Fund also seeks modest capital appreciation and growth of investment income. The Fund may purchase securities that are convertible into common stock or carry warrants or common stock purchase rights when the Adviser believes they offer higher return potential than nonconvertible securities. Convertible securities generally are debt obligations that pay income, but may convert into common or preferred stock under certain circumstances. The Fund may also seek capital appreciation by investing in fixed income securities when the Adviser believes interest rates on such investments may decline, thereby increasing the market value of the Fund's fixed income securities. The Adviser may also purchase securities it believes have a high potential for credit upgrade.

The Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in "investment-grade" debt securities and securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities. Investment-grade debt securities are corporate bonds, debentures, notes or money market instruments rated in the top four categories at the time of purchase by a nationally recognized rating agency, or unrated securities that the Adviser considers to be of comparable quality. Securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or its instrumentalities include direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury (including Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities ("TIPS")) and securities issued or guaranteed as to payment of interest and principal by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government.

The Fund will invest no more than 20% of its net assets in debt securities whose highest rating, at the time of purchase, is BBB by Standard & Poor's Global Ratings ("S&P") (or an equivalent rating) or lower. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in so-called "junk" securities whose ratings are below investment-grade.

The Fund may invest in debt securities of any maturity. In selecting debt securities, the Adviser will focus on the issuer's credit strength as well as the security's effective duration and yield. Effective duration is a measure of a debt security's price sensitivity to interest rate changes. Effective duration takes into account a debt security's cash flows over time including the possibility that a debt security might be prepaid by the issuer or redeemed by the holder prior to its stated maturity date. In contrast, maturity measures only the time until the final payment is due. When the Adviser expects interest rates to rise, it may purchase debt securities with shorter maturities or invest in money market instruments. When the Adviser expects interest rates to fall, it may invest in longer-term debt securities. The Adviser may sell a security when it no longer meets its criteria for investment or when there are more attractive investment opportunities available.

The Fund practices morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support embryonic stem cell research. The Fund's investments in U.S. government obligations (or money market instruments for temporary defensive or liquidity purposes) are not screened for religious principles and may conflict with the Fund's religious criteria. The Fund is not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE AVE MARIA BOND FUND?**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Fund. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

**Equity Market Risks.** The Fund is subject to the risk that the securities markets may decrease in value. Factors affecting the securities markets include economic growth and decline, interest rate levels and political events. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability. Any equity securities held by the Fund may be subject to certain risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings or other developments affecting a particular company or industry, general economic

and stock market conditions, investor perceptions, interest rates and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. Changes in the dividend policies or capital resources of companies in which the Fund invests may affect the Fund's ability to generate income. Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. Foreign securities can involve additional risks relating to political, economic or regulatory conditions in foreign countries, which can make foreign investments more volatile and potentially less liquid than U.S. investments. There is a risk the Adviser will not accurately predict the impact of these and other factors, in which case the securities owned by the Fund might decline in value.

**Debt Security Risks.** Any debt securities held by the Fund may be subject to certain risks, such as interest rate risks, credit risks and liquidity risks. At times there may be an imbalance of supply and demand in the markets which could result in greater price volatility, less liquidity, wider trading spreads and a lack of price transparency. Convertible securities may be subject to both debt and equity security risks described herein.

- **Interest Rate Risks.** The value of the Fund's debt securities is affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of the Fund's debt securities and its share price will decline. A change in interest rates will also change the amount of income the Fund generates. Potential changes in government policy affecting interest rates may result in periods of volatility and increased redemptions. Securities with longer maturities generally are more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter maturities.
- **Credit Risks.** The value of the Fund's debt securities is affected by the issuers' continued ability to make interest and principal payments, when due. The Fund could lose money if an issuer cannot meet its financial obligations or if its credit rating is downgraded. Securities rated in the lowest of the investment-grade categories (BBB or an equivalent rating) are considered more speculative than higher-rated securities. Their issuers may not be as financially strong and they may have a weakened capacity to pay interest or principal, especially during periods of economic downturn or uncertainty.

An investment grade determination is made at the time of purchase and the Fund is not required to liquidate a security whose rating is reduced below investment grade. When a security's rating is reduced below investment grade, it may be more difficult for the Fund to receive income and achieve capital appreciation from its investment.

Government securities held by the Fund may or may not be backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government. Securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government include Treasury securities and Overseas Private Investment Corporation securities. Securities that are not backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government include securities issued by various other government agencies.

A rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization represents the organization's opinion as to the credit quality of a security but is not an absolute standard of quality or guarantee as to the creditworthiness of an issuer. Ratings of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations present an inherent conflict of interest because such organizations are paid by the entities whose securities they rate. The credit rating of a security does not necessarily address its market risk (that is, the risk that the value of a security will be adversely affected due to movements in the overall financial markets or changes in the level of interest rates). In addition, ratings may not be revised promptly to reflect developments in the issuer's financial condition.

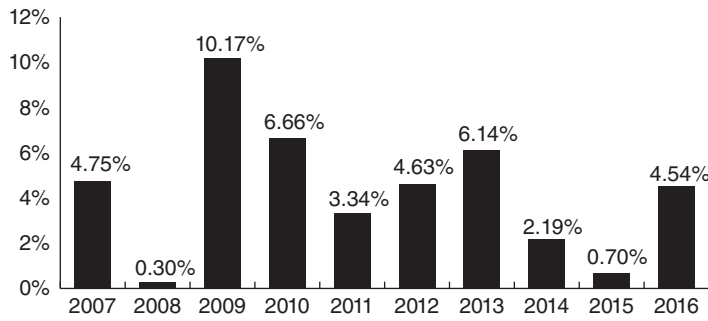
- **Liquidity Risks.** Debt securities may also be subject to liquidity risk, which is the risk that a security can not be sold at an advantageous time or price. If a debt security is downgraded or drops in price, the market demand may be limited, making that security difficult to sell. Additionally the market for certain debt securities may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer. Liquidity risk may be magnified in a rising interest rate environment or in other circumstances where investor redemptions from fixed income mutual funds may be higher than normal. The capacity of traditional dealers to engage in fixed income trading has not kept pace with the growth of the fixed income market, causing dealer inventories to be at or near historical lows relative to market size. The reduction in dealer inventories could lead to decreased liquidity, increased volatility and wider spreads, which may become exacerbated during periods of economic or political stress. Lower rated securities may be subject to greater levels of liquidity risk.

**Security Selection Risks.** Like any mutual fund, the Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund might underperform the markets as a whole. The Adviser's opinion about the creditworthiness of a company, the intrinsic value of a security or the direction of interest rates may be incorrect, which may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other mutual funds that have similar investment strategies.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in corporate debt and equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.

**WHAT HAS BEEN THE FUND’S PERFORMANCE HISTORY?**

The bar chart and performance table shown below provide some indication of the risks and variability of investing in the Ave Maria Bond Fund by showing the Fund's performance from year to year for each of the last ten calendar years, and by showing how the Fund's average annual total returns for the 1, 5 and 10 year periods ended December 31, 2016 compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. How the Fund has performed in the past (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Certain performance information reflects fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser; without such fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements, returns would be less than those shown. Updated performance information, current through the most recent month end, is available on the Fund's website ([www.avemariafunds.com](http://www.avemariafunds.com)) or by calling 1-888-726-9331.



