

# Risk Definitions

**Active Management Risk:** The subadvisor's investment strategy may fail to produce the intended result.

**Asset Allocation Risk:** Although asset allocation among different asset categories generally limits risk and exposure to any one category, the risk remains that the advisor may favor an asset category that performs poorly relative to the other asset categories

**Changing Distribution Levels Risk:** The distribution amounts paid by the fund generally depend on the amount of income and/or dividends received by the fund's investments. As a result of market, interest rate and other circumstances, the amount of cash available for distribution by the fund and the fund's distribution rate may vary or decline. The risk of such variability is accentuated in currently prevailing market and interest rate circumstances.

**Commodity Risk:** Commodity investments involve the risk of volatile market price fluctuations of commodities resulting from fluctuating demand, supply disruption, speculation and other factors.

**Convertible Securities Risk:** The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates increase, and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, as the market price of the underlying common stock declines below the conversion price, the price of the convertible security tends to be increasingly influenced more by the yield of the convertible security.

**Credit and Counterparty Risk:** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of a fund's securities may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal, interest or settlement payments, or otherwise honor its obligations. Funds that invest in fixed-income securities are subject to varying degrees of risk that the issuers of the securities will have their credit rating downgraded or will default, potentially reducing a fund's share price and income level.

**Currency Risk:** Fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of a fund's investments. Currency risk includes both the risk that currencies in which a fund's investments are traded, or currencies in which a fund has taken an active position, will decline in value relative to the U. S. dollar.

**Derivatives Risk:** A portfolio's use of certain derivative instruments (such as options, futures and swaps) could produce disproportionate gains or losses. Derivatives are generally considered more risky than direct investments and, in a down market, could become more difficult to value or sell at a fair price.

**Economic and Market Events Risk:** Events in the financial market have resulted, and may continue to result, in an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign. In addition, reduced liquidity in credit and fixed income markets may adversely affect issuers worldwide.

**Emerging Markets Risk:** The risks of investing in foreign securities are greater for investments in emerging markets. Emerging-market countries may experience higher inflation, interest rates and unemployment as well as greater social, economic, regulatory and political uncertainties than more developed countries.

**Equity Securities Risk:** The value of a company's equity securities is subject to changes in the company's financial condition, and overall market and economic conditions.

**Exchange Traded Fund Risk:** Owning an ETF generally reflects the risks of owning the underlying securities it is designed to track.

**Exchange Traded Notes Risk:** Similar to ETFs, owning an ETN generally reflects the risks of owning the assets that comprise the underlying market benchmark or strategy that the ETN is designed to reflect. ETNs also are subject to issuer and fixed-income risk.

**Fixed-Income Securities Risk:** Fixed-income securities are affected by changes in interest rates and credit quality. A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity of the bonds held by the fund, the more sensitive the fund is likely to be to interest-rate changes. There is the possibility that the issuer of the security will not repay all or a portion of the principal borrowed and will not make all interest payments.

**Foreign Securities Risk:** As compared to U.S. companies, there may be less publicly available information relating to foreign companies. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes. The value of foreign securities is subject to currency fluctuations and adverse political and economic developments.

**Fund of Funds Risk:** The fund is subject to the performance of the underlying funds in which it invests.

**Health Care Services Risk:** Health sciences industries may be affected by product obsolescence, thin capitalization and limited product lines, markets and financial resources or personnel challenges, legislative or regulatory activities affecting the sector, such as approval policies for drugs, medical devices or procedures and changes in governmental and private payment systems and product liabilities.

**Hedging, Derivatives and Other Strategic Transactions Risk:** Hedging and other strategic transactions may increase the volatility of a fund and, if the transaction is not successful, could result in a significant loss to a fund. The use of derivative instruments could produce disproportionate gains or losses, more than the principal amount invested. Investing in derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments and, in a down market, could become harder to value or sell at a fair price. The following is a list of certain derivatives and other strategic transactions in which the fund may invest and the main risks associated with each of them:

**Futures Contracts:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions) and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving futures contracts.

**Options:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions) and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving options. Counterparty risk does not apply to exchange-traded options.

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**Swaps:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk, settlement risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving swaps.

**Swaptions:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving swaptions.

**Credit Default Swaps:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest rate risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving credit default swaps.

**Foreign Currency Forward Contracts:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), foreign currency risk and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving foreign currency forward contracts.

**Foreign Currency Swaps:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), foreign currency risk and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving foreign currency swaps.

**Interest-Rate Swaps:** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving interest-rate swaps.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk:** Actively trading securities can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance).

**Hybrid Instrument Risk:** Hybrid instruments are potentially more volatile and carry greater market risk than traditional debt instruments. Hybrid instruments may bear interest or pay preferred dividends at below market rates and may be illiquid.

