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# VONTOBEL GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE FUND

Class I Shares (Ticker: ENVRX)

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## **FUND SUMMARY**

# Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund

## **Investment Objective**

The Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund (the "Fund") has an investment objective of providing long-term capital appreciation.

## Fees and Expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

## Shareholder Fees (Fees paid directly from your investment)

	Class I Shares
Maximum sales charge (load) imposed on purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) (as a percentage of amount redeemed)	None
Redemption fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed)	None

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

	Class I Shares
Management Fee	0.65%
Distribution (Rule 12b-1) Fees	None
Other Expenses <sup>1</sup>	3.54%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	4.19%
Fee Waivers and/or Reimbursements <sup>2</sup>	(3.39)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Reimbursement	0.80%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

## Example

The example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. This example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time period indicated and then redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. The contractual expense limitation for the Fund is reflected only in the 1 year example. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be as follows:

	1 Year	3 Years
Class I Shares	\$82	\$962

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent that Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (exclusive of brokerage and other transaction expenses relating to the purchase or sale of portfolio investments, interest, taxes, short sale dividends and financing costs associated with the use of the cash proceeds on securities sold short, litigation and indemnification expenses, expenses associated with the investments in underlying investment companies and extraordinary expenses (as determined under generally accepted principles)) exceed 0.80% for Class I Shares until January 28, 2025. If it becomes unnecessary for the Adviser to waive fees or make reimbursements, the Adviser may recapture any of its prior waivers or reimbursements for a period not to exceed three years from the date on which the waiver or reimbursement was made to the extent that such a recapture does not cause the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (exclusive of brokerage and other transaction expenses relating to the purchase or sale of portfolio investments, interest, taxes, short sale dividends and financing costs associated with the use of the cash proceeds on securities sold short, litigation and indemnification expenses, expenses associated with the investments in underlying investment companies and extraordinary expenses (as determined under generally accepted principles)) to exceed the applicable expense limitation in effect at time of recoupment or that was in effect at the time of the waiver or reimbursement. The agreement to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses will automatically renew annually from year to year on the effective date of each subsequent annual update to the Fund's registration statement, until such time as the Adviser provides written notice of non-renewal, and will terminate automatically upon termination of the Investment Advisory Agreement. The agreement also may be terminated by the Board of Trustees at any time.

#### 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 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. Because the Fund had not commenced operations as of the effective date of this Prospectus, it cannot yet calculate a portfolio turnover rate.

## **Principal Investment Strategies**

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities and equity-like transferable securities of companies throughout the world, including issuers in the United States, whose products or services contribute to a sustainable objective in areas such as clean energy infrastructure, resource-efficient industry, clean water, building technology, low emission transportation and lifecycle management (the "Impact Pillars"). Shareholders will be given 60 days' advance notice to any change in this policy. The Fund may invest in companies of any size. Equity securities and equity-like transferable securities include common and preferred stocks, securities convertible or exchangeable into common stocks, warrants, rights to purchase common stocks, closed-ended real estate investment trusts (REITs), participation certificates, and depositary receipts such as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) and European Depositary Receipts (EDRs). The Fund may invest in securities from new issuers and may, for hedging purposes (including currency hedging), use warrants and derivative financial instruments such as futures, forwards, and options. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests in at least three foreign countries, and invests at least 40% of its assets in countries outside of the U.S. or, if conditions are not favorable, at least 30% of its assets outside the U.S. The Fund intends to diversify its investments among a number of different countries; however, the Fund is not required to allocate its investments in any set percentages in any particular countries. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in China A-Shares.

The Fund invests in companies engaged in economic activities that capture the long-term growth opportunities arising from enduring structural shifts such as growing population, increasing urbanization and rising income. Sustainability considerations are integral to investment decisions. In selecting investments, the Fund only invests in companies whose products or services contribute to an Impact Pillar ("Impact Pillars Contribution") and excludes investments in certain companies, including those that derive a specified percentage of revenues from certain disfavored activities or products; that violate certain international norms and standards; and that fail to obtain a minimum ESG rating ("Exclusion Criteria").

#### Impact Pillars Contribution Criteria

The Fund invests in companies that contribute to the Impact Pillars through their products and services. Companies must satisfy each of the following criteria to qualify for investment:

- The company must derive at least 20% of its revenues from economic activities that positively contribute to at least one of the Impact Pillars and the company complies with the remaining elements of the investment strategy.
- The company must have a positive impact strategy score ("Impact Strategy score") calculated by the Adviser based on a scoring of six qualitative criteria that reflect the benefits linked to the company's impact strategy.

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

The Fund does not invest in the following companies:

- Companies involved in the production, sale, or distribution of controversial weapons.
- Companies deriving a more than 5% of revenues from the exploration, mining, and extraction of unconventional fossil fuels (i.e., tar/oil sands, shale gas, and arctic drilling).
- Companies deriving a more than 20% of revenues from conventional oil and gas extraction, coal power generation, and nuclear energy generation.
- Companies deriving a non-negligible percentage (i.e., 22% or more) of their revenues from the production, sale, or distribution of tobacco, adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, fur or palm oil.
- Companies that are (i) in violation of certain international norms and standards, such as the UN Global Compact.

- Companies involved in severe controversies (such as those controversies that may be related to environmental, social and/or governance issues) as assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Adviser and/or a third-party ESG data provider. Unless, in either case, the Adviser has identified a positive outlook (for example through proactive response by the company, proportionate rectification measures already announced or taken, or through active ownership activities with reasonable promise of successful outcomes).
- Corporate issuers that fail to achieve a minimum ESG rating issued by MSCI ESG, a third-party ESG data provider selected by the Adviser, based on sector-specific environmental, social and governance criteria.

Additionally, the Fund follows an active ownership approach, which takes into account relevant environmental, social and governance matters. The Adviser engages directly with companies through meetings and dialogue with management and by voting on resolutions, and indirectly in collaboration with other investors. The Adviser sees these activities as a way to support the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

Securities are analyzed based on the above criteria prior to investment and monitored on a continuous basis. If a security no longer complies with the criteria, the Adviser sells the security within a reasonable time period as determined by the Adviser but not to exceed three months after such non-compliance was detected. In determining a reasonable time period to sell the security, the Adviser considers prevailing market conditions and the best interests of the shareholders. In making sell decisions, the Adviser also considers, among other factors, the security's price target, whether the rationale for buying the security no longer applies, and whether an alternative investment is more attractive.

# **Principal Investment Risks**

All investments carry a certain amount of risk, and the Fund cannot guarantee that it will achieve its investment objective. The value of the Fund's investments will fluctuate with market conditions, and the value of your investment in the Fund also will vary. You could lose money on your investment in the Fund, or the Fund could perform worse than other investments. Investments in the Fund are not deposits of a bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or any other government agency. Below are the main risks of investing in the Fund. All of the risks listed below are material to the Fund, regardless of the order in which they appear.

*Equity Securities Risk.* The risk that events negatively affecting companies, industries, or financial markets in which the Fund invests will impact the value of the stocks held by the Fund and thus, the value of the Fund's shares over short or extended periods. Investments in a particular style or in small or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk.

*Large Cap Company Risk.* The value of investments in larger companies may not rise as much as smaller companies, or larger companies may be unable to respond quickly to competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes.

Market Volatility Risk. The risk that the value of the securities in which the Fund invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Price changes may be temporary or may last for extended periods. The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Political events, including armed conflict, tariffs and economic sanctions also contribute to market volatility. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, pandemics (including COVID-19), epidemics, terrorism, climate change or climate-related events, regulatory events, disruptions to business operations and supply chains, staffing shortages, and governmental or quasi-governmental actions.

**Foreign Investing Risk.** Foreign investing involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values and adverse political, social, and economic developments affecting a foreign country. Prices of foreign securities may be more volatile than those of their domestic counterparts.

*Geographic Concentration Risk.* From time to time the Fund's investments may be concentrated in a single country or region, making the Fund susceptible to economic, political, regulatory, or other events or conditions affecting companies within such country or region. As a result, the Fund may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified strategy.

**Small-Cap and Mid-Cap Company Risk.** The small and mid-capitalization companies in which the Fund invests in may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In particular, these small and mid-capitalization companies may have limited product lines, markets, and financial resources, and may depend upon relatively small management groups. Therefore, small and mid-capitalization stocks may be more volatile than those of larger companies.

*Currency Rate Risk.* Generally, a strong U.S. dollar relative to such other currencies will adversely affect the value of the Fund's holdings in foreign securities.

*Emerging Market Investing Risk.* The risk that prices of emerging markets securities will be more volatile, or will be more greatly affected by negative conditions, than those of their counterparts in more established foreign markets. Investing in emerging market securities exposes the Fund to economic structures that are generally less diverse and mature and to political systems that may be less stable than those of developed countries.

China Investment Risk. The value of the Fund's investments in Chinese securities will be impacted by the economic, political, diplomatic, and social conditions within China. China is generally considered an emerging market country and investments in Chinese securities carry the risks associated with emerging markets, as well as risks particular to the region. In addition, the tax laws and regulations in mainland China are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. The Chinese government may also impose capital controls, which could adversely affect a Fund, its ability to repatriate its investments and the value of the Fund's investments. In addition, the Chinese government may intervene in currency markets, which could cause its currency, and therefore the value of the Fund's investments in China, to depreciate.

