The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III



# SouthernSun Small Cap Fund SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund

**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT** 

MARCH 31, 2024

Investment Adviser: SouthernSun Asset Management, LLC

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The Funds file their complete schedules of investments with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Funds' Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov, and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330.

A description of the policies and procedures that the Funds use to determine how to vote proxies relating to fund securities, as well as information relating to how the Fund voted proxies relating to fund securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling 1-866-392-2626; and (ii) on the SEC's website at https://www.sec.gov.

# **SOUTHERNSUN SMALL CAP FUND** MARCH 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

SECTOR WEIGHTINGS †
31.1% Industrials
23.5% Consumer Discretionary
17.0% Consumer Staples
12.3% Materials
5.8% Health Care
5.6% Information Technology
4.7% Financials

† Percentages are based on total investments.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

COMMON STOCK\*\* – 97.3%

	Shares	Value
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY — 22.9%		
Boot Barn Holdings *	186,144	\$ 17,711,602
Dorman Products *	148,873	14,349,869
Malibu Boats, CI A *	205,472	8,892,828
Murphy USA	27,746	11,631,123
Polaris	110,787	11,091,994
Thor Industries	84,515	9,916,990
		73,594,406
CONSUMER STAPLES — 16.6%		
Boston Beer, CI A *	50,579	15,397,259
Darling Ingredients *	466,534	21,698,496
MGP Ingredients	189,495	16,321,205
		53,416,960
FINANCIALS — 4.5%		
Live Oak Bancshares	351,621	14,595,788
HEALTH CARE — 5.7%		
US Physical Therapy	162,582	18,350,630
INDUSTRIALS — 30.2%		
AGCO	119.039	14,644,178
Armstrong World Industries	94,696	11.763.137
Brink's	162,635	15,024,221
Dycom Industries *	158,726	22,781,943
Enerpac Tool Group, Cl A	511,885	18,253,819

COMMON STOCK** – (continued)		
	Shares	Value
INDUSTRIALS — (continued) Timken	170,831	<u>\$ 14,935,755</u>
		97,403,053
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — 5.4% Belden	189,528	17,552,188
MATERIALS — 12.0%		
Ingevity *	259,014	12,354,968
Louisiana-Pacific	190,375	15,974,366
Stepan	113,328	10,204,053
		38,533,387
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Cost \$258,195,860)		313,446,412
TOTAL INVESTMENTS- 97.3% (Cost \$258,195,860)		\$ 313,446,412

Percentages are based on Net Assets of \$322,071,247.

\* Non-income producing security.

\*\* More narrow industries are utilized for compliance purposes, whereas broad sectors are utilized for reporting purposes.

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As of March 31, 2024, all of the Fund's investments were considered Level 1, in accordance with the authoritative guidance on fair value measurements and disclosure under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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

# **SOUTHERNSUN U.S. EQUITY FUND** MARCH 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

# **SECTOR WEIGHTINGS †** 42.8% Industrials 19.1% Consumer Discretionary 17.5% Consumer Staples 9.8% Materials 5.6% Health Care 5.2% Information Technology

† Percentages are based on total investments.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

COMMON STOCK\*\* – 94.5%

	Shares	Value
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY — 18.1%		
Boot Barn Holdings *	32,768	\$ 3,117,875
Floor & Decor Holdings, Cl A *	6,826	884,786
Murphy USA	4,628	1,940,058
Polaris	18,457	1,847,915
Thor Industries	13,572	1,592,538
		9,383,172
CONSUMER STAPLES — 16.5%		
Boston Beer, CI A *	8,166	2,485,894
Darling Ingredients *	74,338	3,457,460
MGP Ingredients	30,272	2,607,327
		8,550,681
HEALTH CARE — 5.3%		
US Physical Therapy	24,416	2,755,834
INDUSTRIALS — 40.4%		
AGCO	18,443	2,268,858
Armstrong World Industries	15,198	1,887,896
Brink's	25,903	2,392,919
Broadridge Financial Solutions	14,567	2,984,196
Dycom Industries *	25,472	3,655,996
IDEX	5,512	1,345,038
Timken	27,516	2,405,724
Trex *	14,314	1,427,821

COMMON STOCK** – (continued)		
	Shares	Value
INDUSTRIALS — (continued) Watsco	5,966	\$ 2,577,133 20,945,581
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — 5.0% Belden	27,724	2,567,520
MATERIALS — 9.2% Ingevity * Louisiana-Pacific	40,770 33,799	1,944,729 2,836,074 4,780,803
TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Cost \$36,931,897)		48,983,591
TOTAL INVESTMENTS— 94.5% (Cost \$36,931,897)		<u>\$ 48,983,591</u>

Percentages are based on Net Assets of \$51,847,726.