The Fund’s 2017 year-to-date total return through March 31, 2017 is 1.34%. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 5.44% during the quarter ended September 30, 2009 and the lowest return for a quarter was -2.00% during the quarter ended September 30, 2011.

## Average Annual Total Returns for Periods Ended December 31, 2016

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on an investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown, and after-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts.

	ONE YEAR	FIVE YEARS	TEN YEARS
<b>AVE MARIA BOND FUND</b>			
Return Before Taxes	4.54%	3.62%	4.31%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	3.55%	2.76%	3.34%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	2.88%	2.63%	3.16%
<b>BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS U.S. INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT/ CREDIT INDEX (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)</b>	2.08%	1.85%	3.84%

### MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

#### Investment Adviser

Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc.

#### Portfolio Managers

Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA, is the lead portfolio manager and Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA, is co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Bond Fund.

- Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA, Fixed Income and Equity Research Analyst of the Adviser, has acted as co-portfolio manager of the Fund since September 2013 and lead portfolio manager since January 2016.
- Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA, President of the Adviser, has acted as sole portfolio manager of the Fund from its May 2003 inception until September 2013 and co-portfolio manager since September 2013.

***For important information about the purchase and sale of Fund shares, tax information and financial intermediary compensation, please turn to "Information Relevant to All Funds" on page 32 of this Prospectus.***

## **INFORMATION RELEVANT TO ALL FUNDS**

### **PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES**

Minimum Initial Investment - \$2,500

Minimum Additional Investment - None, except that the minimum for participants in the Automatic Investment Plan is \$50.

**General Information.** You may purchase or redeem (sell) shares of each Fund on each day that the Funds are open for business. Transactions may be initiated by written request, by wire transfer or through your financial institution.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

Each Fund's distributions are generally taxed as ordinary income or capital gains unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account, or you are a tax-exempt investor.

### **PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

If you purchase the Funds through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Funds and their related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Funds over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.



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## ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT INFORMATION

### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

**Ave Maria Value Fund:**

Long-term capital appreciation

**Ave Maria Growth Fund:**

Long-term capital appreciation

**Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund:**

Increasing dividend income over time, long-term growth of capital, and a reasonable level of current income

**Ave Maria World Equity Fund:**

Long-term capital appreciation

**Ave Maria Bond Fund:**

Preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income

Each Fund's investment objective is fundamental and as such may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940) of a Fund's outstanding shares.

### INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

The Funds practice morally responsible investing. This process is designed to avoid investments in companies believed to offer products or services or engage in practices that are contrary to core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. In making this determination, the Catholic Advisory Board's members are guided by the magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church. This process will, in general, avoid four major categories of companies: (i) those involved in the practice of abortion; (ii) those whose policies are judged to be antifamily, such as companies that distribute pornographic material; (iii) those that contribute corporate funds to Planned Parenthood; and (iv) those that support embryonic stem cell research. The Funds are not authorized or sponsored by the Roman Catholic Church and the Catholic Advisory Board is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church.

Under normal circumstances, all of the equity investments of the Ave Maria Value Fund, Ave Maria Growth Fund, Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund and the Ave Maria World Equity Fund and at least 80% of each Fund's net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria. Under normal circumstances, all of the Ave Maria Bond Fund's investments in corporate debt and equity securities will satisfy the Fund's religious criteria. These policies are fundamental and as such may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940) of a Fund's outstanding shares.

## **Ave Maria Value Fund**

Under normal market conditions, the Ave Maria Value Fund invests primarily in common stocks believed to be priced at a discount to their true value according to the Adviser's criteria for value. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria. The Fund invests in securities of established companies of various market capitalizations. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts.

The Adviser utilizes a comprehensive financial database and other sources with a universe of over 10,000 primarily domestic corporations to identify companies as candidates for the Fund. Using fundamental security analysis, the Adviser extensively analyzes stocks to identify those that meet the Fund's investment objective and standards. The price of stocks in relation to cash flow, earnings, dividends, book value and asset value, both historical and prospective, are key determinants in the security selection process. Emphasis is also placed on identifying companies undergoing changes that the Adviser believes will significantly enhance shareholder value in the future, including changes in operations, management, capital allocation, strategies and product offerings.

The prices of securities held by the Fund are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for value. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. When a stock appreciates substantially and is no longer undervalued, according to the Adviser's valuation criteria, it is sold. Stocks are also sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's intrinsic value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

## **Ave Maria Growth Fund**

The Ave Maria Growth Fund invests primarily in common stocks of companies believed by the Adviser to offer above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits or cash flow. Dividend and interest income are secondary considerations in investment selection. Under normal circumstances, all of the

Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria. The Fund may invest in companies of all sizes, including small and mid-cap companies. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts.

In selecting investments, the Adviser relies primarily on fundamental analysis by reviewing the issuing company's financial statements, the fundamentals of other companies in the same industry, market trends and economic conditions. The Adviser evaluates a company's earnings growth and prospects, price to cash flow and other variables to determine whether the company meets its growth criteria.

The Fund's investments are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for a growth company. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. However, when a company no longer meets the Adviser's investment standards, it is sold regardless of the time held by the Fund. In addition, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund**

Under normal circumstances, the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in the common stocks of dividend-paying companies that are expected to increase their dividends over time and to provide long-term growth of capital. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria. The Fund may invest in companies of all sizes. The portion of the Fund's net assets invested at any given time in securities of issuers engaged in industries within a particular sector is affected by valuation considerations and other investment characteristics of that sector. As a result, the Fund's investment in various sectors generally will change over time, and a significant allocation to any particular sector does not necessarily represent a continuing investment policy or investment strategy to invest in that sector. The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers that are U.S. dollar-denominated and traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded

domestically in the over-the-counter markets. The Fund may, with respect to its investments in foreign issuers, invest indirectly in such companies in the form of American Depositary Receipts.

The Adviser believes that a track record of dividend increases is an excellent indicator of a company's financial health and growth prospects, and that over the long term, income can contribute significantly to total return. Dividends can also help reduce the Fund's volatility during periods of market turbulence and help offset losses when stock prices are falling. The Adviser looks for stocks with sustainable, above-average growth in earnings and dividends, and the Adviser attempts to buy them when they are temporarily out-of-favor or undervalued by the market.

Using fundamental security analysis, the Adviser extensively analyzes stocks to identify those that meet the Fund's investment objective and standards. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser favors companies with one or more of the following attributes:

- either a track record of, or the potential for, above-average earnings and dividend growth;
- a competitive dividend yield;
- a sound balance sheet and solid cash flow to support future dividend increases;
- a sustainable competitive advantage and leading market position; and
- reasonable valuations, such as low price/earnings, price/cash flow, or price/sales ratios.

In pursuing the Fund's investment objective, the Adviser has the discretion to purchase securities in special situations when it perceives an unusual opportunity for gain. These special situations might arise when the Adviser believes a security could increase in value for a variety of reasons, including a change in management, an extraordinary corporate event, or a temporary imbalance in the supply of or demand for the securities.

Stocks are sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Ave Maria World Equity Fund**

Under normal market conditions, the Ave Maria World Equity Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in common stocks of U.S. and non-U.S. companies. The Fund will invest at least 60% of its net assets in common stocks issued by non-U.S. companies. For purposes of this requirement, a company is deemed to be a "non-U.S. company" if the company is headquartered outside the United States, or has at least 50% of its revenues or operations

outside of the United States during its most recent fiscal year, at the time of purchase. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's equity investments (which include common stocks, preferred stocks and securities convertible into common stock) and at least 80% of the Fund's net assets will be invested in companies meeting the Fund's religious criteria. The Fund invests in securities of established companies of various market capitalizations.