Screening Criteria Risk. The Fund's focus on the Impact Pillars may influence its exposure to certain companies, sectors, and/or industries, which may adversely affect the Fund's performance depending on how such companies, sectors, and/or industries are performing relative to the market. Over time the Adviser's judgment of a company's or industry's profile may change. Such judgements may be based on information that could be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which may adversely affect the Adviser's analysis. The Fund's focus on the Impact Pillars may result in the Fund forgoing opportunities to buy certain companies when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so or selling companies when it might be otherwise disadvantageous to do so.

Sustainability Risk. Certain environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment. Such risks include, but are not limited to: climate-related and environmental risks (such as environmental product stewardship, footprint, natural resource management, alignment with local and international targets and laws, Effects of climate change on agriculture or effects of rising sea level); social risks evaluated as material for the sector (including, without limitation, matters relating to treatment and welfare of employees, supply chain management, data security & privacy, business ethics, severe human rights violation by governments or abuse of civil liberties); governance risks (including, without limitation, business ethics, rights of minority shareholders, independence of board oversight, ownership structures, related party transactions, political stability, economic, political and social framework or government effectiveness); severe sustainability controversies, and violations of international norms.

ESG Integration/Active Ownership Risk. The Fund intends to invest a portion of its assets in companies with higher ESG ratings. The considerations assessed as part of ESG processes may vary across types of investments and issuers and not every factor may be identified or considered for all investments. This may affect the Fund's exposure to certain companies or industries and the Fund may forgo certain investment opportunities. The Fund's results may be lower than other funds that do not seek to invest in companies based on ESG ratings and/or screen out certain companies or industries. The ability to meet social or environmental objectives might be affected by incomplete or inaccurate data from third-party providers. As a result, the Fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor.

Third-Party Data Provider Risk. In assessing the eligibility of a company based on ESG research, the Adviser may rely on information and data from third party ESG data providers and companies, and on internal analyses, which may be based on certain assumptions or hypothesis. The data obtained from third-party data providers or companies may be incomplete, inaccurate, or unavailable and the assumptions or models on which internal analysis rests may have flaws which render the internal assessment incomplete or inaccurate. As a result, there exists a risk that the Adviser incorrectly assesses a security or company, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security in the Fund's portfolio.

**Depositary Receipts Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers in the form of depositary receipts, such as ADRs. Depositary receipts are generally subject to the same risks as the foreign securities that they evidence or into which they may be converted. Under an unsponsored depositary receipt arrangement, the foreign issuer assumes no obligations and the depositary's transaction fees are paid directly by the depositary receipt holders. Because unsponsored depositary receipt arrangements are organized independently and without the cooperation of the issuer of the underlying securities, available information concerning the foreign issuer may not be as current as for sponsored depositary receipts and voting rights with respect to the deposited securities are not passed through.

**REIT Risk.** Investing in real estate investment trusts, or "REITs," involves certain unique risks in addition to those associated with the real estate sector generally. REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or region are also subject to risks affecting such industries and regions. REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject

to interest rate risks. By investing in REITs through the Fund, a shareholder will bear expenses of the REITs in addition to Fund expenses.

**New Company Risk.** The Fund may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, companies' initial public offerings ("IPOs"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. The Fund's purchase of shares issued in IPOs exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated in significant amounts over short periods of time.

**Preferred Stock Risk.** The rights of holders of preferred stock on the distribution of a corporation's assets in the event of liquidation are generally subordinate to the rights associated with a corporation's debt securities.

*Convertible Securities Risk.* The market value of convertible securities and other debt securities tends to fall when prevailing interest rates rise. The value of convertible securities also tends to change whenever the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock fluctuates.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities. Using derivatives can increase fund losses and reduce opportunities for gains when market prices, interest rates or the derivative instruments themselves behave in a way not anticipated by the Fund. The Fund may also use derivative instruments for hedging purposes, but there is no assurance that a hedging technique will work as intended.

#### Performance

The performance information for the Fund is not provided because the Fund had not commenced operations as of the effective date of this Prospectus and does not have a full calendar year of performance as of the date of this Prospectus. When available, updated performance information will be accessible by calling 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583. Past performance is not an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

## Portfolio Management

#### Investment Adviser

The Fund's investment adviser is Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. (the "Adviser" or "Vontobel").

Name	<u>Title</u>	Served on the Fund Since
Pascal Dudle	Portfolio Manager	Since inception
Stephan Eugster	Portfolio Manager	Since inception

## **Buying and Selling Fund Shares**

## Purchase Minimums

Minimum Initial Investment	\$ 100
Minimum Additional Investment	None

#### To Buy or Sell Shares:

Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund c/o The Northern Trust Company P.O. Box 4766 Chicago, IL 60680-4766

Telephone: 866 252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583

Shares of the Fund are offered only on a limited basis. Please refer to "Your Account – How to Purchase Shares."

You can buy or sell shares of the Fund on any business day which the Fund is open through your broker or financial intermediary, or by mail or telephone. You can pay for shares by wire.

## Dividends, Capital Gains and Taxes

The Fund intends to make distributions that are generally taxable as ordinary income or capital gains, except when your investment is in an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its 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 Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's web site for more information.

# Additional Information on Fund Investment Objectives, Strategies, and Risks

## **Investment Objective**

The Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund (the "Fund") has an investment objective of providing long-term capital appreciation.

## **Strategies**

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities and equity-like transferable securities of companies throughout the world, including issuers in the United States, whose products or services contribute to a sustainable objective in areas such as clean energy infrastructure, resource-efficient industry, clean water, building technology, low emission transportation and lifecycle management (the "Impact Pillars"). Shareholders will be given 60 days' advance notice to any change in this policy. A company's products or services contribute to a sustainable objective if the company derives at least 20% of its revenues from economic activities that positively contribute to at least one of the Impact Pillars. The Fund may invest in companies of any size. Equity securities and equity-like transferable securities include common and preferred stocks, securities convertible or exchangeable into common stocks, warrants, rights to purchase common stocks, closed-ended real estate investment trusts (REITs), participation certificates, and depositary receipts such as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) and European Depositary Receipts (EDRs). The Fund may invest in securities from new issuers and may, for hedging purposes (including currency hedging), use warrants and derivative financial instruments such as futures, forwards, and options. Up to 20% of the Fund's net assets may be held in cash or cash equivalents.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests in at least three foreign countries, and invests at least 40% of its assets in countries outside of the U.S. or, if conditions are not favorable, at least 30% of its assets outside the U.S. The Fund determines that a company is based outside of the U.S. using the Bloomberg PORT's Country of Risk model, which considers the country or territory in which company management is located, the location of the primary exchange on which a company's shares are listed, and the country or territory in which the company derives the largest percentage of sales or revenue. The Fund intends to diversify its investments among a number of different countries; however, the Fund is not required to allocate its investments in any set percentages in any particular countries. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets via Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect in China A-Shares. Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect and Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect are cross-border investment channels that provide mutual stock market access between Hong Kong and Mainland China, allowing Hong Kong and international investors to invest directly in designated securities listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SZSE") and the Shenzen Stock Exchange ("SZSE"), respectively, and investors from Mainland China to invest directly in designated securities listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. China A-Shares are the shares of companies incorporated in the People's Republic of China and traded on the SSE and SZSE. These shares are quoted in Renminbi to offshore institutional and individual investors investing through the Stock Connect programs.

The Fund invests in companies engaged in economic activities that capture the long-term growth opportunities arising from long-term structural shifts such as growing population, increasing urbanization and rising income. Sustainability considerations are integral to investment decisions. The Fund focuses its investments on six core Impact Pillars: Clean energy infrastructure, resource-efficient industry, clean water, building technology, low emission transportation and lifecycle management. The targeted companies provide products and services along the whole value chain, which have the potential to tackle today's pressing problems such as resource scarcity and environmental pollution, while pursuing superior growth and profitability. The Fund seeks to avoid companies that do not comply with international norms, are in controversial sectors, or have high controversy or risk scores.

The Fund invests in issuers engaged in economic activities that capture the long-term growth opportunities arising from enduring structural shifts such as growing population, increasing urbanization and rising income. Sustainability considerations are integral to investment decisions. In selecting investments, the Fund only invests in companies whose products or services contribute to an Impact Pillar ("Impact Pillars Contribution") and excludes investments in certain companies, including those that derive a specified percentage of revenues from certain disfavored activities or products; that violate certain international norms and standards; and that fail to obtain a minimum ESG rating ("Exclusion Criteria").