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# SOUTHERNSUN FUNDS MARCH 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

# STATEMENTS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	SouthernSun Small Cap Fund	SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund
Assets:		
Investments, at Value (Cost \$258,195,860 and \$36,931,897)		\$ 48,983,591
Cash	9,081,141	2,885,737
Receivable for Capital Shares Sold		1,037
Dividend and Interest Receivable	-,	35,137
Other Prepaid Expenses		22,362
Total Assets	322,955,578	51,927,864
Liabilities:		
Payable to Investment Adviser	198,215	31,341
Payable to Administrator	25,231	4,063
Chief Compliance Officer Fees Payable	1,621	212
Shareholder Servicing Fees Payable, Class I Shares	50,246	3,665
Shareholder Servicing Fees Payable, Class N Shares	3,482	793
Distribution Fees Payable, Class I Shares	13,178	1,193
Payable to Trustees	179	1
Payable for Capital Shares Redeemed	465,320	-
Payable for Audit Fees	80,514	11,411
Other Accrued Expenses and Other Payables	46,345	27,459
Total Liabilities	884,331	80,138
Commitments and Contingencies <sup>†</sup>		
Net Assets	\$ 322,071,247	<u>\$ 51,847,726</u>
Net Assets Consist of:		
Paid-in Capital	\$ 251,246,666	\$ 38,127,844
Total Distributable Earnings		13,719,882
Net Assets		\$ 51,847,726
	<u>+</u>	<u>+</u>
Class N Shares:	¢ 25.007.542	¢ 2.000.404
Net Assets	\$ 35,997,543	\$ 3,626,484
Outstanding Shares of beneficial interest (unlimited	4 070 207	047 400
authorization – no par value)		247,198
Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share	\$ 28.29	\$ 14.67
Class I Shares:		
Net Assets	\$ 286,073,704	\$ 48,221,242
Outstanding Shares of beneficial interest (unlimited		
authorization – no par value)		3,296,720
Net Asset Value, Offering and Redemption Price Per Share	<u>\$ 29.35</u>	\$ 14.63

† See Note 5 in the Notes to Financial Statements.

Amounts designated as "-" are \$0.

# SOUTHERNSUN FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2024 (UNAUDITED)

# **STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

Investment Income:	SouthernSun Small Cap Fund	SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund	
Dividends	\$ 1,105,098	\$ 206,355	
Interest	270,392	¢ 200,333 66,762	
Total Investment Income	1,375,490	273.117	
	1,375,490	213,111	
Expenses:			
Investment Advisory Fees	1,153,101	174,411	
Administration Fees	147,869	22,363	
Shareholder Servicing Fees - Class N Shares	26,040	517	
Shareholder Servicing Fees - Class I Shares	137,616	6,460	
Distribution Fees - Class N Shares	42,762	4,305	
Trustees' Fees	13,123	1,926	
Chief Compliance Officer Fees	4,904	751	
Transfer Agent Fees	33,951	26,127	
Legal Fees	28,431	4,144	
Audit Fees	27,624	4.760	
Registration and Filing Fees	24,118	18,065	
Printing Fees	21,096	3.343	
Custodian Fees	3.220	668	
Other Expenses	15,938	3,686	
Total Expenses	1,679,793	271.526	
Less:	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Waiver of Investment Advisory Fees	-	(13,339)	
Net Expenses	1,679,793	258,187	
Net Investment Income (Loss)	(304,303)	14,930	
Net Realized Gain (Loss) on:	<u> </u>		
Investments	23,324,310	2,670,187	
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on:			
Investments	26,023,707	4,651,356	
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain	49,348,017	7,321,543	
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$ 49,043,714	<u>\$ 7,336,473</u>	

# SOUTHERNSUN SMALL CAP FUND

# **STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Operations:		
Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$ (304,303)	\$ (395,565)
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	23,324,310	35,902,045
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	26,023,707	4,235,093
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting From Operations	49,043,714	39,741,573
Distributions:		
Class N Shares	(4,396,986)	(3,055,630)
Class   Shares	( ) )	(26,997,456)
Total Distributions		(30,053,086)
Capital Share Transactions:		
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Class N Shares	744047	
Issued	714,947	5,295,934
Reinvestment of Distributions	4,332,763	3,009,292
Redeemed		(8,740,429)
Net Class N Shares Transactions	(954,449)	(435,203)
Class I Shares		
Issued	21,939,642	109,568,132
Reinvestment of Distributions	33,870,767	26,807,148
Redeemed	(70,380,817)	(106,890,715)
Net Class I Shares Transactions	(14,570,408)	29,484,565
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets From Capital Share		
Transactions	(15,524,857)	29,049,362
Total Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(4,923,508)	38,737,849
Net Assets:		
Beginning of Period/Year	326.994.755	288,256,906
End of Period/Year		\$326,994,755
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# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Shares Transactions:		
Class N Shares		
Issued	26,975	185,962
Reinvestment of Distributions	167,353	111,332
Redeemed	(224,615)	(296,046)
Total Class N Shares Transactions	(30,287)	1,248
Class I Shares		
Issued	802,098	3,611,977
Reinvestment of Distributions	1,261,951	963,246
Redeemed	(2,500,110)	(3,681,587)
Total Class I Shares Transactions	(436,061)	893,636
Net Increase (Decrease) in Shares Outstanding From Share		
Transactions	(466,348)	894,884