The Fund may, with respect to its investments in the stocks of non-U.S. companies, invest indirectly in such securities through depositary receipts. Depositary receipts are receipts issued by a bank or trust company and evidence ownership of underlying securities issued by foreign companies. All of the stocks owned by the Fund will be U.S. dollar-denominated and will be traded on a U.S. securities exchange or traded domestically in the over-the-counter markets.

The Fund will limit its investments in securities of issuers located in any one country (other than the United States) to less than 25% of the Fund's total assets. The Fund may invest in equity securities of issuers located in emerging markets. Emerging market countries are those considered to be developing by the World Bank and include, but are not limited to, South Korea, Brazil, Russia, China, Mexico, Taiwan, South Africa, India and Greece.

The Fund invests primarily in common stocks believed to be priced at a discount to their true value according to the Adviser's criteria for value. The price of stocks in relation to cash flow, earnings, dividends, book value and asset value, both historical and prospective, are key determinants in the security selection process. Emphasis is also placed on identifying companies undergoing changes that the Adviser believes will significantly enhance shareholder value in the future, including changes in operations, management, capital allocation, strategies and product offerings.

The prices of securities held by the Fund are monitored in relation to the Adviser's criteria for value. Generally, stocks are purchased with the intent to hold them for three years or more. When a stock appreciates substantially and is no longer undervalued, according to the Adviser's valuation criteria, it is sold. Stocks are also sold when a company fails to achieve expected results, or economic factors or competitive developments adversely impair the company's intrinsic value. Additionally, a stock may be sold (but is not required to be sold) if the Catholic Advisory Board determines that the company operates in a way that is inconsistent with the core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

### **Ave Maria Bond Fund**

The Ave Maria Bond Fund invests primarily (80% or more of its net assets, including the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in investment-grade debt securities of domestic issuers, including the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, corporations and municipalities and money market instruments. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in equity securities (which include preferred stocks, common stocks paying dividends and securities convertible into common stock) of domestic issuers or U.S.

dollar-denominated foreign issuers of any market capitalization. Under normal circumstances, all of the Fund's investments in corporate debt and equity securities will satisfy the Fund's religious criteria.

The Fund seeks to invest in securities that appear comparatively undervalued. For example, the Fund would consider a security having a yield that is higher than another security of similar credit quality and duration to be comparatively undervalued. Unlike funds investing solely for income, the Fund also seeks modest capital appreciation and growth of investment income. The Fund may purchase securities that are convertible into common stock or carry warrants or common stock purchase rights when the Adviser believes they offer higher return potential than nonconvertible securities. Convertible securities generally are debt obligations that pay income, but may convert into common or preferred stock under certain circumstances. The Fund may also seek capital appreciation by investing in fixed income securities when the Adviser believes interest rates on such investments may decline, thereby increasing the market value of the Fund's fixed income securities. The Adviser may also purchase securities it believes have a high potential for credit upgrade.

The Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in "investment-grade" debt securities and securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities. Investment-grade debt securities are corporate bonds, debentures, notes or money market instruments rated in the top four categories at the time of purchase by a nationally recognized rating agency, or unrated securities that the Adviser considers to be of comparable quality. Securities issued by the U.S. government, its agencies or its instrumentalities include direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury (including TIPS) and securities issued or guaranteed as to payment of interest and principal by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government.

The Fund will invest no more than 20% of its net assets in debt securities whose highest rating, at the time of purchase, is BBB by S&P (or an equivalent rating) or lower. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its net assets in so-called "junk" securities whose ratings are below investment-grade.

The Fund may invest in debt securities of any maturity. In selecting debt securities, the Adviser will focus on the issuer's credit strength as well as the security's effective duration and yield. When the Adviser expects interest rates to rise, it may purchase debt securities with shorter maturities or invest in money market instruments. When the Adviser expects interest rates to fall, it may invest in longer-term debt securities. The Adviser may sell a security when it no longer meets its criteria for investment or when there are more attractive investment opportunities available.

## **TEMPORARY DEFENSIVE STRATEGIES**

For temporary defensive purposes, each Fund may from time to time invest a significant portion, and possibly all, of its assets in U.S. Government obligations or money market instruments. A Fund may also hold U.S.

Government obligations or money market instruments for liquidity purposes, as funds awaiting investment, to accumulate cash for anticipated purchases and to provide for shareholder redemptions or operational expenses. “U.S. Government obligations” include securities that are issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury, by various agencies of the U.S. Government, and by various instrumentalities that have been established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. U.S. Government obligations may or may not be backed by the “full faith and credit” of the U.S. Government. The money market instruments that a Fund may own from time to time include U.S. Government obligations having a maturity of less than one year, shares of money market mutual funds, commercial paper rated A-1 by S&P or Prime-1 by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., repurchase agreements, bank debt instruments (certificates of deposit, time deposits and bankers’ acceptances), and other short-term instruments issued by domestic branches of U.S. financial institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and have assets exceeding \$10 billion. To the extent a Fund invests in money market mutual funds, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Fund would bear its pro-rata portion of such money market funds’ advisory and operational fees. A low interest rate environment may prevent U.S. Government obligations or money market instruments from keeping pace with inflation. When a Fund invests for temporary defensive purposes, these investments may be inconsistent with core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and may conflict with or impair the Fund’s ability to achieve its investment objective.

## **RISKS OF INVESTING IN THE FUNDS**

As with any mutual fund investment, there is a risk that you could lose money by investing in the Funds. The Funds are not intended to be a complete investment program and there is no assurance that a Fund will achieve its investment objective. An investment in the Funds is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

### **Risks Applicable to All Funds**

**General Market Risks.** The Funds are subject to the risk that the securities markets may decrease in value. Factors affecting the securities markets include economic growth and decline, interest rate levels and political events. There is a risk the Adviser will not accurately predict the impact of these and other factors, in which case the securities owned by a Fund might decline in value. Any debt securities held by a Fund may be subject to certain risks, such as credit risks, interest rate risks and liquidity risks. Potential changes in government policy affecting interest rates may result in periods of volatility and increased redemptions for debt securities. Any equity securities held by a Fund may be subject to certain risks, such as rapid fluctuations in price or liquidity due to earnings and other developments affecting a particular company or industry, general economic and stock market conditions, investor perceptions and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser.



Economies and financial markets throughout the world are increasingly interconnected. Economic, financial or political events, trading and tariff arrangements, terrorism, natural disasters and other circumstances in one country or region could have profound impacts on global economies or markets. Stocks tend to move in cycles and may experience periods of turbulence and instability. Convertible securities may be subject to both debt and equity security risks described herein.

**Security Selection Risks.** Like any mutual fund, a Fund's method of security selection may not be successful and the Fund might underperform the markets as a whole. The Adviser's opinion about the creditworthiness of a company, the intrinsic value of a security or the direction of interest rates may be incorrect, which may cause a Fund to underperform relative to other mutual funds that have similar investment strategies.