### Impact Pillars Contribution Criteria

The Fund invests in issuers that contribute to the Impact Pillars through their products and services. Issuers must satisfy each of the following criteria to qualify for investment:

- The issuer must derive at least 20% of its revenues from economic activities that positively contribute to at least one of the Impact Pillars. Accordingly, if an issuer derives 20% or more of its revenues from economic activities that contribute to at least one of the Impact Pillars and satisfies the remaining elements of the sustainability component of the Fund's investment strategy, it will be considered a sustainable investment.
  - *Lifecycle Management*. Companies that contribute to the Lifecycle Management pillar help reduce and reuse waste by recycling and repurposing materials into new products. Examples include companies with circular business models (i.e., businesses that create supply chains that recover or recycle the resources used to create their products) and other advanced manufacturing companies that integrate product lifecycle concepts such as disposal, waste management and recycling technologies into product design and manufacturing processes.
  - Resource-efficient Industry. Companies that contribute to the Resource-efficient Industry pillar are involved with devising and/or implementing clean and efficient production processes that reduce the consumption of energy and materials while increasing the output needed to meet rising demands. Examples include companies in the information technology sector and companies that provide software, consulting services, industrial engineering, or industrial equipment.
  - *Building Technology*. Companies that contribute to the Building Technology pillar provide technologies, materials, and other products to lower the environmental impact over the lifecycle of a building, from site selection through design and materials choices, construction, operation, maintenance, building upgrades and demolition. Examples include companies that produce smart lighting and building materials and insulation for low energy housing.
  - Clean Energy Infrastructure. Companies that contribute to the Clean Energy Infrastructure pillar focus on emission reduction, renewable energies, and technologies that enable a stronger, smarter and greener energy grid. Examples include companies that manufacture, sell, install, and/or service alternative energy sources (e.g., wind turbines) or power equipment, develop innovative solutions (e.g., software and devices) for utilities and cities, and utility companies that invest in clean energy.
  - Low Emission Transportation. Companies that contribute to the Low Emission Transportation pillar offer innovative solutions and technologies to better connect a global and converging world through improved logistics as well as low-emission transportation that also saves time and resources. Examples include companies that supply and service the infrastructure for the rail transport market, operate railways, manufacture motors and electronic materials, and otherwise focus their business on e-mobility and alternative transportation fuels.
  - *Clean Water*. Companies that contribute to the Clean Water pillar focus on providing technological solutions for efficient water usage, proper wastewater treatment, purification and desalination. Examples include companies providing technological solutions for efficient water usage, proper wastewater treatment, purification, and desalination.
  - In selecting investments, the Adviser analyzes a company's strategy as it relates to its impactful business. Factors considered include management's strategy, internal and external drivers for impactful products and services (e.g., capital expenditures), the company's measurement and reporting of key indicators on impact achievements, and potential risks related to impactful (e.g., regulatory changes) and non-impactful activities (e.g., reputational risk).
- The issuer must have a positive Impact Strategy Score calculated by the Adviser. The Adviser systematically assesses the company's impact strategy based on a scoring of six qualitative criteria (score from -3 to +3), reflecting the benefits linked to the company's strategy in absolute terms and relative to peers or similar industries. These six scores aggregate to an overall Impact Strategy core for each company.

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

The Fund does not invest in the following companies:

- Companies involved in the production, sale, or distribution of controversial weapons (i.e., weapons with an indiscriminate
  impact on civilian populations, sometimes even years after a conflict has ended, as well as those that may be illegal or
  subject to restriction in certain countries, including, nuclear weapons, biological and chemical weapons, cluster weapons,
  depleted uranium, white phosphorus, and small arms).
- Companies deriving more than 5% of revenues from the exploration, mining, and extraction of unconventional fossil fuels (*i.e.*, tar/oil sands, shale gas, and artic drilling).

- Companies deriving more than 20% of revenues from conventional oil and gas extraction, coal power generation, and nuclear energy generation.
- Companies deriving a non-negligible percentage (i.e., 22% or more) of revenues from production, sale, or distribution of tobacco, adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, fur, or palm oil.
- Companies that are in violation of the UN Global Compact, UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights,
  OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises, the principles and rights set out in the eight fundamental conventions
  identified in the Declaration of the International Labor Organization (ILO) on Fundamental Principles and Rights at
  Work, and the International Bill of Human Rights.
- Companies involved in severe controversies (such as those controversies that may be related to environmental, social
  and/or governance issues) as assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Adviser and/or a third-party ESG data provider.
  Unless, in either case, the Adviser has identified a positive outlook (for example through proactive response by the
  issuer, proportionate rectification measures already announced or taken, or through active ownership activities with
  reasonable promise of successful outcomes).
- Companies that fail to achieve a minimum ESG rating (minimum is set at B, on a scale from AAA to CCC, with AAA being the best, and CCC being the worst rating), based on a model provided by MSCI ESG, by a third-party ESG data provider selected by the Adviser. The model evaluates sector-specific environmental, social and governance criteria. The criteria refer to companies' actions and performance in relation to environmental protection in production, environmental product design, employee relations, environmental and social supply chain standards and management systems. The ESG model scores companies relative to the other companies in the related industry.

After constructing a list of companies that satisfy the Impact Pillar Contribution Criteria and Exclusion Criteria, the Adviser selects a company for investment based on factors such as an assessment of the management's long-term strategy, the company's financial condition, its prospects (e.g., potential future earnings), its competitive advantage, and potential risks. Satisfaction of the Impact Pillars Contribution Criteria is equally weighted with potential investment returns.

Additionally, the Fund follows an active ownership approach, which takes into account relevant environmental, social and governance matters. The Adviser engages directly with issuers through meetings and dialogue with management and by voting on resolutions, and indirectly in collaboration with other investors. The Adviser has incorporated the Impact Pillars Contribution Criteria and Exclusion Criteria described above into its proxy voting policies and procedures and follows these procedures when voting proxies. The Adviser sees these activities as a way to support the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

Securities are analyzed based on the above criteria prior to investment and monitored on a continuous basis. The Fund measures and monitors its satisfaction of the Impact Pillar Contribution Criteria by scoring a company's strategy based on a proprietary list of qualitative and quantitative factors and revenue generated from its contribution to an Impact Pillar. The information used to measure a company's contribution is gathered from publicly available information (e.g., shareholder reports), third-party providers, and the Adviser's own research (e.g., analysts' reports and engagements with a company's management).

The Adviser monitors a company's score on an ongoing basis. The Adviser pays particularly close attention to a company with a deteriorating score so that it can attempt to remedy the issue prior to breaching the threshold set by the Adviser. If a company fails to satisfy the requisite score for any given Impact Pillar or meets one of the Exclusion Criteria, the Adviser will attempt to sell the security within three months, taking into consideration prevailing market conditions and the best interests of the shareholders. In making sell decisions, the Adviser also considers, among other factors, the security's price target, whether the rationale for buying the security no longer applies, and whether an alternative investment is more attractive.

#### Temporary Defensive Strategy

If the Adviser does not believe that market conditions are favorable to the Fund's principal investment strategies, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions that are inconsistent with its principal investment strategies by investing all of its assets in domestic and foreign short-term money market instruments, including government obligations, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, time deposits, commercial paper, short-term corporate debt securities, and repurchase agreements. When this allocation occurs, the Fund may not achieve its investment objective.

#### **Investment Risks**

Any investment in the Fund is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Generally, the Fund will be subject to the following risks:

**Equity Securities Risk.** Generally, prices of equity securities are more volatile than those of fixed income securities. The prices of equity securities will rise and fall in response to a number of different factors. In particular, equity securities will respond to events that affect entire financial markets or industries (such as changes in inflation or consumer demand) and to events that affect particular issuers (such as news about the success or failure of a new product). Equity securities also are subject to "stock market risk," meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time. When the value of the stocks held by the Fund goes down, the value of the Fund's shares will be affected.

*Large Cap Company Risk.* The value of investments in larger companies may not rise as much as smaller companies, or larger companies may be unable to respond quickly to competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes.

Market Volatility Risk. Overall stock market risks may also affect the value of the Fund. The risk that the value of the securities in which the Fund invests may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions, disruptions to business operations and supply chains, and staffing shortages. The net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate based on changes in the value of the securities in which the Fund invests. The price of securities may rise or fall because of economic or political changes. Security prices in general may decline over short or even extended periods of time. Factors such as domestic and international economic growth and market conditions, interest rate levels and political events affect the securities markets. The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Continuing uncertainties about interest rates, armed conflicts, rising government debt, political events, trade tensions and economic sanctions also contribute to market volatility. Securities in the Fund's portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, pandemics (including COVID-19), epidemics, climate change or climate-related events, terrorism, regulatory events and governmental or quasi-governmental actions.

Foreign Investing Risks. Investing in securities of non-U.S. companies involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies, and the values of non-U.S. securities may be more volatile than those of U.S. securities. The values of non-U.S. securities are subject to economic and political developments in countries and regions where the issuers operate or are domiciled, or where the securities are traded, such as changes in economic or monetary policies, and changes in currency exchange rates. Trade tensions and economic sanctions on individuals and companies can contribute to market volatility. Countries may have different regulatory, accounting, auditing, and financial reporting and record keeping standards and may have material limitations on PCAOB inspection, investigation, and enforcement. Values may also be affected by restrictions on receiving the investment proceeds from a non-U.S. country.

In general, less information is publicly available about non-U.S. companies than about U.S. companies. Non-U.S. companies are generally not subject to the same accounting, auditing, and financial reporting standards as are U.S. companies. Certain foreign issuers classified as passive foreign investment companies may be subject to additional taxation risk.

*Geographic Concentration Risk.* From time to time the Fund's investments may be concentrated in a single country or region, making the Fund susceptible to economic, political, regulatory, or other events or conditions affecting companies within such country or region. As a result, the Fund may be more volatile than a more geographically diversified strategy.

**Small and Mid-Cap Company Risk.** Small and medium-sized companies often have narrower markets, fewer products or services to offer, and more limited managerial and financial resources than larger, more established companies. As a result, the performance of small and medium-sized companies may be more volatile, and they may face a greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility and risk of loss to the Fund. In particular, these small and mid-capitalization companies may have limited product lines, markets and financial resources, and may depend upon relatively small management groups. Therefore, small and mid-capitalization stocks may be more volatile than those of larger companies.

Currency Rate Risk. Because the foreign securities in which the Fund may invest generally trade in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, changes in currency exchange rates will affect the Fund's net asset value, the value of dividends and interest earned, and gains and losses realized on the sale of securities. Because the value of the Fund's shares is calculated in U.S. dollars, it is possible for the Fund to lose money by investing in a foreign security if the local currency of a foreign market depreciates against the U.S. dollar, even if the local currency value of the Fund's holdings goes up. Generally, a strong U.S. dollar relative to such other currencies will adversely affect the value of the Fund's holdings in foreign securities.