## SOUTHERNSUN U.S. EQUITY FUND

#### **STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Operations:		
Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$ 14,930	\$ 172,296
Net Realized Gain (Loss)	2,670,187	5,377,454
Net Change in Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)		1,288,500
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting From Operations		6,838,250
Distributions:	(207.047)	(500.204)
Class N Shares	(397,017)	(599,304)
Class I Shares	(4,945,302)	(6,364,004)
Total Distributions	(5,342,319)	(6,963,308)
Capital Share Transactions:		
Class N Shares		
Issued	178,023	329,306
Reinvestment of Distributions	391,081	589,580
Redeemed	(609,565)	(884,380)
Net Class N Shares Transactions		34,506
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Class I Shares		
Issued	2,692,602	5,620,941
Reinvestment of Distributions	4,558,952	6,150,187
Redeemed	(3,375,436)	(5,627,583)
Net Class I Shares Transactions	3,876,118	6,143,545
Net Increase in Net Assets From Capital Share Transactions		6,178,051
Total Increase in Net Assets	5,829,811	6,052,993
Net Assets:		
Beginning of Period/Year	46.017.915	39,964,922
End of Period/Year	\$ 51,847,726	\$ 46,017,915
Shares Transactions:		
Class N Shares		
Issued	12,987	22,140
Reinvestment of Distributions	29,307	45,357
Redeemed	(45,120)	(63,028)
Total Class N Shares Transactions	(2,826)	4,469
Class I Shares		
Issued	198,108	384,046
Reinvestment of Distributions	341,703	474,959
		(222 227)

 Redeemed
 (247,371)
 (399,925)

 Total Class I Shares Transactions
 292,440
 459,080

 Net Increase in Shares Outstanding From Share Transactions
 289,614
 463,549

#### Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout each Period/Year

	Class N Shares					
	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021^	Year Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended September 30, 2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period/Year	\$27.70	\$26.60	\$31.13	\$21.28	\$22.59	\$25.59
Income (Loss) from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income (Loss)*. Net Realized and Unrealized	(0.06)	(0.10)	(0.13)	0.01	(0.01) <sup>(1)</sup>	0.00 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>
Gain (Loss)	4.33	3.73	(0.96)	9.90	(0.02)	(2.10)
Total from Investment Operations	4.27	3.63	(1.09)	9.91	(0.03)	(2.10)
Dividends and Distributions: Net Investment Income Net Realized Gains		- (2.53)	(0.01) (3.43)	— (0.06)	(0.01) (1.27)	— (0.90)
Total Dividends and Distributions		(2.53)	(3.44)	(0.06)	(1.28)	(0.90)
Net Asset Value, End of Period/ Year		\$27.70	\$26.60	\$31.13	\$21.28	\$22.59
Total Return	<u>16.64%†</u>	13.88%†	(4.31)%†	46.63%†	(0.72)% <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	(7.46)% <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Ratios and Supplemental Data Net Assets, End of Period/Year						
(Thousands) Ratio of Net Expenses to Average	\$35,998	\$36,078	\$34,619	\$41,132	\$31,784	\$40,279
Net Assets Ratio of Gross Expenses to	1.32%††	1.33%	1.30%	1.25%	1.25%	1.24%(4)
Average Net Assets <sup>(5)</sup> Ratio of Net Investment Income	1.32%††	1.33%	1.31%	1.30%	1.25%	1.24%
(Loss) to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate	(0.43)%†† 8%‡	(0.33)% 40%	(0.43)% 37%	0.05% 45%	(0.05)% <sup>(1)</sup> 25%	0.02% <sup>(1)</sup> 29%

Amounts designated as "--" are either not applicable, \$0 or have been rounded to \$0.

\* Per share calculations were performed using average shares for the period.

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- † Return is for the period indicated and has not been annualized. Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been waived and assumed by the Adviser during the period. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.
- tt Annualized.
- *‡* Portfolio turnover rate is for the period indicated and has not been annualized.

- (1) Total returns and net investment income (loss) would have been lower had certain expenses not been offset.
- (2) Less than \$0.005 per share.
- (3) The total return is calculated using the published Net Asset Value as of fiscal year end.
- (4) Includes reduction from broker recapture amounting to less than 0.01% for the fiscal year ended 2019.
- (5) Excludes the impact of expense reimbursement or fee waivers and expense reductions such as brokerage credits, but includes expense repayments and non-reimbursable expenses, if any, such as interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses.

#### Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout each Period/Year

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			Class	I Shares			
	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021^	Year Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended September 30, 2019	
Net Asset Value, Beginning of							
Period/Year Income (Loss) from Investment Operations:	\$28.57	\$27.31	\$31.85	\$21.73	\$23.04	\$26.02	
Net Investment Income (Loss)*. Net Realized and Unrealized	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.05)	0.10	0.04(1)	0.06(1)	
Gain (Loss)	4.48	3.81	(0.98)	10.10	(0.01)	(2.14)	
Total from Investment Operations	4.46	3.79	(1.03)	10.20	0.03	(2.08)	
Dividends and Distributions:							
Net Investment Income	-	-	(0.08)	(0.02)	(0.07)	-	
Net Realized Gains	(3.68)	(2.53)	(3.43)	(0.06)	(1.27)	(0.90)	
Total Dividends and Distributions	(3.68)	(2.53)	(3.51)	(0.08)	(1.34)	(0.90)	
Net Asset Value, End of Period/ Year	\$29.35	\$28.57	\$27.31	\$31.85	\$21.73	\$23.04	
Total Return	16.81%†	14.13%†	(4.04)%†	<u>47.00%†</u>	(0.45)%(1)(2)	(7.25)%(1)(2)	
Ratios and Supplemental Data							
Net Assets, End of Period/Year (Thousands) Ratio of Net Expenses to Average	\$286,074	\$290,917	\$253,638	\$255,677	\$136,123	\$104,143	
Net Assets Ratio of Gross Expenses to	1.07%††	1.08%	1.05%	1.00%	1.00%	0.99%(3)	
Average Net Assets <sup>(4)</sup> Ratio of Net Investment Income	1.07%††	1.08%	1.06%	1.04%	1.00%	0.99%	
(Loss) to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate	(0.17)%†† 8%‡	(0.08)% 40%	(0.18)% 37%	0.31% 45%	0.20% <sup>(1)</sup> 25%	0.27% <sup>(1)</sup> 29%	

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Per share calculations were performed using average shares for the period.