**Moral Investing Risks.** The Adviser invests in corporate debt and equity securities only if they meet both the Fund's investment and religious criteria, and as such, the return may be lower than if the Adviser made decisions based solely on investment considerations. If the Fund holds a security of a company that has violated the teachings and core values of the Roman Catholic Church, it could result in the Fund selling the security at an inopportune time from a purely financial point of view. The process of screening out companies based on religious principles relies upon information or data from third parties that may be inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the Fund to inadvertently hold securities that do not meet its religious criteria.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risks.** Investments in small- and mid-sized companies often involve higher risks because they may lack the management experience, financial resources, product diversification and competitive strengths usually present with larger corporations. In addition, in many instances, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies are traded only over-the-counter or on a regional securities exchange, and the frequency and volume of their trading is substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of small- and mid-sized companies may be subject to wider price fluctuations. Small- and mid-sized companies also may not be widely followed by the investment community, which can lower the demand for their stock.

**Foreign Exposure Risks.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks that may be different from those of U.S. securities, including the risk that foreign economies may be less stable than the U.S. economy. Foreign securities may not be subject to uniform audit, financial reporting or disclosure standards, practices or requirements comparable to those found in the United States. Foreign securities are also subject to the risk of adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, limitations on the removal of money or other assets, political or social instability, and nationalization of companies or industries. Certain of these risks may also apply to securities of U.S. companies with significant non-U.S. operations.



**Sector Risks.** If a Fund holds significant investments in the securities of issuers in industries within a particular sector, any development affecting that sector will have a greater impact on the value of the net assets of the Fund than would be the case if the Fund did not have significant investments in that sector. For instance, economic or market factors, regulation or deregulation, and technological or other developments may negatively impact all companies in a particular sector. This may increase the risk of loss in the Fund and the volatility of its net asset value. As of December 31, 2016, the Ave Maria Growth Fund and the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund had 33% and 28%, respectively, of net assets invested in stocks within the industrials sector. Companies in the industrials sector may be impacted by factors such as general economic conditions, interest rates, insurance costs, technical progress, capital-spending levels, commodity prices, labor relations and government regulation.

### **Risks Applicable to all Funds except for Ave Maria Bond Fund**

**Investment Style Risks.** With respect to Ave Maria Value Fund and Ave Maria World Equity Fund, a stock may never achieve the price appreciation the Adviser anticipates and the Fund's value style may go out of favor with investors.

With respect to Ave Maria Growth Fund, growth securities typically trade at higher multiples of current earnings than other securities. Therefore, growth securities may be more sensitive to changes in current or expected earnings than other securities. Growth securities also may be more volatile because growth companies usually invest a higher portion of earnings in their business, and may lack the dividend income of value companies that can offset losses in a falling market. A company may never achieve the earnings growth the Adviser anticipates and the Fund's growth style may go out of favor with investors.

With respect to Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund, there is no guarantee that the Fund will provide increasing dividend income. Changes in the dividend policies or capital resources of companies in which the Fund invests may affect the Fund's ability to generate income. The investment style utilized for the Fund could fall out of favor with investors, which may cause the Fund to underperform relative to other mutual funds that do not emphasize dividend paying stocks.

### **Risks Applicable to Ave Maria World Equity Fund**

**Emerging Market Securities.** The risks of foreign securities are more pronounced in the case of investments in securities of issuers that are located in or have substantial operations in emerging market countries. Emerging market countries may have less diverse and mature economies and their political systems may be less stable than those of developed countries.

## Risks Applicable to Ave Maria Bond Fund

**Debt Security Risks.** Any debt securities held by the Fund may be subject to certain risks, such as interest rate risks, credit risks and liquidity risks. At times there may be an imbalance of supply and demand in the markets which could result in greater price volatility, less liquidity, wider trading spreads and a lack of price transparency. Convertible securities may be subject to both debt and equity security risks described herein.

- **Interest Rate Risks.** The value of the Fund's debt securities is affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of the Fund's debt securities and its share price will decline. A change in interest rates will also change the amount of income the Fund generates. Potential changes in government policy affecting interest rates may result in periods of volatility and increased redemptions. Securities with longer maturities generally are more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter maturities.
- **Credit Risks.** The value of the Fund's debt securities is affected by the issuers' continued ability to make interest and principal payments, when due. The Fund could lose money if an issuer cannot meet its financial obligations or if its credit rating is downgraded. Securities rated in the lowest of the investment-grade categories (BBB or an equivalent rating) are considered more speculative than higher-rated securities. Their issuers may not be as financially strong and they may have a weakened capacity to pay interest or principal, especially during periods of downturn or economic uncertainty.

An investment grade determination is made at the time of purchase and the Fund is not required to liquidate a security whose rating is reduced below investment grade. When a security's rating is reduced below investment grade, it may be more difficult for the Fund to receive income and achieve capital appreciation from its investment.

Government securities held by the Fund may or may not be backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government. Securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government include Treasury securities and Overseas Private Investment Corporation securities. Securities that are not backed by the "full faith and credit" of the U.S. government include securities issued by various other government agencies.

A rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization represents the organization's opinion as to the credit quality of a security but is not an absolute standard of quality or guarantee as to the creditworthiness of an issuer. Ratings of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations present an inherent conflict of interest because such organizations are paid by the entities whose securities they rate. The credit rating of a security does not necessarily address its market risk (that is, the risk that the value of a security will be adversely affected due to movements in the overall financial markets or changes in the level of interest rates). In addition, ratings may not be revised promptly to reflect developments in the issuer's financial condition.

- **Liquidity Risks.** Debt securities may also be subject to liquidity risk, which is the risk that a security can not be sold at an advantageous time or price. If a debt security is downgraded or drops in price, the market demand may be limited, making that security difficult to sell. Additionally the market for certain debt securities may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer. Liquidity risk may be magnified in a rising interest rate environment or in other circumstances where investor redemptions from fixed income mutual funds may be higher than normal. The capacity of traditional dealers to engage in fixed income trading has not kept pace with the growth of the fixed income market, causing dealer inventories to be at or near historical lows relative to market size. The reduction in dealer inventories could lead to decreased liquidity, increased volatility and wider spreads, which may become exacerbated during periods of economic or political stress. Lower rated securities may be subject to greater levels of liquidity risk.

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## HOW TO PURCHASE SHARES

Your initial investment in a Fund ordinarily must be at least \$2,500. The Funds may, in the Adviser's sole discretion, accept certain accounts with less than the stated minimum initial investment. Shares of each Fund are sold on a continuous basis at the net asset value next determined after receipt of a purchase order by the Funds. Purchase orders received by the Funds' transfer agent, Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC (the "Transfer Agent") by 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, are priced at that day's net asset value. Purchase orders received by the Transfer Agent after 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, are priced at the net asset value next determined on the following business day.

### OPENING A NEW ACCOUNT

You may open an account and make an initial investment in the Funds by sending a check and a completed account application to Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 46707, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246-0707. Checks should be made payable to the applicable Fund.

All purchase checks must be written in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank. The Funds do not accept cash, drafts, "starter" checks, travelers checks, credit card checks, post-dated checks, cashier's checks under \$10,000, or money orders. In addition, to protect the Funds from check fraud, the Funds do not accept checks made payable to third parties.