*Emerging Market Investing Risk.* The risks of foreign investments are generally greater in countries whose markets are still developing than they are in more developed markets. Emerging market countries typically have economic and political

systems that are less fully developed, and can be expected to be less stable than those of more developed countries. For example, the economies of such countries can be subject to rapid and unpredictable rates of inflation or deflation. Since these markets are often small, they may be less liquid and more likely to suffer sharp and frequent price changes or long-term price depression because of adverse publicity, investor perceptions or the actions of a few large investors. They may also have policies that restrict investment by foreigners, or that prevent foreign investors from withdrawing their money at will.

The availability and reliability of information, particularly financial information, material to an investment decision in emerging market companies may be limited in scope and reliability as compared to information provided by companies in more developed markets. Certain emerging markets may also face other significant internal or external risks, including the risk of war and civil unrest. For all of these reasons, investments in emerging markets may be considered speculative.

China Investment Risk. The value of the Fund's investments in Chinese securities will be impacted by the economic, political, diplomatic, and social conditions within China. China is generally considered an emerging market country and investments in Chinese securities carry the risks associated with emerging markets, as well as risks particular to the region. The economies, industries, and securities and currency markets of China may be adversely affected by slow economic activity worldwide, protectionist trade policies, and dependence on exports and international trade. In addition, the tax laws and regulations in mainland China are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Chinese markets generally experience inefficiency, volatility and pricing anomalies resulting from governmental influence, a lack of publicly available information and/or political and social instability. The Chinese securities markets are subject to more frequent trading halts and low trading volume, resulting in substantially less liquidity and greater price volatility. Investments in Chinese issuers may be subject to the risk of expropriation and nationalization. The Chinese government may also impose capital controls, which could adversely affect a Fund, its ability to repatriate its investments and the value of the Fund's investments. In addition, the Chinese government may intervene in currency markets, which could cause its currency, and therefore the value of the Fund's investments in China, to depreciate.

Screening Criteria Risk. The Fund's focus on the Impact Pillars may influence its exposure to certain companies, sectors, and/or industries, which may adversely affect the Fund's performance depending on how such companies, sectors, and/or industries are performing relative to the market. Over time the Adviser's judgment of a company's or industry's profile may change. Such judgements may be based on information that could be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which may adversely affect the Adviser's analysis. The Fund's focus on the Impact Pillars may result in the Fund forgoing opportunities to buy certain companies when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so or selling companies when it might be otherwise disadvantageous to do so.

Sustainability Risk. Certain environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment. Such risks include, but are not limited to: climate-related and environmental risks (such as environmental product stewardship, footprint, natural resource management, alignment with local and international targets and laws, Effects of climate change on agriculture or effects of rising sea level); social risks evaluated as material for the sector (including, without limitation, matters relating to treatment and welfare of employees, supply chain management, data security & privacy, business ethics, severe human rights violation by governments or abuse of civil liberties); governance risks (including, without limitation, business ethics, rights of minority shareholders, independence of board oversight, ownership structures, related party transactions, political stability, economic, political and social framework or government effectiveness); severe sustainability controversies, and violations of international norms.

ESG Integration/Active Ownership Risk. The Fund intends to invest a portion of its assets in companies with higher ESG ratings. The considerations assessed as part of ESG processes may vary across types of investments and issuers and not every factor may be identified or considered for all investments. This may affect the Fund's exposure to certain companies or industries and the Fund may forgo certain investment opportunities. The Fund's results may be lower than other funds that do not seek to invest in companies based on ESG ratings and/or screen out certain companies or industries. The ability to meet social or environmental objectives might be affected by incomplete or inaccurate data from third-party providers. As a result, the Fund may invest in companies that do not reflect the beliefs and values of any particular investor.

Third-Party Data Provider Risk. In assessing the eligibility of a company based on ESG research, the Adviser may rely on information and data from third party ESG data providers and companies, and on internal analyses, which may be based on certain assumptions or hypothesis. The data obtained from third-party data providers or companies may be incomplete, inaccurate, or unavailable and the assumptions or models on which internal analysis rests may have flaws which render the internal assessment incomplete or inaccurate. As a result, there exists a risk that the Adviser incorrectly assesses a security or company, resulting in the incorrect inclusion or exclusion of a security. The ESG data providers may also change the evaluation of companies or instruments at their discretion from time to time. There is also a risk that the Adviser may not apply the relevant criteria of the ESG research correctly or that the Fund could have indirect exposure to issuers who do not meet the relevant criteria. These risks pose the main methodological limits to the ESG strategy of the Fund.

**Depositary Receipts Risk.** The Fund may invest in securities of foreign issuers in the form of depositary receipts, such as ADRs, EDRs and GDRs, which typically are issued by local financial institutions and evidence ownership of the underlying securities. Depositary receipts are generally subject to the same risks as the foreign securities that they evidence or into which they may be converted. Depositary receipts may or may not be jointly sponsored by the underlying issuer. The issuers of unsponsored depositary receipts are not obligated to disclose information that is, in the United States, considered material. Therefore, there may be less information available regarding these issuers and there may not be a correlation between such information and the market value of the depositary receipts. Certain depositary receipts are not listed on an exchange and therefore may be considered to be illiquid securities.

**REIT Risk.** The Fund's investments in REITs involve unique risks in addition to those associated with the real estate sector generally. REITs whose underlying properties are concentrated in a particular industry or region are subject to risks affecting such industries and regions. REITs (especially mortgage REITs) are also subject to interest rate risks. Any investments in REITs by the Fund will result in Fund shareholders bearing expenses of the REITs in addition to expenses of the Fund.

**New Company Risk.** The Fund may purchase shares issued as part of, or a short period after, companies' initial public offerings ("IPOs"), and may at times dispose of those shares shortly after their acquisition. The Fund's purchase of shares issued in IPOs exposes it to the risks associated with companies that have little operating history as public companies, as well as to the risks inherent in those sectors of the market where these new issuers operate. The market for IPO issuers has been volatile, and share prices of newly public companies have fluctuated in significant amounts over short periods of time. The purchase of shares issued in IPOs may have a greater impact upon the Fund's total returns during any period that the Fund has a small asset base. As the Fund's assets grow, any impact of IPO investments on the Fund's total return may decline.

**Preferred Stock Risk.** The rights of holders of preferred stock on the distribution of a corporation's assets in the event of liquidation are generally subordinate to the rights associated with a corporation's debt securities.

*Convertible Securities Risk.* The market value of convertible securities and other debt securities tends to fall when prevailing interest rates rise. The value of convertible securities also tends to change whenever the market value of the underlying common or preferred stock fluctuates.

**Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives can be highly volatile and involve risks in addition to the risks of the underlying referenced securities. Using derivatives can increase fund losses and reduce opportunities for gains when market prices, interest rates or the derivative instruments themselves behave in a way not anticipated by the Fund. Derivatives may be difficult to sell, unwind or value, and the counterparty may default on its obligations to the Fund. Changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index and the Fund could lose more than the principal amount invested. The Fund may use derivative instruments for hedging purposes. However, there can be no assurance that a hedging technique will work as intended. Fund performance may be diminished by the added cost of the derivative instruments.

## **Portfolio Holdings Disclosure**

A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the portfolio holdings is available in the SAI (for information on how to obtain a copy of the SAI see the back cover of this prospectus).

## **Cybersecurity**

The computer systems, networks, and devices used by the Fund and its service providers to carry out routine business operations employ a variety of protections designed to prevent damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunication failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches. Despite the various protections utilized by the Fund and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result of a cybersecurity breach.

Cybersecurity breaches can include unauthorized access to systems, networks, or devices; infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. Cybersecurity breaches may cause disruptions and impact the Fund's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of the Fund, the Adviser, and other service providers to transact business; violations of applicable privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs; as well as the inadvertent release of confidential information.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cybersecurity breaches affecting issuers of securities in which the Fund invests; counterparties with which the Fund engages in transactions; governmental and other regulatory authorities; exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies, and other financial institutions (including financial intermediaries and service providers for the Fund's shareholders); and other parties. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred by these entities in order to prevent any cybersecurity breaches in the future.

# Management of the Fund

#### **Investment Adviser**

Vontobel is located at 1540 Broadway, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Vontobel is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Vontobel Holding AG, a Swiss bank holding company, having its registered offices in Zurich, Switzerland. In addition to U.S. registered investment companies, Vontobel also acts as Adviser to six series of a Luxembourg investment fund that accepts investments from non-U.S. investors only and that was organized by an affiliate of Vontobel. Vontobel has provided investment advisory services to mutual fund clients since 1990. As of June 30, 2023, Vontobel had approximately \$23.8 billion in assets under management.

Under the Fund's Investment Advisory Agreement, the Adviser charges the Fund a management fee that is calculated on the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser receives an annual advisory fee as follows:

 Fund
 Management Fee

 Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund
 0.65%

Disclosure regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement between the Adviser and the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, will be available in the Fund's semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2024.

## Portfolio Management

#### Pascal Dudle

Pascal Dudle joined Vontobel Asset Management AG in 2007 and oversees the socially- and environmentally-oriented impact strategies. As Head of Listed Impact, he is portfolio manager of the Global Environmental Change portfolios which he defined and set up as well.

Prior to joining Vontobel, he worked for 10 years at Swiss Re. In his most recent function, from 2001 to 2007, he was portfolio manager investing in both public and private markets and focusing on environmental areas such as alternative energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable forestry.