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†† Annualized.

*‡* Portfolio turnover rate is for the period indicated and has not been annualized.

 Total returns and net investment income (loss) would have been lower had certain expenses not been offset.

- (2) The total return is calculated using the published Net Asset Value as of fiscal year end.
- (3) Includes reduction from broker recapture amounting to less than 0.01% for the fiscal year ended 2019.
- (4) Excludes the impact of expense reimbursement or fee waivers and expense reductions such as brokerage credits, but includes expense repayments and non-reimbursable expenses, if any, such as interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses.

#### Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout each Period/Year

			Class N	Shares		
	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021^	Year Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended September 30, 2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of	\$14.16	¢14.07	¢1710	¢11.00	¢11.00	¢14.40
Period/Year Income (Loss) from Investment Operations: Net Investment Income (Loss)*. Net Realized and Unrealized	(0.01)**	<u>\$14.37</u> 0.02	<u>\$17.18</u> 0.01	<u>\$11.98</u> 0.09	\$11.90 0.07 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$14.40 0.07 <sup>(1)</sup>
Gain (Loss)	2.16	2.26	(0.56)	5.17	0.14	(1.85)
Total from Investment Operations	2.15	2.28	(0.55)	5.26	0.21	(1.78)
Dividends and Distributions: Net Investment Income Net Realized Gains	(0.02) (1.62)	(0.04) (2.45)	(0.08) (2.18)	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.05) (0.67)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(1.64)	(2.49)	(2.26)	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.72)
Net Asset Value, End of Period/ Year				\$17.18	\$11.98	\$11.90
Total Return	16.31%†	17.46%†	(4.15)%†	43.95%†	1.64%(1)(2)	(11.50)%(1)(2)
Ratios and Supplemental Data Net Assets, End of Period/Year						
(Thousands) Ratio of Net Expenses to Average	\$3,626	\$3,541	\$3,528	\$4,991	\$4,588	\$7,206
Net Assets <sup>(1)</sup> Ratio of Gross Expenses to	1.34%††	1.34%	1.34%	1.33%	1.32%(3)	1.19%(3)
Average Net Assets <sup>(4)</sup> Ratio of Net Investment Income	1.40%††	1.40%	1.50%	1.49%	1.37%	1.25%
(Loss) to Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate	(0.17)%†† 9%‡	0.16% 39%	0.03% 27%	0.52% 36%	0.60% <sup>(1)</sup> 11%	0.58% <sup>(1)</sup> 18%

Amounts designated as "--" are either not applicable, \$0 or have been rounded to \$0.

Per share calculations were performed using average shares for the period.

\*\* The amount shown for a share outstanding throughout the period does not accord with the aggregate net gains on investments for that period because of the sales and repurchases of Fund shares in relation to fluctuating market value of the investments of the Fund.

On February 16, 2021, the AMG SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Predecessor Fund") was reorganized into the Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Fund"). Information presented prior to February 16, 2021 is that of the U.S. Equity Predecessor Fund.

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- (1) Total returns and net investment income (loss) would have been lower had certain expenses not been offset.
- (2) The total return is calculated using the published Net Asset Value as of fiscal year end.
- (3) Includes reduction from broker recapture amounting to 0.02% and 0.06% for the fiscal years ended 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- (4) Excludes the impact of expense reimbursement or fee waivers and expense reductions such as brokerage credits, but includes expense repayments and non-reimbursable expenses, if any, such as interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses.

#### Selected Per Share Data & Ratios For a Share Outstanding Throughout each Period/Year

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	Class I Shares							
	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021^	Year Ended September 30, 2020	Year Ended September 30, 2019		
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period/Year Income (Loss) from Investment	\$14.14	\$14.32	\$17.12	\$11.94	\$11.86	\$14.44		
Operations: Net Investment Income* Net Realized and Unrealized	0.01	0.06	0.04	0.12	0.10(1)	0.10(1)		
Gain (Loss)	2.15	2.25	(0.54)	5.15	0.13	(1.87)		
Total from Investment Operations	2.16	2.31	(0.50)	5.27	0.23	(1.77)		
Dividends and Distributions:								
Net Investment Income	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.15)	(0.14)		
Net Realized Gains	(1.62)	(2.45)	(2.18)			(0.67)		
Total Dividends and Distributions	(1.67)	(2.49)	(2.30)	(0.09)	(0.15)	(0.81)		
Net Asset Value, End of Period/ Year	\$14.63	\$14.14	\$14.32	\$17.12	\$11.94	\$11.86		
Total Return	16.45%†	<u>17.77%†</u>	(3.88)%†	44.29%†	1.86%(1)(2)	(11.27)%(1)(2)		
Ratios and Supplemental Data								
Net Assets, End of Period/Year (Thousands) Ratio of Net Expenses to Average	\$48,221	\$42,477	\$36,437	\$42,723	\$34,672	\$79,813		
Net Assets Ratio of Gross Expenses to	1.09%††	1.09%	1.09%	1.08%	1.07%(3)	0.94%(3)		
Average Net Assets <sup>(4)</sup> Ratio of Net Investment Income to	1.15%††	1.15%	1.25%	1.24%	1.12%	1.00%		
Average Net Assets Portfolio Turnover Rate	0.08%†† 9%‡	0.41% 39%	0.28% 27%	0.76% 36%	0.85% <sup>(1)</sup> 11%	0.81% <sup>(1)</sup> 18%		

Amounts designated as "--" are either not applicable, \$0 or have been rounded to \$0.