**Through Your Broker or Financial Institution.** Shares of the Funds may be purchased through brokerage firms or financial institutions or sub-agents of such brokerage firms or financial institutions that are authorized to accept purchase orders on behalf of the Funds. Your order will be considered to have been received by the Funds when the authorized brokerage firm, financial institution, or its authorized designee, accepts the purchase order. Your purchase will be made at the net asset value next determined after your order is received by such organization in proper form before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, or such earlier time as may be required by such organization. These organizations may charge you transaction fees on purchases of Fund shares and may impose other charges or restrictions or account options that differ from those applicable to shareholders who purchase shares directly through the Transfer Agent. These organizations may be the shareholders of record of your shares. The Funds are not responsible for ensuring that these organizations carry out their obligations to their customers. Shareholders investing in this manner should look to the organization through which they invest for specific instructions on how to purchase and redeem shares. The Adviser (from its own revenues) may pay such organizations for administrative, shareholder subaccounting and other services, including sales-related services, based on the number of accounts and/or the amount of customer assets maintained in any Fund by such organizations. The

payment of such compensation by the Adviser will not affect the expense ratio of any Fund. Contact your brokerage firm or financial institution to determine whether it is authorized to accept orders on behalf of the Funds.

**By Wire.** Provided the Transfer Agent has received a completed account application, you may also purchase shares of the Funds by bank wire. Please telephone the Transfer Agent at 888-726-9331 for instructions. You should be prepared to give the name in which the account is to be established, the address, telephone number and taxpayer identification number for the account, the name of the Fund(s) in which you are investing, and the name of the bank that will wire the money. Your investment will be made at the next determined net asset value after your wire is received together with the account information indicated above. If the Transfer Agent does not receive timely and complete account information, there may be a delay in the investment of your money and any accrual of dividends. To make your initial wire purchase, you must mail or fax (513-587-3438) a completed account application to the Transfer Agent. Your bank may impose a charge for sending your wire. There is presently no fee for receipt of wired funds, but the Transfer Agent reserves the right to charge shareholders for this service upon 30 days' prior notice to shareholders.

#### **ADDING TO YOUR ACCOUNT**

You may purchase and add shares to your account by mail, by bank wire transfer or through your brokerage firm or other financial institution. Checks should be sent to Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 46707, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246-0707. Checks should be made payable to the applicable Fund. In order to purchase additional shares of the Funds by bank wire, please telephone the Transfer Agent at 888-726-9331 for instructions. Each additional purchase request must contain the name of your account and your account number to permit proper crediting to your account. While there is no minimum amount required for subsequent investments, the Funds reserve the right to impose this requirement. All purchases are made at the net asset value next determined after receipt of a purchase order by the Funds.

#### **AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN ("AIP") AND DIRECT DEPOSIT PLAN**

You may make automatic monthly investments in the Funds from your bank, savings and loan or other depository institution account. Under the AIP, investments in a Fund must be at least \$50. The Transfer Agent pays the costs of your transfers, but reserves the right, upon 30 days' written notice, to make reasonable charges for this service.

Your employer may offer a direct deposit plan which will allow you to have all or a portion of your paycheck transferred automatically to purchase shares of the Funds. Please call 888-726-9331 for more information.

## **CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION**

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person that opens a new account, and to determine whether such person's name appears on government lists of known or suspected terrorists and terrorist organizations. As a result, the Funds must obtain the following information for each person that opens a new account:

- Name;
- Date of birth (for individuals);
- Residential or business street address (although post office boxes are still permitted for mailing); and
- Social security number, taxpayer identification number, or other identifying number.

You may also be asked for a copy of your driver's license, passport, or other identifying document in order to verify your identity. In addition, it may be necessary to verify your identity by cross-referencing your identification information with a consumer report or other electronic database. Additional information may be required to open accounts for corporations and other entities. *Federal law prohibits the Funds and other financial institutions from opening a new account unless they receive the minimum identifying information listed above.*

After an account is opened, the Funds may restrict your ability to purchase additional shares until your identity is verified. The Funds also may close your account or take other appropriate action if they are unable to verify your identity within a reasonable time. If your account is closed for this reason, your shares will be redeemed at the net asset value next calculated after the account is closed.

## **FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF FUND SHARES**

In general, the Funds are designed for long-term investment and not as frequent or short-term trading ("market timing") vehicles. The Funds discourage and do not accommodate frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures in an effort to detect and prevent market timing in the Funds. The Funds, through their service providers, will monitor shareholder trading activity in order to ensure it complies with the Funds' policies. The Funds will also prepare reports illustrating purchase and redemption activity to detect market timing activity. The Funds believe that market timing activity is not in the best interest of shareholders. Market timing can be disruptive to the portfolio management process and may adversely impact the ability of the Adviser to implement a Fund's investment strategies. In addition to being disruptive, the risks to the Funds presented by market timing are higher expenses through increased trading and transaction costs; forced

and unplanned portfolio turnover; large asset swings that decrease a Fund's ability to provide maximum investment return to all shareholders; and potentially diluting the value of Fund shares. These risks can have an adverse affect on a Fund's performance. The Funds reserve the right at any time to reject any purchase or exchange request that they believe to be market timing; modify any terms or conditions of purchase of shares of any Fund; or withdraw all or any part of the offering made by this Prospectus. If a purchase order is rejected, shareholders will be responsible for any resulting losses or fees imposed by their financial institution. Financial intermediaries may establish omnibus accounts in the Funds for their clients. The Funds rely on intermediaries to help enforce their market timing policies. Although the Funds have taken steps to discourage frequent purchases and redemptions of their shares, the Funds cannot guarantee that such trading will not occur. Each of the restrictions on frequent purchases and redemptions of Fund shares described above applies uniformly in all cases.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Funds will mail you confirmations of all purchases or redemptions of Fund shares. Certificates representing shares are not issued. The Funds and their distributor reserve the right to limit the amount of investments and to refuse to sell to any person.

The Funds' account application contains provisions in favor of the Funds, the Adviser, the Transfer Agent, the Funds' distributor and certain of their affiliates, excluding such entities from liability in connection with the performance of any acts instructed by the shareholder; provided, however, that such entities will be excluded from liability only if such entities have acted within applicable standards of reasonable care. If reasonable procedures are not followed by such entities, they will not be excluded from liability.

By sending your check to the Funds or the Transfer Agent, please be aware that you are authorizing the Transfer Agent to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. Your bank account will be debited as early as the same day the Transfer Agent receives your payment in the amount of your check; no additional amount will be added to the total. The transaction will appear on your bank statement. Your original check will be destroyed once processed, and you will not receive your canceled check back. If the Transfer Agent cannot post the transaction electronically, you authorize the Transfer Agent to present an image copy of your check for payment.

If an order to purchase shares is cancelled because your check does not clear, you will be responsible for any resulting losses or fees incurred by the Funds or the Transfer Agent in the transaction.

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## HOW TO EXCHANGE SHARES

Shares of one Fund may be exchanged for shares of another Fund. The exchange of shares of one Fund for shares of another Fund is treated, for federal income tax purposes, as a sale on which you may realize a taxable gain or loss.

Shares of a Fund acquired by means of an exchange will be purchased at the net asset value next determined after receipt of the exchange request by the Transfer Agent in the form described below. Exchanges may be made by sending a written request to the Transfer Agent, or by calling 888-726-9331. Please provide the following information:

- Your name and telephone number
- The exact name of your account and your account number
- Taxpayer identification number (usually your Social Security number)
- Dollar value or number of shares to be exchanged
- The name of the Fund from which the exchange is to be made
- The name of the Fund into which the exchange is being made

The registration and taxpayer identification numbers of the two accounts involved in the exchange must be identical. To prevent the abuse of the exchange privilege to the disadvantage of other shareholders, the Funds reserve the right to terminate or modify the exchange privilege upon 60 days' notice to shareholders.