**Income Stock Risk:** Income provided by the fund may be affected by changes in the dividend policies of the companies in which the fund invests and the capital resources available for such payments at such companies.

**Index Management Risk:** Certain factors may cause a fund that is an index fund to track its target index less closely. For example, a sub-advisor may select securities that are not fully representative of the index, and the fund's transaction expenses, and the size and timing of its cash flows, may result in the fund's performance being different than that of its index. Moreover, the fund will generally reflect the performance of its target index even when the index does not perform well.

**Industry or Sector Investing Risk:** The performance of a fund that focuses on a single industry or sector of the economy depends in large part on the performance of that industry or sector. As a result, the value of an investment may fluctuate more widely than it would in a fund that is diversified across industries or sectors.

**Information Technology Risk:** The information technology sector can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence of existing technology, short product cycles, falling prices and profits, competition from new market entrants, government regulation and general economic conditions.

**Initial Public Offerings ("IPO") Risk:** IPO shares may have a magnified impact on fund performance and are frequently volatile in price. They can be held for a short period of time causing an increase in portfolio turnover.

**Inverse Interest-Only Securities:** Inverse interest-only securities that are mortgage-backed securities are subject to the same risks as other mortgage-backed securities. In addition, the coupon on an inverse interest-only security can be extremely sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates.

**Investment Company Securities Risk:** The fund bears its own expenses and indirectly bears its proportionate share of expenses of the underlying funds in which it invests.

**Issuer Risk:** An issuer of a security may perform poorly and, therefore, the value of its stocks and bonds may decline. An issuer of securities held by the fund could default or have its credit rating downgraded.

**Large Company Risk:** Large-capitalization stocks as a group could fall out of favor with the market, causing the fund to underperform investments that focus on small- or medium-capitalization stocks. Larger, more established companies may be slow to respond to challenges and may grow more slowly than smaller companies. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, the market capitalization of a company is based on its market capitalization at the time the fund purchases the company's securities. Market capitalizations of companies change over time.

**Liquidity Risk:** Exposure exists when trading volume, lack of a market maker or legal restrictions impair the ability to sell particular securities or close derivative positions at an advantageous price.

**Loan Participation Risk:** Participations and assignments involve special types of risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and the risks of being a lender.

**Lower Rated Fixed Income Security Risk and High-Yield Securities Risk:** Lower rated fixed income securities and high yield fixed-income securities (commonly known as "junk bonds") are subject to greater credit quality risk and risk of default than higher-rated fixed income securities. These securities may be considered speculative and the value of these securities can be more volatile due to increased sensitivity to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments and can be difficult to resell.

**Medium & Smaller Company Risk:** The prices of medium and smaller company stocks can change more frequently and dramatically than those of large company stocks. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, the market capitalization of a company is based on its market capitalization at the time the fund purchases the company's securities. Market capitalizations of companies change over time.

**Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities Risk:** Different types of mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are subject to different combinations of prepayment, extension, interest-rate and/or other market risks.

**Natural Resources Risk:** The natural resources industry can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, commodity prices, and taxes and other governmental regulations.

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**Non-Diversified Risk:** Overall risk can be reduced by investing in securities from a diversified pool of issuers and is increased by investing in securities of a small number of issuers. Investments in a non-diversified fund may magnify the fund's losses from adverse events affecting a particular issuer.

**Real Estate Securities Risk:** Investing in securities of companies in the real estate industry subjects a fund to the risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate.

**S&P 500 Risk:** An investment in the fund involves risks similar to the risks of investing directly in the equity securities included in the S&P 500 Index.

**Sector Risk:** Because the fund may from time to time focus on one or more sectors of the economy, at such times its performance will depend in large part on the performance of those sectors. As a result, at such times, the value of your investment may fluctuate more widely than it would in a fund that is invested across sectors.

**Short Sale Risk:** Short sales involve costs and risk. The fund must pay the lender interest on the security it borrows, and the fund will lose money if the price of the security increases between the time of the short sale and the date when the fund replaces the borrowed security.

**TBA Mortgage Contracts:** TBA mortgage contracts involve a risk of loss if the value of the underlying security to be purchased declines prior to delivery date. The yield obtained for such securities may be higher or lower than yields available in the market on delivery date.

**Telecommunications Risk:** The telecommunications services industry is subject to government regulation of rates of return and services that may be offered and can be significantly affected by intense competition.

**Utilities Risk:** The fund's performance will be closely tied to the performance of utilities issuers and, as a result, can be more volatile than the performance of more broadly-diversified funds. The price of stocks in the utilities sector can be very volatile due to supply and/or demand for services or fuel, financing costs, conservation efforts, the negative impact of regulation, and other factors.