Per share calculations were performed using average shares for the period.

^ On February 16, 2021, the AMG SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Predecessor Fund") was reorganized into the Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Fund"). Information presented prior to February 16, 2021 is that of the U.S. Equity Predecessor Fund.

† Return is for the period indicated and has not been annualized. Total return would have been lower had certain expenses not been waived and assumed by the Adviser during the period. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

†† Annualized.

*‡* Portfolio turnover rate is for the period indicated and has not been annualized.

(1) Total returns and net investment income (loss) would have been lower had certain expenses not been offset.

- (2) The total return is calculated using the published Net Asset Value as of fiscal year end.
- (3) Includes reduction from broker recapture amounting to 0.02% and 0.06%, for the fiscal years ended 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- (4) Excludes the impact of expense reimbursement or fee waivers and expense reductions such as brokerage credits, but includes expense repayments and non-reimbursable expenses, if any, such as interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### **1. Organization:**

The Advisors' Inner Circle Fund III (the "Trust") is organized as a Delaware statutory trust under a Declaration of Trust dated December 4, 2013. The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company with 56 funds. The financial statements herein are those of the SouthernSun Small Cap Fund (the "Small Cap Fund") and the SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Fund") (collectively, the "Funds"). The investment objective of each of the Funds is to seek to provide long-term capital appreciation. The Funds are classified as a non-diversified investment company. SouthernSun Asset Management, LLC (the "Adviser") serves as each Funds' investment adviser. The Funds currently offer Class N and Class I Shares. The financial statements of the remaining funds of the Trust are presented separately. The assets of each fund are segregated, and a shareholder's interest is limited to the fund in which shares are held.

Each Fund offers different classes of shares. Each Fund offers Class N and Class I Shares. Effective May 31, 2019, U.S. Equity Fund Class C Shares were converted to Class N Shares. Each class represents an interest in the same assets of the respective Fund. Although all share classes generally have identical voting rights, each share class votes separately when required by law. Different share classes may have different net asset values per share to the extent the share classes pay different distribution amounts and/or the expenses of such share classes differ. Each share class has its own expense structure. Please refer to a current prospectus for additional information on each share class.

The Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund operated as AMG SouthernSun Small Cap Fund (the "Small Cap Predecessor Fund") and the AMG SouthernSun U.S. Equity Fund (the "U.S. Equity Predecessor Fund") and, together with the Small Cap Predecessor Fund (the "Predecessor Funds"). On January 28, 2021, the shareholders of the Predecessor Funds approved a proposed agreement and plan of reorganization (the "Reorganization") that provided for the acquisition of all the assets and assumption of all the liabilities of the Predecessor Funds on February 16, 2021 in a tax-free transaction. Each Fund has the same objective and substantially similar investment strategies as those of its Predecessor Fund. The Funds had no operations prior to the Reorganization. The financial statements and financial highlights reflect the financial information of the Predecessor Funds for periods prior to February 16, 2021.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies:

The following are significant accounting policies, which are consistently followed in the preparation of the financial statements of the Funds. The Funds are an investment

companies that apply the accounting and reporting guidance issued in Topic 946 by the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB").

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

Security Valuation — Securities listed on a securities exchange, market or automated quotation system for which quotations are readily available (except for securities traded on NASDAQ), including securities traded over the counter, are valued at the last quoted sale price on an exchange or market (foreign or domestic) on which they are traded or, if there is no such reported sale on the valuation date, at the most recent quoted bid price. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the NASDAQ official closing price will be used. The prices for foreign securities are reported in local currency and converted to U.S. dollars using currency exchange rates. Prices for most securities held in the Funds are provided daily by recognized independent pricing agents. If a security price cannot be obtained from an independent, third-party pricing agent, the Funds seek to obtain a bid price from at least one independent broker.

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

Some of the more common reasons that may necessitate that a security be valued using Fair Value Procedures include: the security's trading has been halted or suspended; the security has been delisted from a national exchange; the security's primary trading market is temporarily closed at a time when under normal conditions it would be open; the security has not been traded for an extended period of time; the security's primary pricing source is not able or willing to provide a price; or trading of the security is subject to local government imposed restrictions. When a security is valued in accordance with the Fair Value Procedures, the Committee will determine the value after taking into consideration

relevant information reasonably available to the Committee. As of March 31, 2024, the Funds had no fair value securities.

In accordance with U.S. GAAP, the Funds disclose fair value of its investments in a hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure the fair value. The objective of a fair value measurement is to determine the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price).

Accordingly, the fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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

Investments are classified within the level of the lowest significant input considered in determining fair value. Investments classified within Level 3 whose fair value measurement considers several inputs may include Level 1 or Level 2 inputs as components of the overall fair value measurement.

For the period ended March 31, 2024, there have been no significant changes to the Fund's fair valuation methodology.