The Transfer Agent requires personal identification before accepting any exchange request by telephone, and telephone exchange instructions may be recorded. If reasonable procedures are followed by the Transfer Agent, neither the Transfer Agent nor the Funds will be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent telephone instructions. In the event of drastic economic or market changes, a shareholder may experience difficulty in exchanging shares by telephone. If such a case should occur, sending exchange instructions by mail should be considered.



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## HOW TO REDEEM SHARES

You may redeem shares of the Funds on each day that the Funds are open for business by sending a written request to the Transfer Agent. The request must state the number of shares or the dollar amount to be redeemed and your account number. The request must be signed exactly as your name appears on the Funds' account records.

**Signature Guarantees.** If the shares to be redeemed have a value of more than \$50,000, your signature must be guaranteed. If the name(s) or the address on your account has been changed within the previous 15 days of your redemption request, the request must be made in writing with your signature guaranteed, regardless of the value of the shares being redeemed. The Transfer Agent will accept signatures guaranteed by a domestic bank or trust company, broker, dealer, clearing agency, savings association or other financial institution that participates in the STAMP Medallion Program sponsored by the Securities Transfer Association. Signature guarantees from financial institutions that do not participate in the STAMP Medallion Program will not be accepted. A notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee. The Transfer Agent has adopted standards for accepting signature guarantees from the above institutions. The Funds and the Transfer Agent reserve the right to amend these standards at any time without notice.

**By Wire.** Redemption requests may direct that the proceeds be wired directly to your existing account in any commercial banking institution or brokerage firm in the United States as designated on your application. There is currently no charge for processing wire redemptions. However, the Transfer Agent reserves the right, upon 30 days' written notice, to make reasonable charges for wire redemptions. All charges will be deducted from your account by redemption of shares in your account. Your bank or brokerage firm may also impose a charge for processing the wire. In the event that wire transfer of funds is impossible or impractical, the redemption proceeds will be sent by mail to the designated account.

**Receiving Payment.** You will receive the net asset value per share next determined after receipt by the Transfer Agent (or other agents of the Funds) of your redemption request in the form described above. Payment is normally made within three business days after tender in proper form, provided that payment in redemption of shares purchased by check will be effected only after the check has been collected, which may take up to fifteen days from the purchase date. To eliminate this delay, you may purchase shares of the Funds by certified check or wire transfer.

**Through Your Broker or Financial Institution.** You may also redeem your shares through a brokerage firm or financial institution that has been authorized to accept orders on behalf of the Funds. Your request will be considered to have been received by the Funds when the authorized

brokerage firm, financial institution, or its authorized designee, accepts the redemption order. Your redemption will be made at the net asset value next determined after your order is received by such organization in proper form before 4:00 p.m., Eastern time, or such earlier time as may be required by such organization. These organizations may be authorized to designate other intermediaries to act in this capacity. Such an organization may charge you transaction fees on redemptions of Fund shares and may impose other charges or restrictions or account options that differ from those applicable to shareholders who redeem shares directly through the Transfer Agent. Contact your brokerage firm or financial institution to determine whether it is authorized to accept orders on behalf of the Funds.

### **Automatic Withdrawal Plan**

If the shares in your account have a value of at least \$5,000, you (or another person you have designated) may receive monthly, quarterly or semi-annual payments in a specified amount of not less than \$50 each by authorizing the Funds to redeem the necessary number of shares periodically. There is currently no charge for this service, but the Transfer Agent reserves the right, upon 30 days' written notice, to make reasonable charges or to terminate the plan upon 60 days' written notice. Telephone the Transfer Agent toll-free at 888-726-9331 for additional information.

### **Additional Information**

At the discretion of the Funds or the Transfer Agent, corporate investors and other associations may be required to furnish an appropriate certification authorizing redemptions to ensure proper authorization.

The Funds reserve the right to require you to close your account if at any time the value of your shares is less than \$2,500 (based on actual amounts invested, unaffected by market fluctuations), or such other minimum amount as the Funds may determine from time to time. After notification to you of the Funds' intention to close your account, you will be given 60 days to increase the value of your account to the minimum amount.

The Funds reserve the right to suspend the right of redemption or to postpone the date of payment for more than five business days under unusual circumstances as determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Each Fund, when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Fund's shareholders, may make payment for shares redeemed in whole or in part in securities of the Fund taken at current value. Should payment be made in securities, the redeeming shareholder will generally incur brokerage costs in converting such securities to cash and will bear market risk until the securities received are converted into cash. Portfolio securities that are issued in an in-kind redemption will be readily marketable.

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## DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Ave Maria Value Fund, the Ave Maria Growth Fund and the Ave Maria World Equity Fund expect to distribute substantially all of their net investment income, if any, on an annual basis. The Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund expects to distribute substantially all of its net investment income on a quarterly basis. The Ave Maria Bond Fund expects to distribute substantially all of its net investment income on a monthly basis. Each Fund expects to distribute any net realized capital gains annually.

Distributions are paid according to one of the following options:

- Share Option — income distributions and capital gains distributions reinvested in additional shares
- Income Option — income distributions paid in cash; capital gains distributions reinvested in additional shares
- Cash Option — income distributions and capital gains distributions paid in cash

You should indicate your choice of option on your application. If no option is specified on your application, distributions will automatically be reinvested in additional shares. All distributions will be based on the net asset value in effect on the payable date.

If you select the Income Option or the Cash Option and the U.S. Postal Service cannot deliver your checks or if your checks remain uncashed for six months, your dividends may be reinvested in your account at the then-current net asset value and your account will be converted to the Share Option. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution checks.

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## TAXES

The Funds have qualified in all prior years and intend to continue to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded a “regulated investment company” under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by annually distributing substantially all of their net investment income and any net realized capital gains to their shareholders and by satisfying certain other requirements related to the sources of their income and the diversification of their assets. By so qualifying, each Fund will not be subject to federal income tax on that part of its net investment income and net realized capital gains that it distributes to shareholders. Each Fund (except the Ave Maria Bond Fund) expects most of its distributions to be in the form of capital gains. The Ave Maria Bond Fund expects most of its distributions to be in the form of net investment income; however, the nature of each Fund’s distributions could vary in any given year.

Dividends and distributions paid to shareholders are generally subject to federal income tax and may be subject to state and local income tax. Distributions attributable to net investment income and net realized short-term capital gains, if any, are generally taxed as ordinary income, although certain income dividends may be taxed to non-corporate shareholders at long-term capital gains rates. Dividends distributed by the Funds from net investment income may be eligible, in whole or in part, for the dividends received deduction available to corporations.

Distributions of net capital gains (the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses) by the Funds are taxable to you as capital gains, without regard to the length of time you have held your Fund shares. Capital gains distributions may be taxable at different rates depending on the length of time a Fund holds its assets and depending upon a shareholder’s annual taxable income. Redemptions of shares of the Funds are taxable events on which you may realize a gain or loss.

If you buy shares of a Fund shortly before the record date of a distribution, you will pay taxes on money earned by the Fund before you were a shareholder. You will pay the full pre-distribution price for the shares, then receive a portion of your investment back as a distribution, which is taxable.

Individuals, trusts, and estates whose income exceeds certain threshold amounts are subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on “net investment income.” Net investment income includes dividends paid by the Fund and capital gains from any sale or exchange of Fund shares.

The Funds will annually mail a statement to you indicating the amount and federal income tax status of all distributions made during the year. In addition to federal taxes, you may be subject to state and local taxes on distributions.