Pascal holds a Master of Science in Business Administration from the University of Zurich. He is a CEFA charterholder.

#### Stephan Eugster

Stephan Eugster joined Vontobel Asset Management AG in September 2014. He is an Analyst within the Listed Impact Team and responsible for investments in energy efficiency in industry, buildings, and transportation. In addition, he acts as Deputy Portfolio Manager for the Global Environmental Change portfolios.

Prior to joining Vontobel, Stephan co-founded two trading and consulting firms in 2009 and 2010 focusing on Japan and South America. From 1997 to 2009, he held various senior positions at Swiss Re Asset Management in Zurich, Hong Kong, and Tokyo, most recently as equities analyst for the Energy and Materials sectors. Prior to that, he managed Hong Kong, Chinese, Korean, and Taiwanese equity portfolios. Before he worked within Swiss Re's tactical asset allocation team covering mainly the Asia Pacific region. From 1987 to 1997, he held various positions in financial institutions in Geneva and St. Gallen.

Stephan holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Applied Science St. Gallen (HSG) and a CEFA qualification.

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

Vontobel will seek the advice and assistance of its non-U.S. affiliates within Vontobel Asset Management in providing investment supervisory services to its U.S. clients (in such capacity, "Participating Affiliates"). Vontobel may, in its discretion, delegate all or a portion of its advisory or other functions (including placing trades on behalf of clients) to any Participating Affiliate. The employees of such Participating Affiliates may provide portfolio management, research, financial analysis, order placement, and other services to Vontobel's U.S. clients. Such employees will be acting as "associated person" of the Registrant in providing such services under the direct supervision and oversight of the Vontobel. Vontobel remains responsible for the advice and services provided and clients will not pay additional investment advisory fees as a result of such advice and services being rendered by such associated persons, absent disclosure and express client consent.

Vontobel has agreements in place with its Participating Affiliates, which is structured in accordance with a series of SEC no-action relief letters mandating that Participating Affiliates remain subject to the regulatory supervision of both Vontobel and the SEC in certain respects.

## Historical Investment Returns of the Adviser's Global Environmental Change Composite

The Adviser manages various accounts using the Global Environmental Change strategy which employs investment objectives, policies, and strategies substantially similar to those of the Fund. The Global Environmental Change Composite investment returns shown below include all segregated accounts managed by the Adviser using the Global Environmental Change strategy. The information for the composite is provided to show the past investment return of the Adviser in managing the strategy, as measured against specific market indices. The investment return of the composite does not represent the historical investment returns of the Fund and should not be considered a substitute for, or indicative of, the future investment returns of the Fund. Future results may differ from past results because of, among other things, differences in brokerage commissions; account expenses, including management fees; the size of positions taken in relation to account size and diversification of securities; timing of purchases and sales; and availability of cash for new investments. In addition, the accounts are not subject to certain investment limitations or other restrictions imposed by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended and the Internal Revenue Code, or fees and charges assessed by mutual funds, which, if applicable, may have adversely affected the investment return results of the accounts during the period shown. The investment returns of the Fund for future periods will vary.

The Adviser provided the information shown below and calculated the investment return information. The rate of return for the accounts includes realized and unrealized gains plus income, including accrued income. Returns from cash and cash equivalents in the accounts are included in the investment return calculations, and the cash and cash equivalents are included in the total assets on which the investment return is calculated. The accounts are valued at least monthly. Results include the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains.

## Global Environmental Change Composite Performance Returns For Years Ended December 31

Calendar Year	Composite Return (Net of Fees)	Composite Return (Gross of Fees)	MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)(net)
2022	-24.40%	-23.18%	-18.36%
2021	17.60	19.50	18.54
2020	39.07	41.29	16.25
2019	33.51	35.62	26.60
2018	-19.43	-18.02	-9.41
2017	27.44	29.61	23.97
2016	3.82	5.52	7.86
2015	2.79	4.53	-2.36
2014	3.08	5.00	4.16
2013	28.70	31.38	22.80
2012	17.69	20.21	16.13
2011	-16.86	-15.23	-7.35
2010	7.43	9.49	12.67
2009	45.64	49.14	34.63

Average Annual Returns	Composite Return (Net of Fees)	Composite Return (Gross of Fees)	MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI)(net) <sup>1</sup>
1 year ended December 31, 2022	-24.40%	-23.18%	-18.36%
5 years ended December 31, 2022	5.87	7.60	5.23
10 years ended December 31, 2022	9.15	11.02	7.98

The composite's gross rates of return are presented before the deduction of investment management fees, other investment-related fees, and after the deduction of foreign withholding taxes, brokerage commissions, and transaction costs. An investor's actual return will be reduced by investment advisory fees. The composite's net rates of return are presented after the deduction of all fees, including sales loads if any, such as: investment management fees, brokerage commissions, transaction costs, other investment-related fees, and foreign withholding taxes. Such investment management fees are actual fees, and do not contain any performance-based fee components. Results

portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings. Past investment returns are no guarantee of future results. The inception date of the Global Environmental Change Composite is January 1, 2009. The comparison to an index is provided for informational purposes only and should not be used as the basis for making an investment. There may be significant differences between the composite and the index, including but not limited to the risk profile, liquidity, volatility, and asset composition. The MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) (net) Index is an unmanaged index consisting of securities listed. The benchmark is used for comparative purposes only and generally reflects the risk or investment style of the investments in the composite. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested, but does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, or other investment expenses, and is expressed in U.S. dollars. The Adviser claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®). The Adviser has been independently verified for the periods from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2022. Verification provides assurance on whether the Adviser's policies and procedures related to composites, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis The verification reports are available upon request.

Note: Performance provided is that of portfolios with substantially similar investment policies, objectives, and strategy of the Fund but does not represent historical performance of the Fund. Representative performance for illustrative purposes only as a means of providing further information regarding Vontobel's investment strategy, performance history of the adviser, and to assist in your evaluation of the Fund. Such information is not a guarantee of nor should it be considered as indicative of the past or future performance of the Fund. In addition, net of fee returns based on the composite's representative fee schedule and not the fees and expenses of Fund. If the Fund's fees and expenses were incorporated, performance provided would be adjusted accordingly.

## Administrator, Distributor, Transfer Agent and Custodian

The Northern Trust Company, 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, serves as the Fund's Administrator, Fund Accounting Agent, Transfer Agent, and Custodian. Foreside Fund Officer Services, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Foreside Financial Group, LLC (d/b/a ACA Group), 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101, provides compliance services and financial controls services to the Fund. Foreside Financial Services, LLC (the "Distributor"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Foreside Financial Group, LLC (d/b/a ACA Group), 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100, Portland, Maine 04101 distributes shares of the Fund.

## Your Account

## **Pricing Your Shares**

When you buy and sell shares of the Fund, the price of the shares is based on the Fund's net asset value per share ("NAV") next determined after the order is received.

## Calculating the Fund's NAV

The NAV is calculated at the close of trading of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time ("ET")/3:00 p.m. Central time ("CT"), on each day that the NYSE is open for business. The NYSE is closed on the following days: Saturdays and Sundays; U.S. national holidays including New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth National Independence Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Your order to purchase or sell shares is priced at the next NAV calculated after your order is received in good order by the Fund or a financial intermediary. Only purchase orders received in good order by the Fund before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT will be effective at that day's NAV. On occasion, the NYSE will close before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT. When that happens, purchase requests received by the Fund or a financial intermediary after the NYSE closes will be effective the following business day. The NAV of the Fund may change every day.

A purchase, redemption, or exchange request is considered to be "in good order" when all necessary information is provided and all required documents are properly completed, signed, and delivered. Requests must include the following:

- The account number (if issued) and Fund name;
- The amount of the transaction, in dollar amount or number of shares;
- For redemptions and exchanges (other than online, telephone or wire redemptions), the signature of all account owners exactly as they are registered on the account;
- · Required signature guarantees, if applicable; and
- Other supporting legal documents and certified resolutions that might be required in the case of estates, corporations, trusts and other entities or forms of ownership. Call 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 for more information about documentation that may be required of these entities.

Additionally, a purchase order initiating the opening of an account is not considered to be in "good order" unless you have provided all information required by the Fund's "Customer Identification Program" as described below.

#### Valuing the Fund's Assets

The market value of the Fund's investments is determined primarily on the basis of readily available market quotations. The Fund generally uses pricing services to determine the market value of securities. Foreign securities, currencies, and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate of such currencies against the U.S. Dollar as provided by an approved independent pricing service.

If market quotations for a security are not available or market quotations or a price provided by a pricing service do not reflect fair value, or if an event occurs after the close of trading on the domestic or foreign exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (but prior to the time the NAV is calculated) that materially affects fair value, the Adviser as the "valuation designee", will value the Fund's assets at their fair value according to policies approved by the Board of Trustees. For example, if trading in a portfolio security is halted and does not resume before the Fund calculates its NAV, the Adviser may need to price the security using the Fund's fair value pricing guidelines.

In addition, fair value pricing may be used if events materially affecting the value of foreign securities occur between the time when the exchange on which they are traded closes and the time when the NAV is calculated. The Fund identifies possible fluctuations in international securities by monitoring the increase or decrease in the value of a designated benchmark index. In the event of an increase or decrease greater than predetermined levels, the Fund may use a systematic valuation model provided by an approved independent third-party pricing service to fair value its international equity securities.