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

The Funds evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Funds' tax returns to determine whether it is "more-likely-than-

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

As of and during the period ended March 31, 2024, the Funds did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Funds recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense in the Statements of Operations. During the year, the Funds did not incur any interest or penalties.

Security Transactions and Investment Income – Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Costs used in determining realized gains and losses on the sale of investment securities are based on the specific identification method. Dividend income and expense are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividend income is recorded net of unrecoverable withholding tax. Interest income is recognized on the accrual basis from settlement date. Certain dividends and expenses from foreign securities will be recorded as soon as the Funds are informed of the dividend if such information is obtained subsequent to the exdividend date.

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

*Cash* — Idle cash may be swept into various time deposit accounts and is classified as cash on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities. The Funds maintain cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times may exceed United States federally insured limits. Amounts invested are available on the same business day.

*Expenses* — Most expenses of the Trust can be directly attributed to a particular fund. Expenses which cannot be directly attributed to a particular fund are apportioned among the funds of the Trust based on the number of funds and/or relative net assets.

*Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders* — Each Fund distributes its net investment income and makes distributions of its net realized capital gains, if any, at least annually. If a shareholder owns Fund shares on a Fund's record date, the shareholder will be entitled to receive the distribution.

#### **3. Transactions with Affiliates:**

Certain officers of the Trust are also employees of SEI Investments Global Funds Services (the "Administrator"), a wholly owned subsidiary of SEI Investments Company, and/or SEI Investments Distribution Co. (the "Distributor"). Such officers are paid no fees by the Trust, other than the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") as described below, for serving as officers of the Trust.

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

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

The Funds and the Administrator are parties to an Administration Agreement under which the Administrator provides administration services to the Funds. For these services, the Administrator is paid an asset based fee, which will vary depending on the number of share classes and the average daily net assets of the Funds. For the period ended March 31, 2024, the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund paid \$147,869 and \$22,363 for these services, respectively.

The Funds have adopted the Distribution Plan (the "Plan") for the Class N Shares. Under the Plan, the Distributor, or third parties that enter into agreements with the Distributor, may receive up to 0.25% of the Funds' average daily net assets attributable to Class N Shares. Under the Plan, the Distributor may make payments pursuant to written agreements to financial institutions and intermediaries such as banks, savings and loan associations and insurance companies including, without limit, investment counselors, broker-dealers and the Distributor's affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively, "Agents") as compensation for services and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with distribution assistance. The Plan is characterized as a compensation plan since the distribution fee will be paid to the Distributor without regard to the distribution expenses incurred by the Distributor or the amount of payments made to other financial institutions and intermediaries. The Trust intends to operate the Plan in accordance with its terms and with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") rules concerning sales charges.

The Funds have adopted a shareholder servicing plan (the "Service Plan") under which a shareholder servicing fee of up to 0.15% of average daily net assets of both Class N Shares and Class I Shares of the Funds will be paid to other service providers. Certain brokers, dealers, banks, trust companies and other financial representatives receive compensation from the Funds for providing a variety of services, including record

keeping and transaction processing. Such fees are based on the assets of the Funds that are serviced by the financial representative. Such fees are paid by the Funds to the extent that the number of accounts serviced by the financial representative multiplied by the account fee charged by the Funds' transfer agent would not exceed the amount that would have been charged had the accounts serviced by the financial representative been registered directly through the transfer agent. All fees in excess of this calculated amount are paid by the Adviser. These fees are disclosed on the Statements of Operations as Shareholder Servicing Fees. For the period ended March 31, 2024, the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund paid \$163,656 and \$6,977 for these services, respectively.

Brown Brother Harriman & Co. acts as custodian (the "Custodian") for the Funds. The Custodian plays no role in determining the investment policies of the Funds or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Funds. For the period ended March 31, 2024, the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund paid \$3,220 and \$668 for these services, respectively.

Atlantic Shareholder Services serves as the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent for the Funds under a transfer agency agreement with the Trust. For the period ended March 31, 2024, the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund paid \$33,951 and \$26,127 for these services, respectively.

#### **5. Investment Advisory Agreement:**

Under the terms of an investment advisory agreement, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund at a fee calculated at an annual rate of 0.75% of each Fund's average daily net assets.

For each Fund, the Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to keep the Funds' total annual Fund operating expenses (excluding distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees, interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, and other costs and expenses relating to the securities that are purchased and sold by the Fund, dividend and interest expenses on securities sold short, fees and expenses incurred in connection with tax reclaim recovery services, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and non-routine expenses (collectively, "excluded expenses")) for Class N and Class I Shares from exceeding certain levels as set forth below until January 31, 2025. This agreement may be terminated by: (i) the Board, for any reason at any time; or (ii) the Adviser, upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the Trust, effective as of the close of business on January 31, 2025. In addition, the Advisor may receive from the Fund the difference between the total annual Fund operating expenses (not including excluded expenses) and the contractual expense limit to recoup all or a portion of its prior fee waivers or expense reimbursements made during the three-

year period preceding the recoupment if at any point total annual Fund operating expenses (not including excluded expenses) are below the contractual expense limit (i) at the time of the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement and (ii) at the time of the recoupment. During the period ended March 31, 2024, the Funds did not recoup any previously waived fees.

Accordingly, the contractual expense limitations for the Small Cap Fund and the U.S. Equity Fund are 1.25% and 1.09%, respectively.