You should consult your tax advisor about the tax consequences of distributions from the Funds, redemptions and exchanges of Fund shares, and the use of the Automatic Withdrawal Plan. The tax consequences described in this section apply whether distributions are taken in cash or reinvested in additional shares. See “Taxes” in the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) for further information.

## OPERATION OF THE FUNDS

Each Fund is a diversified series of Schwartz Investment Trust (the “Trust”), an open-end management investment company organized as an Ohio business trust. The Board of Trustees supervises the business activities of the Funds. Like other mutual funds, the Trust retains various organizations to perform specialized services for the Funds.

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

The Trust retains Schwartz Investment Counsel, Inc., 801 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 244, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, to manage the Funds’ investments. The Adviser has been registered as an investment adviser since 1988 and had approximately \$1.9 billion of assets under management as of December 31, 2016. The controlling shareholder of the Adviser is George P. Schwartz, who is Chairman and President of the Trust and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser.

Each Fund pays the Adviser an investment advisory fee at an annual rate expressed as a percentage of the average value of its daily net assets. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its investment advisory fees and reimburse other expenses so that aggregate ordinary operating expenses (excluding interest on borrowings, taxes, brokerage costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, litigation and other extraordinary expenses) do not exceed an annual rate, expressed as a percentage of a Fund’s average daily net assets. Any advisory fee reductions and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser are subject to repayment by the applicable Fund for a period of three years after such fees and expenses were incurred, provided the repayment to the Adviser does not cause a Fund’s aggregate ordinary operating expenses to exceed the contractual expense limitation. The Board of Trustees has authorized in advance these repayments to the Adviser.

The following table shows the Funds’ advisory fee rates and expense limitation amounts during the most recent fiscal year, expressed as a percentage of average daily net assets.

	CONTRACTUAL ADVISORY FEE RATE	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSE LIMITATION AMOUNT	ADVISORY FEE RATES PAID DURING DECEMBER 31, 2016 FISCAL YEAR
Ave Maria Value Fund	0.95%	1.25%	0.95%
Ave Maria Growth Fund	0.95%*	1.25%	0.95%
Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund	0.75%	1.25%	0.75%
Ave Maria World Equity Fund	0.95%	1.25%**	0.83%
Ave Maria Bond Fund	0.30%	0.60%	0.30%

\* Effective May 1, 2017, the contractual advisory fee rate was reduced to 0.85%

\*\* Effective May 1, 2016, the contractual expense limitation amount was reduced to 1.25%.

A discussion of the factors considered by the Board of Trustees in its most recent approval of the Funds' investment advisory agreements, including its conclusions with respect thereto, will be available in the Funds' semi-annual report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

The portfolio managers of each Fund are responsible for the day-to-day investment policy, portfolio management and investment research for such Fund. The business experience of each portfolio manager is described below. The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and their ownership of shares of the Funds.

**George P. Schwartz, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund and the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund, has been the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser for more than 30 years and served as President until January 2014.

**Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Rising Dividend Fund and co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Growth Fund and Ave Maria Bond Fund, joined the Adviser in 1987 and currently serves as President.

**Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund, joined the Adviser in 1998 and currently serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

**Joseph W. Skornicka, CFA**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Value Fund and lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund, joined the Adviser in 2012 and currently serves as Senior Vice President. He previously worked as a portfolio manager at Munder Capital Management from 2004 until 2012.

**Brandon S. Scheitler, MBA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Bond Fund, joined the Adviser in 2007 and currently serves as a Fixed Income and Equity Research Analyst.

**Robert C. Schwartz, CFP**, co-portfolio manager of the Ave Maria World Equity Fund, joined the Adviser in 2001 and currently serves as Vice President and Secretary.

**Brian D. Milligan, CFA**, lead portfolio manager of the Ave Maria Growth Fund, joined the Adviser in 2014 and currently serves as an Equity Research Analyst. He previously worked as an analyst at Standard & Poor's from 2010 until 2014.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Funds enter into contractual arrangements with various parties, including, among others, the Adviser, who provides services to the Funds. Shareholders are not parties to, or intended (or “third-party”) beneficiaries of, those contractual arrangements.

This Prospectus and the SAI provide information concerning the Funds that you should consider in determining whether to purchase shares of a Fund. A Fund may make changes to this information from time to time. Neither this Prospectus nor the SAI is intended to give rise to any contract rights or other rights in any shareholder, other than the rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

## **DISTRIBUTOR**

Ultimus Fund Distributors, LLC (the “Distributor”) serves as the distributor of shares of the Funds. The Distributor, located at 225 Pictoria Drive, Suite 450, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Transfer Agent. The Funds may be distributed through other broker-dealers as well.

## **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS AND DISCLOSURE POLICY**

A description of the Funds’ policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Funds’ portfolio securities is available in the SAI.

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## THE CATHOLIC ADVISORY BOARD

The Catholic Advisory Board sets the criteria for screening out companies based on religious principles. The companies considered for investment in the Funds are screened using publicly available information as well as information from the Adviser, shareholders and other sources.

The Catholic Advisory Board acts in an advisory capacity only and has no discretionary authority to make investment decisions for the Funds. The Catholic Advisory Board will make its best determination as to whether a particular security is consistent with core values and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church; however, the members of the Board do not represent the Roman Catholic Church and there is no guarantee that the Catholic Advisory Board will be successful in its mission.

The members of the Catholic Advisory Board are:

**PAUL R. RONEY, CHAIRMAN**

Executive Director of the Ave Maria Foundation and President of Domino's Farms Corporation

**LOU HOLTZ, EMERITUS**

Former football coach and ESPN college football analyst. Author and motivational speaker

**LARRY KUDLOW**

CNBC's Senior Economics Contributor

**MELISSA MOSCHELLA, PH.D**

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America

**THOMAS S. MONAGHAN**

Chairman of the Ave Maria Foundation and Chancellor of Ave Maria University

**ROBERT P. GEORGE**

Legal scholar, political philosopher and public intellectual who serves as the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University

**FATHER JOHN RICCARDO, STL, EMERITUS**

Priest of Archdiocese of Detroit and host of the radio show, "Christ is the Answer."

His Eminence Adam Cardinal Maida is the ecclesiastical advisor to the Catholic Advisory Board, but is not connected to the Funds in any way.



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## CALCULATION OF SHARE PRICE

On each day that the Funds are open for business, the price (net asset value) of each Fund's shares is determined as of the close of the regular session of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time). The Funds are open for business on each day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. The net asset value of each Fund is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Fund plus cash or other assets minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses) by the total number of shares outstanding of the Fund, rounded to the nearest cent. The price at which a purchase or redemption of Fund shares is effected is based on the next calculation of net asset value after the order is received in proper form.

The Funds' portfolio securities are valued as follows: (1) securities that are traded on stock exchanges, other than NASDAQ, are valued at the closing sales price as of the close of the regular session of trading on the New York Stock Exchange on the day the securities are being valued, or, if not traded on a particular day, at the closing bid price, (2) securities that are quoted by NASDAQ are valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price, or, if an Official Closing Price is not available, at the most recently quoted bid price, (3) securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last reported sales price or, if there is no reported sale on the valuation date, at the most recently quoted bid price, (4) securities that are traded both in the over-the-counter market and on a stock exchange are valued according to the broadest and most representative market, (5) fixed income securities are generally valued using prices provided by an independent pricing service, and (6) securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available or are considered to be unreliable due to significant market or other events are valued at their fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with consistently applied procedures adopted by and under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees. When fair value pricing is employed, the prices used by the Funds to calculate their net asset value may differ from quoted or published prices for the same securities. To the extent any assets of a Fund are invested in other open-end investment companies that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund's net asset value with respect to those assets is calculated based upon the net asset values reported by such registered open-end investment companies, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing. The net asset value of each Fund will fluctuate with the value of the securities it holds.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand each Fund's financial performance for the past five years. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Fund share. The total returns in the tables represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Funds (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, whose report, along with the Funds' financial statements, is included in the annual report, which is available upon request.