Without a fair value price, short-term investors could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Foreign markets in which the Fund buys securities may be open on days the U.S. markets are closed, causing the Fund's NAV to change even though the Fund is closed. While fair valuation of the Fund's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities, there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of the NAV by short-term investors. Fair valuation involves subjective judgments, and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may differ materially from the value that could be realized upon the sale of the security.

#### **How to Purchase Shares**

Shares of the Fund have not been registered for sale outside of the United States. This prospectus in not intended for distribution to prospective investors outside of the United States. The Fund generally does not market or sell shares to investors domiciled outside of the United States, even if the investors are citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States. Any non-U.S. shareholders generally would be subject to U.S. tax withholding on distributions by the Fund. This prospectus does not address in detail the tax consequences affecting any shareholder who is a nonresident alien individual or a non-U.S. trust or estate, corporation, or partnership. Investment in the Fund by non-U.S. investors may be permitted on a case-by-case basis, at the sole discretion of the Fund.

You may purchase shares directly from the Fund or through your broker or financial intermediary on any business day which the Fund is open. Purchase requests received in good order by the Fund or a financial intermediary before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT (or before the NYSE closes, if it closes before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT) will be effective at that day's share price. Purchase requests received by the Fund in good order or a financial intermediary after the close of trading on the NYSE are processed at the share price determined on the following business day. You may invest any amount you choose, as often as you wish, subject to the minimum initial and minimum additional investment as stated in this prospectus. The Fund reserves the right to waive the initial investment minimum.

Fund shares are offered primarily to clients of financial intermediaries that (i) charge such clients an ongoing fee for advisory, investment, consulting or similar services, or (ii) have entered into an agreement with the Distributor to offer Class I shares through a no-load network or platform. Such clients may include pension and profit sharing plans, other employee benefit trusts, endowments, foundations, and corporations. Class I shares are also offered to private and institutional clients of, or referred by, the Adviser and its affiliates. The minimum initial investment for Class I Shares is \$100. Class I Shares may also be purchased by Trustees and officers of the Fund and employees of the Adviser and its affiliates (including purchases made by the Adviser's employees through participant directed retirement accounts (i.e. 401(k) accounts). The Fund will waive the minimum initial investment amount for such purchases. If you are eligible to purchase and do purchase Class I Shares, you will pay no sales charge at any time. There are no distribution and service fees applicable to Class I Shares.

## Customer Identification Program: Important Information About Procedures for Opening an Account

Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. When you open an account, we will ask for your name, residential address, date of birth, government identification number, and other information that will allow us to identify you. For legal entity customers, we will also ask that any individual(s) who, directly or indirectly, owns 25% or more of the entity and one individual who has significant responsibility to control, manage, or direct the legal entity be identified. We also may ask to see your driver's license or other identifying documents.

If we do not receive the required information, there may be a delay in processing your investment request, which could subject your investment to market risk. If we are unable to immediately verify your identity, the Fund may restrict further investment until your identity is verified. However, if we are unable to verify your identity, the Fund reserves the right to close your account without notice and return your investment to you at the NAV determined on the day in which your account is liquidated. If we close your account because we are unable to verify your identity, your investment will be subject to market fluctuation, which could result in a loss of a portion of your principal investment. If your account is closed at the request of governmental or law enforcement authorities, the Fund may be required by the authorities to withhold the proceeds.

### Purchases Through Financial Intermediaries

You may make initial and subsequent purchases of shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary, such as an investment adviser or broker-dealer, bank, or other financial institution that purchases shares for its customers. The Fund may authorize certain financial intermediaries to receive purchase and sale orders on its behalf. Before investing in the Fund through a financial intermediary, you should read carefully any materials provided by the intermediary together with this prospectus.

When shares are purchased this way, the financial intermediary may:

- charge a fee for its services;
- act as the shareholder of record of the shares;
- set different minimum initial and additional investment requirements;
- impose other charges, commissions, or restrictions;
- designate intermediaries to accept purchase and sale orders on the Fund's behalf; or
- impose an earlier cut-off time for purchase and redemption requests.

The Fund considers a purchase or sale order as received when a financial intermediary receives the order in proper form before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT. These orders will be priced based on the Fund's NAV next computed after such order is received by the financial intermediary.

Shares held through an intermediary may be transferred into your name following procedures established by your intermediary and the Fund. Certain intermediaries may receive compensation from the Fund, the Adviser, or their affiliates.

#### Fund Direct Purchases

You also may open a shareholder account directly with the Fund. You can obtain a copy of the New Account Application by calling the Fund at 866-252-5393 or 312-630-6583 on days the Fund is open for business. You may invest in the following ways:

#### By Wire

#### To Open a New Account:

• Complete a New Account Application and send it to:

Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund c/o The Northern Trust Company P.O. Box 4766 Chicago, Illinois 60680-4766 Overnight Address:

Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund c/o The Northern Trust Company 333 S. Wabash Avenue Attn: Funds Center, Floor 38 Chicago, IL 60604

You must also call 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 on days the Fund is open for business to place an initial purchase via phone or provide an initial purchase Letter of Instruction.

- Wire funds for your purchase. A wire will be considered made when the money is received and the purchase is accepted by the Fund. Any delays that may occur in receiving money, including delays that may occur in processing by the bank, are not the responsibility of the Fund or the Transfer Agent. Wires must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. ET to receive the current day's NAV.
- Only the listed street address should be used for overnight delivery, and not the P.O. Box address. Please note
  that receipt by the US Post Office does not constitute delivery to or receipt by the Fund or the Transfer Agent.

#### To Add to an Existing Account:

• Call 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 on days the Fund is open for business or provide a subsequent purchase Letter of Instruction or for instructions on adding to your existing account by wire.

#### By Directed Reinvestment

Your dividend and capital gain distributions will be automatically reinvested unless you indicate otherwise on your application.

- Complete the "Choose Your Dividend and Capital Gain Distributions" section on the New Account Application.
- Reinvestments can only be directed to an existing Fund account.

#### Other Purchase Information

The Fund reserves the right to limit the amount of purchases and to refuse to sell to any person or intermediary. If your wire does not clear, you will be responsible for any loss incurred by the Fund. If you are already a Fund shareholder, the Fund reserves the right to redeem shares from any identically registered account in the Fund as reimbursement for any loss incurred or money owed to the Fund. You also may be prohibited or restricted from making future purchases in the Fund.

## Lost Shareholders, Inactive Accounts, and Unclaimed Property

It is important that the Fund maintains a correct address for each shareholder. An incorrect address may cause a shareholder's account statements and other mailings to be returned to the Fund. Based upon statutory requirements for returned mail, the Fund will attempt to locate the shareholder or rightful owner of the account. If the Fund is unable to locate the shareholder, then they will determine whether the shareholder's account can legally be considered abandoned. Your mutual fund account may be transferred to the state government of your state of residence if no activity occurs within your account during the "inactivity period" specified in your state's abandoned property laws. The Fund is legally obligated to escheat (or transfer) abandoned property to the appropriate state's unclaimed property administrator in accordance with statutory requirements. The shareholder's last known address of record determines which state has jurisdiction. Please proactively contact the Transfer Agent at 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 at least annually to ensure your account remains in active status.

If you are a resident of the state of Texas, you may designate a representative to receive notifications that, due to inactivity, your mutual fund account assets may be delivered to the Texas Comptroller. Please contact the Transfer Agent if you wish to complete a Texas Designation of Representative form.

#### **How to Exchange Shares**

You may exchange your shares for the same share class of another Vontobel Fund on any Business Day by contacting the Fund directly by mail or telephone by calling 1-866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583. Before exchanging shares, you should carefully read the prospectus relating to the exchanged-for shares. The minimum amount for an exchange is the minimum initial investment of the Fund whose shares are being acquired, provided, however, that the Trust and/or its designated agents reserve the right to accept exchanges below the minimum in their sole and absolute discretion. Exchanges will be affected at the relative net asset values next determined after receipt of an exchange request in proper form.

Shareholders exchanging out of the Fund will receive dividends in the Fund through the date the exchange is effected and will begin receiving dividends in the other fund the next Business Day. An exchange between funds will generally result in a capital gain or loss, since for federal income tax purposes an exchange is treated as a sale of the shares of the fund from which the exchange is made and a purchase of the shares of the fund into which the exchange is made.

The exchange privilege may be changed or canceled at any time upon 60 days written notice.

The exchange privilege is not intended as a vehicle for short-term or excessive trading. The Fund may suspend or terminate your exchange privilege if you engage in a pattern of exchanges that is excessive, as determined in the sole discretion of the Fund. For more information about the Fund's policy on excessive trading, see "Market Timing Policy" below.

#### **How to Redeem Shares**

You may redeem all or part of your investment in the Fund on any day that the Fund is open for business, subject to certain restrictions described below. Redemption requests received by the Fund or a financial intermediary before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT (or before the NYSE closes if it closes before 4:00 p.m. ET/3:00 p.m. CT) will be effective that day. Redemption requests received by the Fund or a financial intermediary after the close of trading on the NYSE are processed at the NAV determined on the following business day.

The price you will receive when you redeem your shares will be the NAV next determined after the Fund receives your properly completed order to sell. You may receive proceeds from the sale by check, bank wire transfer, or direct deposit into your bank account and in certain cases, payment may be made in securities of the Fund as described in "Additional Information About Redemptions." The proceeds may be more or less than the purchase price of your shares, depending on the market value of the Fund's securities at the time your redemption request is received. A financial intermediary may charge a transaction fee to redeem shares. In the event that a wire transfer is impossible or impractical, the redemption check will be sent by mail to the designated account.