At March 31, 2024, the amount the Adviser may seek as reimbursement of previously waived fees and reimbursed expenses is as follows:

	Expiring 2025		Expirin	ng 2026	Expiring 2027	
Small Cap Fund	\$	51,614	\$	_	\$	_
U.S. Equity Fund		73,164	35,070		5	8,732

#### **6. Investment Transactions:**

For the period ended March 31, 2024, the purchases and sales of investment securities other than long-term U.S. Government and short-term investments, were as follows:

	Small Cap Fund		U.S. Equity Fund	
Purchases				
U.S. Government	\$	_	\$	_
Other		22,702,011		4,182,662
Sales				
U.S. Government	\$	_	\$	_
Other		73,379,820		5,194,314

For the period ended March 31, 2024, there were no purchases and sales of long-term U.S. Government securities by the Funds.

# 7. Federal Tax Information:

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. As a result, net investment income (loss) and net realized gain/(loss) on investment transactions for a reporting period may differ significantly from distributions during the year. The book/tax differences may be temporary or permanent. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, they are charged or credited to distributable earnings or paid-in capital as appropriate, in the period that the difference arises.

The tax character of dividends and distributions declared during the years ended September 30, 2023 and September 30, 2022 were as follows:

	Ordinary Income	Long-Term Capital Gains	Total
Small Cap Fund 2023 2022	\$	\$ 30,053,086 29,967,127	\$ 30,053,086 33,604,637
U.S. Equity Fund 2023	665,994 346,375	6,297,314 5,933,984	6,963,308 6,280,359

As of September 30, 2023, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

	 Small Cap Fund	Fund U.S. Equity Fun	
Undistributed Ordinary Income	\$ 409,698	\$	458,865
Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains	33,382,455		4,193,502
Late-Year Loss Deferral	(321,626)		-
Unrealized Appreciation	26,752,654		7,073,356
Other Temporary Differences	 51		5
Net Distributable Earnings	\$ 60,223,232	\$	11,725,728

Qualified late-year loss deferral represents ordinary losses realized from January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, that in accordance with federal income tax regulations, the Funds have elected to defer and treat as having risen in the following fiscal year.

The Federal tax cost and aggregate gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation for investments held by Funds at March 31, 2024, were as follows:

		Aggregate Gross	Aggregate Gross		
		Unrealized	Unrealized		Net Unrealized
	 Federal Tax Cost	Appreciation	Depreciation	_	Appreciation
Small Cap Fund	\$ 258,195,860	\$ 70,692,336	\$(15,441,784)	\$	55,250,552
U.S. Equity Fund	36,931,897	14,138,735	(2,087,041)		12,051,694

#### 8. Concentration of Risks:

As with all mutual funds, a shareholder in each Fund is subject to the risk that his or her investment could lose money. The Funds are subject to the principal risks noted below, any of which may adversely affect the Funds' net asset value ("NAV") and ability to meet its investment objective.

FOCUSED INVESTMENT RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — A significant portion of the Fund's holdings may be focused in a relatively small number of securities, which may make the Fund more volatile and subject to greater risk than a more diversified fund.

FOREIGN COMPANY RISK (Small Cap Fund) - Investments in securities of foreign companies can be more volatile than investments in U.S. companies. Diplomatic, political, or economic developments, including nationalization or appropriation, could affect investments in foreign companies. Foreign securities markets generally have less trading volume and less liquidity than U.S. markets. In addition, the value of securities denominated in foreign currencies, and of dividends from such securities, can change significantly when foreign currencies strengthen or weaken relative to the U.S. dollar. Financial statements of foreign issuers are governed by different accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards than the financial statements of U.S. issuers and may be less transparent and uniform than in the United States. Thus, there may be less information publicly available about foreign issuers than about most U.S. issuers. Transaction costs are generally higher than those in the United States and expenses for custodial arrangements of foreign securities may be somewhat greater than typical expenses for custodial arrangements of similar U.S. securities. Some foreign governments levy withholding taxes against dividend and interest income. Although in some countries a portion of these taxes are recoverable, the non-recovered portion will reduce the income received from the securities comprising the portfolio. Additionally, periodic U.S. Government restrictions on investments in issuers from certain foreign countries may result in the Fund having to sell such prohibited securities at inopportune times. Such prohibited securities may have less liquidity as a result of such U.S. Government designation and the market price of such prohibited securities may decline, which may cause the Fund to incur losses.

LIQUIDITY RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — Certain securities may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that a Fund would like. A Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash, or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on Fund management or performance.

MARKET RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) - The market price of securities and other investments owned by a Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries represented in the securities markets. The value of a security may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. In addition, the impact of any epidemic, pandemic or natural disaster, or widespread fear that such events may occur, could negatively affect the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial performance of individual companies and sectors, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect the prices and liquidity of the securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests, which in turn could negatively impact the Fund's performance and cause losses on your investment in the Fund. Recent examples include pandemic risks related to COVID-19 and aggressive measures taken worldwide in response by governments, including closing borders, restricting international and domestic travel, and the imposition of prolonged quarantines of large populations, and by businesses, including changes to operations and reducing staff. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may be short term or may last for an extended period of time, and in either case could result in a substantial economic downturn or recession. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value simultaneously.

MANAGEMENT RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — The Fund is subject to the risk that the Adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value, or potential appreciation of the Fund's investments may prove to be incorrect. The portfolio securities selected by the Adviser may decline in value or not increase in value when the stock market in general is rising. In addition, the prices of common stocks move up and down in response to corporate earnings and developments, economic and market conditions and anticipated events. Individual issuers may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments. The Fund's investment success depends on the skill of the Adviser in evaluating, selecting and monitoring the portfolio assets. If the Adviser's conclusions about growth rates or securities values are incorrect, the Fund may not perform as anticipated.

SMALL-CAPITALIZATION COMPANIES RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — The risk that small-capitalization companies in which a Fund may invest may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In particular, small-capitalization companies may have limited product

lines, markets and financial resources and may depend upon a relatively small management group. Therefore, small-capitalization stocks may be more volatile than those of larger companies. Small-capitalization stocks may be traded over-the-counter or listed on an exchange.

MID-CAPITALIZATION COMPANIES RISK (U.S. Equity Fund) — The risk that midcapitalization companies in which the Fund may invest may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In particular, mid-capitalization companies may have limited product lines, markets and financial resources and may depend upon a relatively small management group. Therefore, mid-capitalization stocks may be more volatile than those of larger companies. Mid-capitalization stocks may be traded over-the-counter or listed on an exchange.

NON-DIVERSIFIED FUND RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — The Fund is classified as "non-diversified," which means it may invest a larger percentage of its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund. To the extent that the Fund invests its assets in a smaller number of issuers, the Fund will be more susceptible to negative events affecting those issuers than a diversified fund.

SECTOR EMPHASIS RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — The securities of companies in the same business sector, if comprising a significant portion of the Fund's portfolio, may in some circumstances react negatively to market conditions, interest rates and economic, regulatory or financial developments and adversely affect the value of the portfolio to a greater extent than if such securities comprised a lesser portion of the Fund's portfolio or the Fund's portfolio was diversified across a greater number of industry sectors. Some industry sectors have particular risks that may not affect other sectors.

INDUSTRIAL SECTORS RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — A Fund with substantial holdings in the industrials sector may be subject to greater risks than a portfolio without such a focus. The industrials sector includes manufacturers and distributors of capital goods such as aerospace and defense, building projects, electrical equipment and machinery and companies that offer construction and engineering services. It also includes providers of commercial and professional services including printing, environmental and facilities services, office services and supplies, security and alarm services, human resource and employment services, research and consulting services. It also includes companies that provide transportation services. A Fund is subject to the risk that the securities of such issuers will underperform the market as a whole due to legislative or regulatory changes, adverse market conditions and/ or increased competition affecting the industrials sector. The prices of the securities of companies operating in the industrials sector may fluctuate due to the level and volatility of commodity prices, the exchange value of the dollar, import controls,

worldwide competition, liability for environmental damage, depletion of resources, and mandated expenditures for safety and pollution control devices.

VALUE STYLE RISK (Small Cap Fund and U.S. Equity Fund) — Value investing focuses on companies with stocks that appear undervalued in light of factors such as the company's earnings, book value, revenues or cash flow. If the Adviser's assessment of market conditions, or a company's value or prospects for exceeding earnings expectations, is wrong, the Fund could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds. In addition, "value stocks" can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time.

#### 9. Concentration of Shareholders:

At March 31, 2024, the percentage of total shares outstanding held by shareholders for each Fund, which are comprised of individual shareholders and omnibus accounts that are held on behalf of various individual shareholders was as follows:

	No. of Shareholders	% Ownership
Small Cap Fund, Class N Shares	2	77%
Small Cap Fund, Class I Shares	2	79%
U.S. Equity Fund, Class N Shares	4	82%
U.S. Equity Fund, Class I Shares	4	58%

#### 10. Other:

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

#### **11. Subsequent Events:**

The Funds have evaluated the need for additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through the date the financial statements were issued. Based on this evaluation, no additional disclosures and/or adjustments were required to the financial statements as of March 31, 2024.

#### REVIEW OF LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (UNAUDITED)

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

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

- the Program Administrator had determined that the Program is reasonably designed to assess and manage each Fund's liquidity risk and has operated adequately and effectively to manage each Fund's liquidity risk during the period covered by the report.
- during the period covered by the report, there were no liquidity events that impacted the Funds or their ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders.
- no material changes have been made to the Program during the period covered by the report.

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

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

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

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

The following examples use the expense ratio and are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period from October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

	Beginning Account Value A	Ending ccount Value	Annualized	Expenses Paid
	10/01/23	3/31/24	Expense Ratios	During Period*
Small Cap Fund - Class N Shares	6			
Actual Fund Return	\$1,000.00	\$1,166.40	1.32%	\$ 7.15
Hypothetical 5% Return	1,000.00	1,018.40	1.32	6.66
Small Cap Fund - Class I Shares				
Actual Fund Return	\$1,000.00	\$1,168.10	1.07%	\$ 5.80
Hypothetical 5% Return	1,000.00	1,019.65	1.07	5.40
U.S. Equity Fund - Class N Share	S			
Actual Fund Return	\$1,000.00	\$1,163.10	1.34%	\$ 7.25
Hypothetical 5% Return	1,000.00	1,018.30	1.34	6.76
U.S. Equity Fund - Class I Shares				
Actual Fund Return	\$1,000.00	\$1,164.50	1.09%	\$ 5.90
Hypothetical 5% Return	1,000.00	1,019.55	1.09	5.50

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 183/366 (to reflect the one-half year period shown).

# NOTE

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