### AVE MARIA VALUE FUND

#### PER SHARE DATA FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Net asset value at beginning of year ...	\$ 16.42	\$ 19.97	\$ 21.21	\$ 17.78	\$ 16.20
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) .....	(0.03)	0.01	(0.01)	(0.00) <sup>(a)</sup>	0.06
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	2.73	(3.54)	0.63	4.66	2.09
Total from investment operations .....	2.70	(3.53)	0.62	4.66	2.15
Less distributions:					
From net investment income .....	—	(0.01)	—	—	(0.06)
From net realized gains on investments .....	—	(0.01)	(1.86)	(1.23)	(0.51)
Total distributions .....	—	(0.02)	(1.86)	(1.23)	(0.57)
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 19.12	\$ 16.42	\$ 19.97	\$ 21.21	\$ 17.78
Total return <sup>(b)</sup> .....	16.4%	(17.7%)	2.9%	26.2%	13.3%
Ratios/Supplementary Data:					
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 224,593	\$ 211,879	\$ 246,790	\$ 246,801	\$ 191,100
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	1.20%	1.18%	1.29%	1.42%	1.48%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets .....	(0.15%)	0.06%	(0.04%)	(0.02%)	0.35%
Portfolio turnover rate .....	47%	63%	31%	29%	25%

<sup>(a)</sup> Amount rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>(b)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the period covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

## AVE MARIA GROWTH FUND

### PER SHARE DATA FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Net asset value at beginning of year ...	\$ 25.02	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.19	\$ 23.71	\$ 20.67
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income (loss) .....	0.02	0.07	(0.03)	(0.08)	(0.04)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	3.01	(0.81)	2.33	7.55	3.08
Total from investment operations .....	3.03	(0.74)	2.30	7.47	3.04
Less distributions:					
From net investment income .....	(0.02)	(0.07)	—	—	—
From net realized gains on investments .....	(1.59)	(2.41)	(4.25)	(0.99)	—
Total distributions .....	(1.61)	(2.48)	(4.25)	(0.99)	—
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 26.44	\$ 25.02	\$ 28.24	\$ 30.19	\$ 23.71
Total return <sup>(a)</sup> .....	12.1%	(2.7%)	7.5%	31.5%	14.7%
Ratios/Supplementary Data:					
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 351,085	\$ 300,119	\$ 303,840	\$ 285,132	\$ 198,761
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	1.17%	1.17%	1.28%	1.43%	1.50%
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets .....	0.09%	0.24%	(0.10%)	(0.29%)	(0.17%)
Portfolio turnover rate .....	29%	32%	36%	18%	33%

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the period covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

## AVE MARIA RISING DIVIDEND FUND

### PER SHARE DATA FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Net asset value at beginning of year ...	\$ 15.58	\$ 17.72	\$ 17.56	\$ 13.49	\$ 12.68
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income .....	0.27	0.24	0.18	0.17	0.23
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	2.11	(1.27)	1.46	4.38	1.51
Total from investment operations .....	2.38	(1.03)	1.64	4.55	1.74
Less distributions:					
From net investment income .....	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.18)	(0.17)	(0.23)
From net realized gains on investments .....	(0.89)	(0.88)	(1.30)	(0.31)	(0.70)
Total distributions .....	(1.17)	(1.11)	(1.48)	(0.48)	(0.93)
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 16.79	\$ 15.58	\$ 17.72	\$ 17.56	\$ 13.49
Total return <sup>(a)</sup> .....	15.3%	(5.9%)	9.3%	33.9%	13.9%
Ratios/Supplementary Data:					
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 828,649	\$ 750,890	\$ 848,096	\$ 710,150	\$ 303,909
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	0.92%	0.92%	0.92%	0.97%	0.99%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets .....	1.61%	1.38%	1.01%	1.16%	1.75%
Portfolio turnover rate .....	24%	35%	29%	14%	37%

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the period covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

## AVE MARIA WORLD EQUITY FUND

### PER SHARE DATA FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Net asset value at beginning of year ...	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.22	\$ 13.90	\$ 11.46	\$ 10.11
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income .....	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.05
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	1.01	(0.70)	0.04	2.66	1.35
Total from investment operations .....	1.07	(0.63)	0.08	2.69	1.40
Less distributions:					
From net investment income .....	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.05)
From net realized gains on investments .....	(0.19)	(0.16)	(0.72)	(0.22)	—
Total distributions .....	(0.25)	(0.23)	(0.76)	(0.25)	(0.05)
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 13.18	\$ 12.36	\$ 13.22	\$ 13.90	\$ 11.46
Total return <sup>(a)</sup> .....	8.7%	(4.8%)	0.5%	23.5%	13.8%
Ratios/Supplementary Data:					
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 46,030	\$ 41,199	\$ 42,667	\$ 39,870	\$ 24,236
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets .....	1.45%	1.50%	1.50%	1.55%	1.63%
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup> .....	1.33%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%	1.50%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets <sup>(b)</sup> .....	0.50%	0.51%	0.29%	0.28%	0.46%
Portfolio turnover rate .....	42%	35%	36%	31%	33%

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the period covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>(b)</sup> Ratio was determined after advisory fee reductions.

## AVE MARIA BOND FUND

### PER SHARE DATA FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013	Year Ended December 31, 2012
Net asset value at beginning of year ...	\$ 11.02	\$ 11.15	\$ 11.38	\$ 11.04	\$ 10.87
Income (loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income .....	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.11	0.18
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments .....	0.35	(0.06)	0.12	0.56	0.32
Total from investment operations .....	0.50	0.08	0.24	0.67	0.50
Less distributions:					
From net investment income .....	(0.15)	(0.14)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.18)
From net realized gains on investments .....	(0.18)	(0.07)	(0.35)	(0.22)	(0.15)
Total distributions .....	(0.33)	(0.21)	(0.47)	(0.33)	(0.33)
Net asset value at end of year .....	\$ 11.19	\$ 11.02	\$ 11.15	\$ 11.38	\$ 11.04
Total return <sup>(a)</sup> .....	4.5%	0.7%	2.2%	6.1%	4.6%
Ratios/Supplementary Data:					
Net assets at end of year (000's) .....	\$ 248,971	\$ 223,842	\$ 180,718	\$ 149,750	\$ 113,043
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets .....	0.50%	0.51%	0.54%	0.70%	0.70% <sup>(b)</sup>
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets .....	1.34%	1.30%	1.10%	1.01%	1.64%
Portfolio turnover rate .....	21%	25%	21%	17%	21%

<sup>(a)</sup> Total return is a measure of the change in value of an investment in the Fund over the period covered, which assumes any dividends or capital gains distributions are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>(b)</sup> Absent investment advisory fee reductions by the Adviser, the ratio of expenses to average net assets would have been 0.71% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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