#### Redemptions Through a Financial Intermediary

If you purchased shares from a financial intermediary, you may sell (redeem) shares by contacting your financial intermediary.

## Redeeming Directly from the Fund

If you purchased shares directly from the Fund and you appear on Fund records as the registered holder, you may redeem all or part of your shares using one of the methods described below.

#### By Mail

• Send a written request to:

Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund c/o The Northern Trust Company P.O. Box 4766 Chicago, Illinois 60680-4766

#### Overnight Address:

Vontobel Funds
c/o The Northern Trust Company
333 S. Wabash Avenue
Attn: Funds Center, Floor 38
Chicago, IL 60604
The redemption request must include:

- 1. The number of shares or the dollar amount to be redeemed;
- 2. The Fund account number; and
- 3. The signatures of **all** account owners signed in the exact name(s) and any special capacity in which they are registered.

- A Medallion Signature Guarantee (see below) generally is required but may be waived in certain (limited) circumstances if:
  - 1. The proceeds are to be sent elsewhere than the address of record, or
  - 2. The redemption is requested in writing and the amount is greater than \$100,000.
- Only the listed street address should be used for overnight delivery, and not the P.O. Box address. Please note that receipt by the US Post Office does not constitute delivery to or receipt by the Fund or the Transfer Agent.

#### By Wire

If you authorized wire redemptions on your New Account Application, you can redeem shares and have the proceeds sent by federal wire transfer to a previously designated account.

- Call the Transfer Agent at 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 for instructions.
- The minimum amount that may be redeemed by this method is \$250.

## By Telephone

Telephone privileges are automatically established on your account unless you indicate otherwise on your New Account Application.

- Call 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 to use the telephone privilege.
- If your account is already opened and you wish to add the telephone privilege, send a written request to:

Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund c/o The Northern Trust Company P.O. Box 4766 Chicago, Illinois 60680-4766

## Overnight Address:

Vontobel Funds c/o The Northern Trust Company 333 S. Wabash Avenue Attn: Funds Center, Floor 38 Chicago, IL 60604

- The written request to add the telephone privilege must be signed by each owner of the account and must be accompanied by signature guarantees.
- Only the listed street address should be used for overnight delivery, and not the P.O. Box address. Please note that receipt by the US Post Office does not constitute delivery to or receipt by the Fund or the Transfer Agent.

Neither the Fund, the Transfer Agent, nor their respective affiliates will be liable for complying with telephone instructions that they reasonably believe to be genuine or for any loss, damage, cost, or expenses in acting on such telephone instructions. You will bear the risk of any such loss. The Fund, the Transfer Agent, or both, will employ reasonable procedures to determine that telephone instructions are genuine. If the Fund and/or the Transfer Agent do not employ such procedures, they may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions. Such procedures may include, among others, requiring forms of personal identification before acting upon telephone instructions, providing written confirmation of the transactions, and/or digitally recording telephone instructions. The Fund may terminate the telephone procedures at any time. During periods of extreme market activity, it is possible that you may encounter some difficulty in telephoning us. If you are unable to reach us by telephone, you may request a sale by mail.

## Medallion Signature Guarantee

Some circumstances may require that your request to redeem shares be made in writing accompanied by an original Medallion Signature Guarantee. A Medallion Signature Guarantee helps protect you against fraud. You can obtain a Medallion Signature Guarantee from most banks or securities dealers, but not from a notary public. You should verify with the institution that it is an eligible guarantor prior to signing. The recognized medallion program is Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program. SIGNATURE GUARANTEES RECEIVED FROM INSTITUTIONS NOT PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. The Medallion Signature Guarantee must cover the amount of the requested

transaction. There are several different guarantee amounts, so it is important to acquire a guarantee amount equal to or greater than the amount of the transaction. If the surety bond of the Medallion Guarantee is less than the transaction amount, your request may be rejected.

An original Medallion Signature Guarantee is generally required if any of the following applies:

- the redemption is requested in writing and the amount redeemed is greater than \$100,000;
- information on your investment application has been changed, including the name(s) or the address on your account or the name or address of a payee, within 30 days of your redemption request;
- proceeds or shares are being sent/transferred from a joint account to an individual's account; or
- proceeds are being sent via wire or ACH and bank instructions have been added or changed within 30 days of your redemption request.

If your written request is for redemption greater than \$5 million, call 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 for Medallion Signature Guarantee requirements. The Medallion Signature Guarantee requirement may be waived in certain (limited) circumstances.

## Additional Information About Redemptions

The Fund typically expects that it will pay redemption proceeds by check or electronic transfer within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of a proper redemption request, although proceeds normally are paid within four (4) business days. If you are redeeming shares that have been purchased via ACH, the Fund may hold proceeds until the purchase amount has been collected, which may be as long as five (5) business days after purchase date. To eliminate this delay, you may purchase shares of the Fund by wire. Also, when the NYSE is closed (or when trading is restricted) for any reason other than its customary weekend or holiday closing or under any emergency circumstances, as determined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund may suspend redemptions or postpone payment of redemption proceeds. The Fund typically expects to pay redemptions from cash, cash equivalents, proceeds from the sale of Fund shares, any lines of credit, and then from the sale of portfolio securities. These redemption payment methods will be used in both regular and stressed market conditions.

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

Generally, all redemptions will be for cash. However, if you redeem shares worth the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the NAV of the Fund, the Fund reserves the right to pay part or all of your redemption proceeds in readily marketable securities instead of cash at the discretion of the Fund. Shareholders may incur brokerage charges on the sale of any securities distributed in lieu of cash and will bear market risk until the security is sold. Redemption-in-kind proceeds are distributed to the redeeming shareholder based on a weighted-average pro rata basis of a fund's holdings. If payment is made in securities, the Fund will value the securities selected in the same manner in which it computes its NAV. This process minimizes the effect of large redemptions on the Fund and its remaining shareholders. As with any security, a shareholder will bear taxes on any capital gains from the sale of a security redeemed in kind.

## **Market Timing Policy**

The Fund is intended to be a long-term investment. Excessive purchases and redemptions of shares of the Fund in an effort to take advantage of short-term market fluctuations, known as "market timing," can interfere with long-term portfolio management strategies and increase the expenses of the Fund, to the detriment of long-term investors. Because the Fund will invest its assets in foreign securities, investors may seek to take advantage of time zone differences between the foreign markets on which the Fund's portfolio securities trade and the time at which the NAV is calculated. For example, a market-timer may purchase shares of the Fund based on events occurring after foreign market closing prices are established but before the NAV calculation, that are likely to result in higher prices in foreign markets the next day. The market-timer would then redeem the Fund's shares the next day when the Fund's share price would reflect the increased prices in foreign markets, realizing a quick profit at the expense of long-term Fund shareholders.

Excessive short-term trading may (1) require the Fund to sell securities in the Fund's portfolio at inopportune times to fund redemption payments, (2) dilute the value of shares held by long-term shareholders, (3) cause the Fund to maintain a larger cash position than would otherwise be necessary, (4) increase brokerage commissions and related costs and expenses, and (5) generate additional tax liability. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees has adopted policies and procedures that seek to restrict market timing activity. Under these policies, the Fund periodically examines transactions that exceed monetary thresholds or numerical limits within certain time periods. If the Fund believes, in its sole discretion, that an investor is engaged in excessive short-term trading or is otherwise engaged in market timing activity, the Fund may, with or without

prior notice to the investor, reject further purchase orders from that investor, and disclaim responsibility for any consequent losses that the investor may incur related to the rejected purchases. Alternatively, the Fund may limit the amount, number, or frequency of any future purchases and/or the method by which an investor may request future purchases and redemptions. The Fund's response to any particular market timing activity will depend on the facts and circumstances of each case, such as the extent and duration of the market timing activity and the investor's trading history in the Fund. While the Fund cannot assure the prevention of all excessive trading and market timing, by making these judgments, the Fund believes it is acting in a manner that is in the best interests of shareholders.

Financial intermediaries may establish omnibus accounts with the Fund through which they place transactions for their customers. Omnibus accounts include multiple investors and typically provide the Fund with a net purchase or redemption. The identity of individual investors ordinarily is not known to or tracked by the Fund. The Fund will enter into information sharing agreements with certain financial intermediaries under which the financial intermediaries are obligated to:

- (1) enforce during the term of the agreement, a market-timing policy, the terms of which are acceptable to the Fund;
- (2) furnish the Fund, upon request, with information regarding customer trading activities in shares of the Fund; and
- (3) enforce the Fund's market-timing policy with respect to customers identified by the Fund as having engaged in market timing.

The Fund applies these policies and procedures to all shareholders believed to be engaged in market timing or excessive trading. While the Fund may monitor transactions at the omnibus account level, the netting effect makes it more difficult to identify and eliminate market-timing activities in omnibus accounts. The Fund has no arrangements to permit any investor to trade frequently in shares of the Fund, nor will it enter into any such arrangements in the future.

Financial intermediaries maintaining omnibus accounts with the Fund may impose market timing policies that are more restrictive than the market timing policy adopted by the Board of Trustees. For instance, these financial intermediaries may impose limits on the number of purchase and sale transactions that an investor may make over a set period of time and impose penalties for transactions in excess of those limits. Financial intermediaries also may exempt certain types of transactions from these limitations. If you purchased your shares through a financial intermediary, you should read carefully any materials provided by the financial intermediary together with this prospectus to fully understand the market timing policies applicable to you.

## **Additional Compensation to Financial Intermediaries**

The Adviser may, at its own expense and out of its own profits, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Fund and/or whose clients or customers hold shares of the Fund. These additional payments generally are made to financial intermediaries that provide shareholder or administrative services, or distribution related services. Payments generally are based on either (1) a percentage of the average daily net assets of clients serviced by such financial intermediary, or (2) the number of accounts serviced by such financial intermediary. These additional cash payments also may be made as an expense reimbursement in cases where the financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Fund shareholders.

## **Dividends and Distributions**

## **Fund Policy**

The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its net investment income as dividends to its shareholders on an annual basis. The Fund intends to distribute its net realized long-term capital gains and its net realized short-term capital gains at least once a year. The Fund may distribute income dividends and capital gains more frequently, if necessary, in order to reduce or eliminate federal excise or income taxes on the Fund. The amount of any distribution varies and there is no guarantee the Fund will pay either income dividends or capital gain distributions.

Income dividends and capital gain distributions are automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund at the applicable NAV on the distribution date unless you request cash distributions on your application or through a written request. If cash payment is requested, a check normally will be mailed within five business days after the payable date.

If you elect to receive income dividends and capital gain distributions in cash and the payment is returned and marked as "undeliverable" or is not cashed for six months, your cash election may be changed automatically and future dividends will be reinvested in the Fund at the NAV determined as of the date of payment. In addition, any undeliverable checks or checks that are not cashed for six months may be cancelled and the proceeds reinvested in a Fund at the NAV determined as of the date of cancellation.

## Taxes

#### **Distributions**

The following information is provided to help you understand the federal income taxes you may have to pay on income dividends and capital gains distributions from the Fund, as well as on gains realized from your redemption of Fund shares. This discussion is not intended or written to be used as tax advice. Because everyone's tax situation is unique, you should consult your tax professional about federal, state, local or foreign tax consequences before making an investment in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify each year as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. By so qualifying, the Fund will not be subject to federal income taxes to the extent that it distributes substantially all of its net investment income and any net realized capital gains.

Distributions from the Fund (both taxable income dividends and capital gains) are normally taxable to you as ordinary income or long-term capital gains, regardless of whether you reinvest these distributions or receive them in cash (unless you hold shares in a qualified tax-deferred plan or account or are otherwise not subject to federal income tax). Due to the nature of the investment strategies used, distributions by the Fund generally are expected to consist primarily of income dividends and net realized capital gains; however, the nature of the Fund's distributions could vary in any given year.

The Fund will mail to each shareholder after the close of the calendar year an Internal Revenue Service Form 1099 setting forth the federal income tax status of distributions made during the year. Income dividends and capital gains distributions also may be subject to state and local taxes.

For federal income tax purposes, distributions of net investment income are taxable generally as ordinary income although certain distributions of qualified dividend income paid to a non-corporate U.S. shareholder may be subject to income tax at the applicable rate for long-term capital gain.

Distributions of net realized capital gains (that is, the excess of the net realized gains from the sale of investments that the Fund owned for more than one year over the net realized losses from investments that the Fund owned for one year or less) that are properly designated by the Fund as capital gains will be taxable as long-term capital gain regardless of how long you have held your shares in the Fund.

Distributions of net realized short-term capital gain (that is, the excess of any net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss), if any, will be taxable to shareholders at ordinary income tax rates. Capital gain to a corporate shareholder is taxed at the same rate as ordinary income.

If you are a taxable investor and invest in the Fund shortly before it makes a capital gain distribution, some of your investment may be returned to you in the form of a taxable distribution. Fund distributions will reduce the NAV per share. Therefore, if you buy shares after the Fund has experienced capital appreciation but before the record date of a distribution of those gains, you may pay the full price for the shares and then effectively receive a portion of the purchase price back as a taxable distribution. This is commonly known as "buying a dividend."

## Selling Shares

Selling, redeeming, or exchanging your shares may result in a realized capital gain or loss, which is subject to federal income tax. For individuals, any long-term capital gains you realize from selling Fund shares currently are taxed at preferential income tax rates. Short-term capital gains are taxed at ordinary income tax rates. You or your tax adviser should track your purchases, tax basis, sales and exchanges, and any resulting gain or loss. If you redeem Fund shares for a loss, you may be able to use this capital loss to offset any other capital gains you have.

## Backup Withholding

By law, you may be subject to backup withholding (currently at a rate of 28%) on a portion of your taxable distributions and redemption proceeds unless you provide your correct Social Security or taxpayer identification number and certify that: (1) this number is correct, (2) you are not subject to backup withholding, and (3) you are a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien). You also may be subject to withholding if the Internal Revenue Service instructs the Fund to withhold a portion of your distributions or proceeds. You should be aware that the Fund may be fined by the Internal Revenue Service for each account for which a certified taxpayer identification number is not provided. In the event that such a fine is imposed with respect to a specific account in any year, the Fund may make a corresponding charge against the account.

### Tax Status for Retirement Plans and Other Tax-Deferred Accounts

When you invest in the Fund through a qualified employee benefit plan, retirement plan or some other tax-deferred account, dividend and capital gain distributions generally are not subject to current federal income taxes. In general, these plans or accounts are governed by complex tax rules. You should ask your tax adviser or plan administrator for more information about your tax situation, including possible state or local taxes.

#### Medicare Tax

An additional 3.8% Medicare tax may be imposed on distributions you receive from the Fund and gains from selling, redeeming, or exchanging your shares.

# **Shareholder Reports and Other Information**

The Fund will send one copy of prospectuses and shareholder reports to households containing multiple shareholders with the same last name. This process, known as "householding," reduces costs and provides a convenience to shareholders. If you share the same last name and address with another shareholder and you prefer to receive separate prospectuses and shareholder reports, call the Fund at 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 and we will begin separate mailings to you within 30 days of your request. If you or others in your household invest in the Fund through a broker or other financial intermediary, you may receive separate prospectuses and shareholder reports, regardless of whether or not you have consented to householding on your investment application.

# **Financial Highlights**

Financial highlights are not included for the Fund as the Fund had not commenced operations as of the effective date of this Prospectus.

# Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund (A series of the Advisers Investment Trust)

# **Privacy Policy**

## **Safeguarding Privacy**

We recognize and respect the privacy expectations of each of our investors and we believe the confidentiality and protection of investor information is one of our fundamental responsibilities. New technologies have dramatically changed the way information is gathered and used, but our continuing commitment to preserving the security and confidentiality of investor information has remained a core value of the Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund.

## **Information We Collect And Sources Of Information**

We may collect information about our customers to help identify you, evaluate your application, service and manage your account and offer services and products you may find valuable. We collect this information from a variety of sources including:

- Information we receive from you on applications or other forms (e.g. your name, address, date of birth, social security number and investment information);
- Information about your transactions and experiences with us and our affiliates (e.g. your account balance, transaction history and investment selections); and
- Information we obtain from third parties regarding their brokerage, investment advisory, custodial or other relationship with you (e.g. your account number, account balance and transaction history.

#### **Information We Share With Service Providers**

We may disclose all non-public personal information we collect, as described above, to companies (including affiliates) that perform services on our behalf, including those that assist us in responding to inquiries, processing transactions, preparing and mailing account statements and other forms of shareholder services provided they use the information solely for these purposes and they enter into confidentiality agreements regarding the information.

## **Information We May Share With Affiliates**

If we have affiliates which are financial service providers that offer investment advisory, brokerage and other financial services, we may (subject to Board approval) share information among our affiliates to better assist you in achieving your financial goals.

## **Safeguarding Customer Information**

We will safeguard, according to federal standards of security and confidentiality, any non-public personal information our customers share with us.

We will limit the collection and use of non-public customer information to the minimum necessary to deliver superior service to our customers which includes advising our customers about our products and services and to administer our business.

We will permit only authorized employees who are trained in the proper handling of non-public customer information to have access to that information.

We will not reveal non-public customer information to any external organization unless we have previously informed the customer in disclosures or agreements, have been authorized by the customer or are required by law or our regulators.

We value you as a customer and take your personal privacy seriously. We will inform you of our policies for collecting, using, securing and sharing nonpublic personal information the first time we do business and every year that you are a customer of the Vontobel Global Environmental Change Fund or anytime we make a material change to our privacy policy.

#### **Investment Adviser**

Vontobel Asset Management, Inc. 1540 Broadway 38th Floor New York, New York 10036

#### Custodian

The Northern Trust Company 50 South LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603

## **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Ernst & Young LLP One Manhattan West New York, New York, 10001

### **Legal Counsel**

Thompson Hine LLP 41 South High Street, Suite 1700 Columbus, Ohio 43215-6101

#### **Distributor**

Foreside Financial Services, LLC 3 Canal Plaza, Suite 100 Portland, Maine 04101

#### For Additional Information, call

866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583

## To Learn More

Several additional sources of information are available to you. The Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), incorporated into this prospectus by reference, contains detailed information on Fund policies and operations. Additional information about the Fund's investments is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual report to shareholders. The Fund's annual reports contain management's discussion of market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's investment return during its last fiscal year.

Call the Fund at 866-252-5393 (toll free) or 312-630-6583 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time on days the Fund is open for business to request free copies of the SAI and the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports, to request other information about the Fund and to make shareholder inquiries. You may also visit the Fund on its website at www.vontobel.com to obtain free copies of the Fund's SAI and annual and semi-annual reports. Or, write to the Fund at:

#### **Vontobel Funds**

c/o The Northern Trust Company P.O. Box 4766 Chicago, Illinois 60680-4766

You may obtain reports and other information about the Fund on the EDGAR Database on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov, and copies of this information may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov.