# BAIN CAPITAL EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Class 1 Shares
Class 2 Shares

#### **PROSPECTUS**

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# **FUND SUMMARY**

**Investment Objective:** The Bain Capital Equity Opportunities Fund (the "Portfolio") seeks to provide capital appreciation over a multi-year market cycle, generally at least 3-5 years.

**Fees and Expenses of the Portfolio:** This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold or sell shares of the Portfolio. These tables do not reflect any fees and expenses charged by your insurance company under your variable contract. The fee table and the example below do not reflect the fees, expenses and/or withdrawal charges imposed by the contract. If contract expenses were reflected, the fees and expenses in the table and expense example would be higher. You should review the insurance contract prospectus for a complete description of fees and expenses.

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	Class 1	Class 2
Management Fees	1.25%	1.25%
Distribution and/or Service (12b-1) Fees	0.00%	0.25%
Other Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	0.20%	0.20%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.45%	1.70%
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.10)%	(0.10)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement	1.35%	1.60%

- (1) Estimated for the current fiscal period.
- (2) Bain Capital Public Equity, LP (the "Adviser") has contractually agreed to waive its management fees and to make payments to limit Portfolio expenses, until April 30, 2026 so that the total annual operating expenses excluding (i) brokerage fees and commissions; (ii) acquired fund fees and expenses; (iii) fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses); (iv) borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); (v) taxes; and (vii) extraordinary expenses, such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Portfolio officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Portfolio service providers (other than the Adviser)) of the Portfolio do not exceed 1.35% and 1.60% for Class 1 and Class 2 shares, respectively. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Portfolio in future years (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment does not cause the Portfolio to exceed existing expense limitations or the limitations in place at the time the reduction was originally made. This agreement may be terminated only by the Portfolio's Board of Trustees, on 60 days' written notice to the Adviser.

**Example:** This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Portfolio with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Portfolio for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. However, each insurance contract and separate account involves fees and expenses that are not included in the Example. If these fees and expenses were included in the Example, your overall expenses would be higher. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based upon these assumptions your costs would be:

Class	1 Year	3 Years
Class 1	\$137	\$449
Class 2	\$163	\$526

**Portfolio Turnover:** The Portfolio pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs. These costs, which are not reflected in Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Portfolio's performance. Because the Portfolio commenced operations on or around the date of this Prospectus, no history of the portfolio turnover rate is available.

**Principal Investment Strategies:** Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio invests at least 80% of its assets (defined as net assets plus any borrowing for investment purposes) in equity securities, including common stock, preferred stock, convertible securities, American Depository Receipts ("ADRs") and Global Depository Receipts ("GDRs"). This policy may be changed only after providing shareholders with 60 days' written notice. The Portfolio invests in the common stock of domestic, foreign and emerging market companies of any market capitalization. The Portfolio intends to emphasize investments in mid-cap and lower large-cap, quality growth companies, with a focus on investments in or related to the consumer, financial, healthcare, industrial and technology, media and telecom sectors. However, the Portfolio is not restricted and may invest in companies with any market capitalization and in any industry and does not intend to concentrate its investments in any industry. The Portfolio considers emerging market equity issuers to be those located in countries represented in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

The Portfolio intends to focus its investments (i.e., invest a significant majority of its assets) in developed markets (e.g., United States, Canada, U.K. Europe, Japan and Asia). Under normal circumstances, the Portfolio invests its assets in equity securities in accordance with the following ranges:

Domestic 60-100% Foreign 0-40% Emerging Markets 0-10%

The Portfolio may experience near-term volatility in its pursuit of long-term results. For risk management, hedging and speculative purposes, the Portfolio will use foreign currency spot transactions and forwards, and call and put options on common stocks. The Portfolio may write or sell call options on common stocks it owns ("covered calls"). Investments in derivatives may be applied toward meeting a requirement to invest in a particular kind of investment if the derivatives have economic characteristics similar to that investment.

In making investments on behalf of the Portfolio, the Portfolio's investment adviser, Bain Capital Public Equity, LP (the "Adviser") focuses on the following types of investment opportunities:

- Long-Term Compounders: Companies that the Adviser believes are proven industry leaders, led by strong management teams who have created a defensible business model with sustainable pricing power.
- *Dislocated Value:* Opportunistic situations where the Adviser believes the underlying business or asset might be trading below its true value.
- Constructive Value-Add: Situations where the Adviser may proactively work as thought partner with management teams and/or the board of directors to drive change.

The Adviser's investment process involves in-depth strategic and financial analysis, with an emphasis on the analysis of industry dynamics, competitive position and management capability and identification of operational improvements to determine the "intrinsic value" of potential investments. The Portfolio typically makes investments in stocks and at prices that the Adviser believes in its sole discretion to be below their intrinsic value based on a company's normalized cash flow, growth potential and/or asset value. The Portfolio is allocated to long positions in stocks that the Adviser's analysis suggests are significantly undervalued in the marketplace.

The Portfolio is "non-diversified" for purposes of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), which means that the Portfolio may invest in fewer securities at any one time than a diversified fund.

For temporary defensive purposes during unusual economic or market conditions or for liquidity purposes, the Portfolio may hold up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, repurchase agreements and other short-term obligations. When the Portfolio engages in such activities, it may not achieve its investment objective.

Principal Investment Risks: Remember that in addition to possibly not achieving your investment goals, you could lose money by investing in the Portfolio. The Portfolio is not intended to be a complete investment program. The principal risks of investing in the Portfolio are:

- Equity Risk. Equity securities, such as common stocks, may decline in value because of changes in the price of a particular holding or a broad stock market decline. Equity securities are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value. The equity securities held by the Portfolio may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors affecting securities markets generally, the equity securities of a particular sector, or a particular company. The Adviser anticipates that the Portfolio will experience moderate near-term volatility in its performance.
- Small and Mid-Capitalization Company Risk. The earnings and prospects of small and mid-sized companies are
  more volatile than larger companies and may experience higher failure rates than larger companies. Small and
  medium sized companies normally have a lower trading volume than larger companies, which may tend to make
  their market price fall disproportionately relative to larger companies in response to selling pressures and may
  have limited markets, product lines, or financial resources and lack management experience.
- Large Cap Company Risk. Large-cap companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges, such as changes in technology and consumer tastes, and also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

- Foreign Risk. Foreign investing involves risks not typically associated with U.S. investments, including adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values, adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards. Investing in emerging markets imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in foreign developed countries.
- Foreign Currency Risk. Foreign securities and currency strategies will subject the Portfolio to currency trading risks that include market risk, credit risk and country risk. Market risk results from adverse changes in exchange rates. Credit risk results because a currency-trade counterparty may default. Country risk arises because a government may interfere with transactions in its currency.
- Non-Diversified Fund Risk. The Portfolio is classified as non-diversified. As such, the percentage of the
  Portfolio's assets invested in any single issuer or a few issuers is not limited as much as it is for a fund classified
  as diversified. Investing a higher percentage of its assets in any one or a few issuers could increase the
  Portfolio's risk of loss and its share price volatility, because the value of its shares would be more susceptible to
  adverse events affecting those issuers.
- Growth Investing Risk. Growth stocks can be volatile. Growth companies usually invest a high portion of
  earnings in their businesses and may lack the dividends of value stocks that can cushion stock prices in a falling
  market. The prices of growth stocks are based largely on projections of the issuer's future earnings and
  revenues. If a company's earnings or revenues fall short of expectations, its stock price may fall dramatically.
  Growth stocks may also be more expensive relative to their earnings or assets compared to value or other stocks.
- Value Investing Risk. Value investing focuses on companies whose stocks appear undervalued in light of factors such as the company's earnings, book value, revenues or cash flow. If the Adviser's assessment of a company's value or prospects for exceeding earnings expectations or market conditions is wrong, the Portfolio could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds. In addition, "value stocks" can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time.
- Preferred Stock Risk. Preferred stock, which is a form of hybrid security (i.e., a security with both debt and equity characteristics), may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred stocks are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities, however, unlike common stocks, participation in the growth of an issuer may be limited. Distributions on preferred stocks are generally payable at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors and after the company makes required payments to holders of its debt securities. For this reason, preferred stocks are subject to greater credit, interest, and liquidation risk than debt securities, and the value of preferred stocks will usually react more strongly than debt securities to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects. Preferred stocks of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred stocks of larger companies. Preferred stocks may be less liquid than common stocks.
- Convertible Securities Risk. The value of a convertible security, which is a form of hybrid security (i.e., a security with both debt and equity characteristics), typically increases or decreases with the price of the underlying common stock. In general, a convertible security is subject to the market risks of stocks when the underlying stock's price is high relative to the conversion price and is subject to the market risks of debt securities when the underlying stock's price is low relative to the conversion price. The general market risks of debt securities that are common to convertible securities include, but are not limited to, interest rate risk and credit risk -- that is, the value of convertible securities will move in the direction opposite to movements in interest rates; they are subject to the risk that the issuer will not be able to pay interest or dividends when due; and their market value may change based on changes in the issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of the issuer's creditworthiness.
- Options Risk. The Portfolio may lose the entire put or call option premium paid if the reference security or index does not decrease below or rise above the respective strike price before expiration. Options may not be an effective hedge because they may have imperfect correlation to the value of the Portfolio's assets. The Portfolio receives a premium from the call options it sells but limits its opportunity to profit from an increase in the value of the underlying stock. If the underlying stock declines more that the option premium received by the Portfolio, there will be a loss on the overall position. If the Portfolio writes option spreads, which combine two or more option contracts as a single trade, the Portfolio will give up some of the opportunity to benefit from potential increases (or decreases) in the value of the underlying securities above (or below the exercise prices) of the written options.

- ADR/GDR Risk. To the extent the Portfolio seeks exposure to foreign companies, the Portfolio's investments may
  be in the form of depositary receipts or other securities convertible into securities of foreign issuers, including
  ADRs and GDRs. While the use of ADRs and GDRs, which are traded on exchanges and represent ownership in
  foreign securities, provide an alternative to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their respective
  national markets and currencies, investments in ADRs and GDRs continue to be subject to certain of the risks
  associated with investing directly in foreign securities.
- Emerging Markets Risk. In addition to the risks generally associated with investing in foreign securities, countries with emerging markets also may have relatively unstable governments, social and legal systems that do not protect shareholders, economies based on only a few industries, and securities markets that trade a small number of issues.
- Hedging Risk. The Adviser may attempt to "hedge" the Portfolio's overall investment risk with defensive positions and strategies which may limit potential gains when compared to unhedged funds. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio's hedging strategy will reduce the risk of the Portfolio's investments.
- Issuer-Specific Risk. The value of a specific security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.
- Management Risk. The Adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular security or derivative in which the Portfolio invests or sells may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results. The Adviser's judgments about its ability to assist issuer management teams as a thought partner to add value, or its judgment about the management team's willingness to engage with the Adviser or to effectively implement changes, may similarly prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired result.
- Market and Geopolitical Risk. The increasing interconnectivity between global economies and financial markets increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. Securities in the Portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, climate change or climate related events, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, international conflicts regulatory events and governmental or guasi-governmental actions. occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as terrorist attacks around the world, natural disasters, social and political discord or debt crises and downgrades, among others, may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets. The COVID-19 global pandemic had negative impacts, and in many cases severe negative impacts, on markets worldwide. It is not known how long any future impacts of the significant events described above, will or would last, but there could be a prolonged period of global economic slowdown, which may impact your investment. Therefore, the Portfolio could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may be negatively affected. Changes in market conditions and interest rates can have the same impact on all types of securities and instruments. In times of severe market disruptions, you could lose your entire investment.
- Investments in the Media Industry Risk. The Portfolio may invest in media-related assets. Companies in the media industry may encounter distressed cash flows due to the need to commit substantial capital to meet increasing competition, particularly in formulating new products and services using new technology. Media companies are subject to risks that include cyclicality of revenues and earnings, a potential decrease in the discretionary income of targeted individuals, changing consumer tastes and interests, competition in the industry and the potential for increased state and federal regulation. Advertising spending is an important source of revenue for media companies. During economic downturns, advertising spending typically decreases and, as a result, media companies tend to generate less revenue.
- Financial Sector Risk. Companies in the financial sector are subject to governmental regulation and intervention, which may adversely affect the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Governmental regulation may change frequently, and may have adverse consequences for companies in the financial sector, including effects not intended by such regulation. The impact of recent or future regulation in various countries on any individual financial company or on the sector, as a whole, is not known.

- Industrial Industry Risk. The Portfolio may invest in industrial-related assets. In doing so, the Portfolio is subject
  to risks faced by companies in the industrial economic sector, including: effects on stock prices by supply and
  demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general; decline in demand
  for products due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction; effects on securities
  prices and profitability from government regulation, world events and economic conditions; and risks for
  environmental damage and product liability claims.
- Investments in the Information Technology Industry Risk. Securities of information technology companies may be subject to greater volatility than stocks of companies in other market sectors. Like other technology companies, information technology companies may be affected by intense competition, obsolescence of existing technology, general economic conditions and government regulation and may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. Information technology companies may experience dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for qualified personnel. These companies also are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. A small number of companies represent a large portion of the information technology industry as a whole.
- Investments in the Telecommunications Industry Risk. The Portfolio may make infrastructure-related investments in the telecommunications sector including sharing economy applications, vertical integration applications, and emerging internet services. Investment opportunities in the telecommunications sector are driven largely by consumer demand, technological advances, and improvements in data collection and storage. Changes in the development and proliferation of new technologies, data transmission and/or consumer demand, as well as changes in the prevailing global economy, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to identify and consummate attractive infrastructure-related investments in the telecommunications sector.
- Investments in Consumer-Related Industries Risk. Consumer-related industries are typically very competitive and are characterized by a crowded field of competitors. Although there may not be high barriers to entry, long-term market success is subject to a number of factors, many of which lie outside the control of the Portfolio. Consumer spending may be disproportionately affected by adverse economic conditions, and consumer spending patterns in the emerging economies in which the Portfolio intends to invest may be difficult to predict. In addition, investments may face competition from a number of other, more established market participants, including global companies with much greater financial, marketing, and other resources. In either case, the Portfolio's investment results may be affected in a materially adverse manner.
- Investments in the Healthcare, Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Industries Risk. The biotechnology, genetic/genomic testing and cancer therapeutic fields are highly competitive. Tests and therapies that are developed are characterized by rapid technological change. Investment competitors include venture capital-funded biotechnology companies, public and private pharmaceutical companies, universities, and public and private research institutions. In recent years, there have been numerous advances in technologies relating to the diagnosis and treatment of various cancer types. A number of other companies have cancer therapies and drug candidates in various stages of pre-clinical or clinical development, some of which may be commercialized in the near future, and the success of other cancer-treating drugs may diminish the need for and marketability of treatments that may be developed. Technological advances in the biotechnology industry can render an existing product, which may account for a disproportionate share of a company's revenue, obsolete. Such developments may result in abrupt advances and declines in the securities prices of particular companies and, in some cases, may have a broad effect on the prices of securities of companies in particular healthcare and biotechnology Within the pharmaceuticals industry, the development of products generally is a costly and time-consuming process. Many highly promising products ultimately fail to prove safe and effective. Products under development and pre-clinical testing generally will require extensive clinical testing prior to application for commercial use. There can be no assurance that the research or product development efforts of the issuers in which the Portfolio invests or those of their collaborative partners will be successfully completed, that specific products can be manufactured in adequate quantities at an acceptable cost and with appropriate quality, or that such products can be successfully marketed or achieve customer acceptance.
- Limited Operating History Risk. The Portfolio has a limited operating history. The past performance of the Portfolio or of other investment funds sponsored by the Adviser or its affiliates is not predictive of the Portfolio's future performance. The Portfolio employs a different investment strategy from other investment funds sponsored by the Adviser or its affiliates and makes investments in a different portfolio of securities. Accordingly, the performance of other funds and investments should not be construed as a projection of the Portfolio's future performance. The successful operation of the Portfolio is dependent upon the success of the Adviser.

**Performance:** Because the Portfolio is a newly launched fund, no performance information is presented for the Portfolio at this time. In the future, performance information will be presented in this section of this Prospectus. Also, shareholder reports containing financial and performance information will be mailed to shareholders semi-annually.

Investment Adviser: Bain Capital Public Equity, LP (the "Adviser") is the Portfolio's investment adviser.

**Portfolio Managers:** Joshua Ross is the portfolio manager. Mr. Ross has served the Portfolio as a portfolio manager since it commenced operations in October 2024.

Purchase and Sale of Portfolio Shares: Shares of the Portfolio are intended to be sold to certain separate accounts of the participating life insurance companies, as well as qualified pension and retirement plans and certain unregistered separate accounts. You and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts, variable life contracts, participants in pension and retirement plans will not own shares of the Portfolio directly. Rather, all shares will be held by the separate accounts or plans for your benefit and the benefit of other purchasers or participants. Please refer to your insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information on purchase and sale of shares. You may purchase and redeem shares of the Portfolio on any day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading, or as permitted under your insurance contract, separate account or retirement plan.

**Tax Information:** It is the Portfolio's intention to distribute all realized income and gains. Generally, owners of variable insurance contracts are not taxed currently on income or gains realized with respect to such contracts. However, some distributions from such contracts may be taxable at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, distributions made to an owner who is younger than 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% penalty tax. Investors should ask their own tax advisors for more information on their own tax situation, including possible state or local taxes. Please refer to your insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information on taxes.

**Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries:** If you purchase the Portfolio through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank or insurance company), the Portfolio and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Portfolio 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 Portfolio over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RELATED RISKS

This Prospectus describes the Portfolio, a series of Northern Lights Variable Trust, a Delaware statutory trust (the "Trust"). Bain Capital Public Equity, LP (the "Adviser") serves as the Portfolio's investment adviser. The Portfolio is intended to be a funding vehicle for variable annuity contracts and flexible premium variable life insurance policies offered by the separate accounts of various insurance companies (each a "Participating Insurance Company").

The Trust has received an exemptive order (the "Exemptive Order") from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that permits the portfolios of the Trust, including the Portfolio, to sell shares to separate accounts of unaffiliated insurance companies, and pension and retirement plans that qualify for special income tax treatment. These arrangements may present certain conflicts of interest due to differences in tax treatment and other considerations such that the interests of various variable contract owners participating in a portfolio and the interests of pension and retirement plans investing in a portfolio may conflict. For example, violation of the federal tax laws by one insurance company separate account investing directly or indirectly in a portfolio could cause other variable insurance products funded by the separate account of another insurance company to lose their tax-deferred status unless remedial actions were taken. It is possible that a difference may arise among the interests of the holders of different types of contracts—for example, if applicable state insurance law or contract owner instructions prevent a Participating Insurance Company from continuing to invest in a portfolio following a change in the portfolio's investment policies, or if different tax laws apply to flexible premium variable life insurance contracts and variable annuities. The Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") and each Participating Insurance Company will attempt to monitor events to prevent such differences from arising. As a condition of the Exemptive Order, the Board will monitor events in order to identify any material irreconcilable conflicts which may arise (such as those arising from tax or other differences), and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response to such conflicts. If such a conflict were to occur, one or more insurance companies' separate accounts might be required to withdraw their investments in one or more of the portfolios. This might force a portfolio, such as the Portfolio, to sell its securities at disadvantageous prices which could cause a decrease in the portfolio's net asset value ("NAV").

Individual variable annuity contract holders and flexible premium variable life insurance policyholders are not "shareholders" of the Portfolio. A Participating Insurance Company and its separate accounts are the shareholders or investors, although such company will pass through voting rights to its variable annuity contract or flexible premium variable life insurance policyholders. Shares of the Portfolio are not offered directly to the general public.

The Adviser, under the oversight of the Board, is responsible for constructing and monitoring the Portfolio's investments to be consistent with the investment objective and principal investment strategies of the Portfolio. The potential risks and returns of the Portfolio vary with the degree to which the Portfolio invests in a particular market segment and/or asset class.

**Investment Objective:** The Portfolio seeks to provide capital appreciation over a multi-year market cycle, generally 3-5 years. The Portfolio's investment objective is not a fundamental policy and may be changed by the Board upon 60 days written notice to shareholders.

#### **Adviser's Investment Process:**

The Adviser's investment process involves in-depth strategic and financial analysis, with an emphasis on the analysis of industry dynamics, competitive position and management capability and identification of operational improvements to determine the "intrinsic value" of potential investments. The Portfolio typically makes investments in securities and at prices that the Adviser believes in its sole discretion to be below their intrinsic value based on a company's normalized cash flow, growth potential and/or asset value. The Portfolio is allocated to long positions in securities that analysis suggests are significantly undervalued in the marketplace.

The investment process is bottom-up and led by the Adviser's specific sector teams, each of which is responsible for the identification and due diligence of investment ideas. The work of the sector teams is focused on sourcing and researching potential investment opportunities and driving to consensus. In analyzing potential investments, the team focuses on an assessment of industry dynamics, management team capability, paths to liquidity, and the overall risk/reward potential.

The Adviser's fundamental research includes the following detailed analyses:

- Industry attractiveness,
- Competitive analysis,
- Management strategy and capability,
- Absolute and relative valuation versus competitors, and
- Key risks and opportunities.

As part of its in-depth research, the Adviser dedicates significant resources to assessing a company's strategic position rather than simply performing financial analysis. This strategic evaluation generally includes market research, customer and supplier interviews, product and cost comparisons with a company's key competitors and management interviews and reference checks. The Adviser believes that one of the most important assessments is calibrating the strengths and weaknesses of a company's management team. The Adviser has substantial expertise in evaluating management capability due to accumulated experience working with public and private companies. The Adviser seeks to establish relationships with multiple members of a company's management in order to understand the organizational capability broadly.

## **Principal Investment Risks:**

- Equity Risk. Equity securities, such as common stocks, may decline in value because of changes in the price of a particular holding or a broad stock market decline. Equity securities are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value. The equity securities held by the Portfolio may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This may occur because of factors affecting securities markets generally, the equity securities of a particular sector, or a particular company. The Adviser anticipates that the Portfolio will experience moderate near-term volatility in its performance.
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- Foreign Securities Risk. The Portfolio could be subject to greater risks because the Portfolio's performance may depend on issues other than the performance of a particular company or U.S. market sector. Changes in foreign economies and political climates are more likely to affect the Portfolio than a mutual fund that invests exclusively in U.S. companies. The value of foreign securities is also affected by the value of the local currency relative to the U.S. dollar. There may also be less government supervision of foreign markets, resulting in non-uniform accounting practices and less publicly available information. The value of foreign investments may be affected by changes in exchange control regulations, application of foreign tax laws (including withholding tax), changes in governmental administration or economic or monetary policy (in this country or abroad) or changed circumstances in dealings between nations. In addition, foreign brokerage commissions, custody fees and other costs of investing in foreign securities are generally higher than in the United States. Investments in foreign issues could be affected by other factors not present in the United States, including expropriation, armed conflict, confiscatory taxation, and potential difficulties in enforcing contractual obligations. These risks are generally greater in emerging foreign markets than in established foreign markets. As a result, the Portfolio may be exposed to greater risk and will be more dependent on the adviser's ability to assess such risk than if the Portfolio invested solely in more developed countries.
- Foreign Currency Risk. To the extent the Portfolio invests in securities that are denominated in foreign currencies, the value of securities denominated in foreign currencies can change significantly when foreign currencies strengthen or weaken relative to the U.S. dollar. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates and the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the U.S. or abroad. These currency movements may negatively impact the value of the Portfolio even when there is no change in the value of the security in the issuer's home country.
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  market. The prices of growth stocks are based largely on projections of the issuer's future earnings and
  revenues. If a company's earnings or revenues fall short of expectations, its stock price may fall dramatically.
  Growth stocks may also be more expensive relative to their earnings or assets compared to value or other stocks.

- Value Investing Risk. Value investing focuses on companies whose stocks appear undervalued in light of factors such as the company's earnings, book value, revenues or cash flow. If the Adviser's assessment of a company's value or prospects for exceeding earnings expectations or market conditions is wrong, the Portfolio could suffer losses or produce poor performance relative to other funds. In addition, "value stocks" can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time.
- Preferred Stock Risk. Preferred stock, which is a form of hybrid security (i.e., a security with both debt and equity characteristics), may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred stocks are subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities, however, unlike common stocks, participation in the growth of an issuer may be limited. Distributions on preferred stocks are generally payable at the discretion of the issuer's board of directors and after the company makes required payments to holders of its debt securities. For this reason, preferred stocks are subject to greater credit, interest, and liquidation risk than debt securities, and the value of preferred stocks will usually react more strongly than debt securities to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects. Preferred stocks of smaller companies may be more vulnerable to adverse developments than preferred stocks of larger companies. Preferred stocks may be less liquid than common stocks.
- Convertible Securities Risk. The value of a convertible security, which is a form of hybrid security (i.e., a security with both debt and equity characteristics), typically increases or decreases with the price of the underlying common stock. In general, a convertible security is subject to the market risks of stocks when the underlying stock's price is high relative to the conversion price and is subject to the market risks of debt securities when the underlying stock's price is low relative to the conversion price. The general market risks of debt securities that are common to convertible securities include, but are not limited to, interest rate risk and credit risk -- that is, the value of convertible securities will move in the direction opposite to movements in interest rates; they are subject to the risk that the issuer will not be able to pay interest or dividends when due; and their market value may change based on changes in the issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of the issuer's creditworthiness.
- Options Risk. The Portfolio may lose the entire put or call option premium paid if the reference security or index does not decrease below or rise above the respective strike price before expiration. Options may not be an effective hedge because they may have imperfect correlation to the value of the Portfolio's assets. The Portfolio receives a premium from the call options it sells but limits its opportunity to profit from an increase in the value of the underlying stock. If the underlying stock declines more that the option premium received by the Portfolio, there will be a loss on the overall position. If the Portfolio writes option spreads, which combine two or more option contracts as a single trade, the Portfolio will give up some of the opportunity to benefit from potential increases (or decreases) in the value of the underlying securities above (or below the exercise prices) of the written options.
- ADR/GDR Risk. To the extent the Portfolio seeks exposure to foreign companies, the Portfolio's investments may
  be in the form of depositary receipts or other securities convertible into securities of foreign issuers, including
  ADRs and GDRs. While the use of ADRs and GDRs, which are traded on exchanges and represent ownership in
  foreign securities, provide an alternative to directly purchasing the underlying foreign securities in their respective
  national markets and currencies, investments in ADRs and GDRs continue to be subject to certain of the risks
  associated with investing directly in foreign securities.
- Emerging Markets Risk. Investing in emerging market securities imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in foreign developed countries. These risks include: smaller market capitalization of securities markets, which may suffer periods of relative illiquidity; significant price volatility; restrictions on foreign investment; and possible repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales; future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization, or creation of government monopolies. The currencies of emerging market countries may experience significant declines against the U.S. dollar, and devaluation may occur subsequent to investments in these currencies by a fund. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries.

Additional risks of emerging markets securities may include: greater social, economic and political uncertainty and instability; more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; less governmental supervision and regulation; unavailability of currency hedging techniques; companies that are newly organized and small; differences in auditing and financial reporting standards, which may result in unavailability of material information about issuers; and less developed legal systems. In addition, emerging securities markets may have different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions. Settlement problems may cause the Portfolio to miss attractive investment opportunities, hold a portion of its assets in cash pending investment, or be delayed in disposing of a portfolio security. Such a delay could result in possible liability to a purchaser of the security.

- Hedging Risk. The Adviser may attempt to "hedge" the Portfolio's overall investment risk with defensive positions and strategies which may limit potential gains when compared to unhedged funds. There can be no assurance that the Portfolio's hedging strategy will reduce the risk of the Portfolio's investments.
- Issuer-Specific Risk. The Portfolio's net asset value might decrease in response to the activities and financial prospects of an individual company in its investment portfolio. The value of an individual company can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole. The value of certain types of companies can be more volatile due to increased sensitivity to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments.
- Management Risk. Your investment in the Portfolio varies with the effectiveness of the Adviser's research, analysis and asset allocation among portfolio securities. The Adviser's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular security or derivative in which the Portfolio invests or sells short may prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired results. The Adviser's judgments about its ability to assist issuer management teams as a thought partner to add value, or its judgment about the management team's willingness to engage with the Adviser or to effectively implement changes, may similarly prove to be incorrect and may not produce the desired result.
- Market and Geopolitical Risk. 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. Securities in the Portfolio may underperform due to inflation (or expectations for inflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, natural disasters, climate change and climate related events, pandemics, epidemics, terrorism, international conflicts, regulatory events and governmental or quasi-governmental actions. The occurrence of global events similar to those in recent years, such as terrorist attacks around the world, natural disasters, social and political discord or debt crises and downgrades, among others, may result in market volatility and may have long term effects on both the U.S. and global financial markets. It is difficult to predict when similar events affecting the U.S. or global financial markets may occur, the effects that such events may have and the duration of those effects. Any such event(s) could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Portfolio. The COVID-19 global pandemic has had negative impacts, and in many cases severe negative impacts, on markets worldwide. It is not known how long such impacts, or any future impacts of other significant events described above, will or would last, but there could be a prolonged period of global economic slowdown, which may impact your investment. Therefore, the Portfolio could lose money over short periods due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during more prolonged market downturns. During a general market downturn, multiple asset classes may be negatively affected. Changes in market conditions and interest rates can have the same impact on all types of securities and instruments. In times of severe market disruptions you could lose your entire investment.
- Investments in the Media Industry Risk. The Portfolio may invest in media-related assets. Companies in the media industry may encounter distressed cash flows due to the need to commit substantial capital to meet increasing competition, particularly in formulating new products and services using new technology. Media companies are subject to risks that include cyclicality of revenues and earnings, a potential decrease in the discretionary income of targeted individuals, changing consumer tastes and interests, competition in the industry and the potential for increased state and federal regulation. Advertising spending is an important source of revenue for media companies. During economic downturns, advertising spending typically decreases and, as a result, media companies tend to generate less revenue.
- Financial Sector Risk. Companies in the financial sector are subject to governmental regulation and intervention, which may adversely affect the scope of their activities, the prices they can charge and the amount of capital they must maintain. Governmental regulation may change frequently, and may have adverse consequences for companies in the financial sector, including effects not intended by such regulation. The impact of recent or future regulation in various countries on any individual financial company or on the sector, as a whole, is not known.
- Industrial Industry Risk. The Portfolio may invest in industrial-related assets. In doing so, the Portfolio is subject to risks faced by companies in the industrial economic sector, including: effects on stock prices by supply and demand both for their specific product or service and for industrial sector products in general; decline in demand for products due to rapid technological developments and frequent new product introduction; effects on securities prices and profitability from government regulation, world events and economic conditions; and risks for environmental damage and product liability claims.

- Investments in the Information Technology Industry Risk. Securities of information technology companies may be subject to greater volatility than stocks of companies in other market sectors. Like other technology companies, information technology companies may be affected by intense competition, obsolescence of existing technology, general economic conditions and government regulation and may have limited product lines, markets, financial resources or personnel. Information technology companies may experience dramatic and often unpredictable changes in growth rates and competition for qualified personnel. These companies also are heavily dependent on patent and intellectual property rights, the loss or impairment of which may adversely affect profitability. A small number of companies represent a large portion of the information technology industry as a whole.
- Investments in the Telecommunications Industry Risk. The Portfolio may make infrastructure-related investments in the telecommunications sector including sharing economy applications, vertical integration applications, and emerging internet services. Investment opportunities in the telecommunications sector are driven largely by consumer demand, technological advances, and improvements in data collection and storage. Changes in the development and proliferation of new technologies, data transmission and/or consumer demand, as well as changes in the prevailing global economy, may adversely affect the Portfolio's ability to identify and consummate attractive infrastructure-related investments in the telecommunications sector.
- Investments in Consumer-Related Industries Risk. Consumer-related industries are typically very competitive and are characterized by a crowded field of competitors. Although there may not be high barriers to entry, long-term market success is subject to a number of factors, many of which lie outside the control of the Portfolio. Consumer spending may be disproportionately affected by adverse economic conditions, and consumer spending patterns in the emerging economies in which the Portfolio intends to invest may be difficult to predict. In addition, investments may face competition from a number of other, more established market participants, including global companies with much greater financial, marketing, and other resources. In either case, the Portfolio's investment results may be affected in a materially adverse manner.
- The biotechnology, Investments in the Healthcare, Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Industries Risk. genetic/genomic testing and cancer therapeutic fields are highly competitive. Tests and therapies that are developed are characterized by rapid technological change. Investment competitors include venture capital-funded biotechnology companies, public and private pharmaceutical companies, universities, and public and private research institutions. In recent years, there have been numerous advances in technologies relating to the diagnosis and treatment of various cancer types. A number of other companies have cancer therapies and drug candidates in various stages of pre-clinical or clinical development, some of which may be commercialized in the near future, and the success of other cancer-treating drugs may diminish the need for and marketability of treatments that may be developed. Technological advances in the biotechnology industry can render an existing product, which may account for a disproportionate share of a company's revenue, obsolete. Such developments may result in abrupt advances and declines in the securities prices of particular companies and, in some cases, may have a broad effect on the prices of securities of companies in particular healthcare and biotechnology industries. Within the pharmaceuticals industry, the development of products generally is a costly and time-consuming process. Many highly promising products ultimately fail to prove safe and effective. Products under development and pre-clinical testing generally will require extensive clinical testing prior to application for commercial use. There can be no assurance that the research or product development efforts of the issuers in which the Portfolio invests or those of their collaborative partners will be successfully completed, that specific products can be manufactured in adequate quantities at an acceptable cost and with appropriate quality, or that such products can be successfully marketed or achieve customer acceptance.
- Limited Operating History Risk. The Portfolio has a limited operating history. The past performance of the Portfolio or of other investment funds sponsored by the Adviser or its affiliates is not predictive of the Portfolio's future performance. The Portfolio employs a different investment strategy from other investment funds sponsored by the Adviser or its affiliates and makes investments in a different portfolio of securities. Accordingly, the performance of other funds and investments should not be construed as a projection of the Portfolio's future performance. The successful operation of the Portfolio is dependent upon the success of the Adviser.

#### **Non-Principal Investment Risks**

Swaps Risk. Swap agreements are subject to the risk that the counterparty to the swap will default on its obligation to pay a fund and the risk that a fund will not be able to meet its obligations to pay the counterparty to the swap. Swap agreements may also involve fees, commissions or other costs that may reduce a fund's gains from a swap agreement or may cause a fund to lose money. In a total return swap, the buyer receives a periodic return equal to the total return of a specified security, securities or index, for a specified period of time. In return, the buyer pays the counterparty a variable stream of payments, typically based upon short term interest rates, possibly plus or minus an agreed upon spread. Like a traditional investment in a debt security, the Portfolio could lose money by investing in an interest rate swap if interest rates change adversely. For example, if the Portfolio enters into a swap where it agrees to exchange a floating rate of interest for a fixed rate of interest, the Portfolio may have to pay more money than it receives. Interest rate and total return swaps entered into in which payments are not netted may entail greater risk than a swap entered into a net basis. There is a risk that adverse price movements in an instrument can result in a loss substantially greater than the Portfolio's initial investment in that instrument (in some cases, the potential loss is unlimited). If there is a default by the other party to such a transaction, the Portfolio will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, particularly in the case of privately-negotiated instruments, there is a risk that the counterparty will not perform its obligations, which could leave the Portfolio worse off than if it had not entered into the position. These instruments are subject to high levels of volatility, in some cases due to the high levels of leverage the Portfolio may achieve with them. The fund may use a swap to obtain short exposure to an index, meaning that the Portfolio may incur a loss (which, in some cases, has the potential to be unlimited) if the index increases in value.

**Temporary Investments:** For temporary defensive purposes during unusual economic or market conditions or for liquidity purposes, the Portfolio may invest 100% of its total assets, without limitation, in cash, high-quality short-term debt securities and money market instruments. These short-term debt securities and money market instruments include: shares of money market mutual funds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, U.S. Government securities and repurchase agreements. When the Portfolio is in a defensive position, the Portfolio may not achieve its investment objective will be limited. Furthermore, to the extent that the Portfolio invests in money market mutual funds, there will be some duplication of expenses because the Portfolio pays its pro-rata portion of such money market funds' advisory fees and operational fees. The Portfolio may invest a substantial portion of its assets in such instruments at any time to maintain liquidity or pending selection of investments in accordance with its policies.

**Portfolio Holdings Disclosure:** A description of the Portfolio's policies regarding the release of portfolio holdings information is available in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information.

**Cybersecurity:** The computer systems, networks and devices used by the Portfolio 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 Portfolio and its service providers, systems, networks, or devices potentially can be breached. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio's business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses; interference with the Portfolio's ability to calculate its NAV; impediments to trading; the inability of the Portfolio, 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 Portfolio invests; counterparties with which the Portfolio 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 Portfolio'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 PORTFOLIO**

**Investment Adviser:** Bain Capital Public Equity, LP (the "Adviser"), 200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA serves as investment adviser to the Portfolio. Subject to the authority of the Board, the Adviser is responsible for management of the Portfolio's investment portfolio. The Adviser is responsible for selecting the Portfolio's investments according to the Portfolio's investment objective, policies and restrictions. The Adviser was established in 1996 and provides investment advisory services to private funds, registered funds and separate accounts. As of June 31, 2024, the Adviser had approximately \$3.1 billion in assets under management.

Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement between the Trust and the Adviser, on behalf of the Portfolio, the Adviser is entitled to receive, on a monthly basis, an annual advisory fee in accordance with the incremental advisory fee schedule below based on the Portfolio average daily net assets.

Net Assets of Portfolio	Incremental Advisory Fee
\$0-\$150 million	1.25%
\$150 million - \$400 million	1.20%
\$400 million - \$600 million	1.15%
\$600 million - \$800 million	1.10%
\$800 million - \$1 billion	1.05%
\$1 billion +	1.00%

In addition, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its management fees to limit Portfolio expenses, until April 30, 2026 so that the total annual operating expenses (including organizational and offering expenses) of the Portfolio (excluding any brokerage fees and commissions; acquired fund fees and expenses; fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example options and swap fees and expenses); borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short); taxes; and extraordinary expenses) of the Portfolio do not exceed 1.35% and 1.60% for Class 1 and Class 2 shares, respectively. These fee waivers and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Portfolio in future years (within the three years after the fees have been waived or reimbursed) if such recoupment does not cause the Portfolio to exceed existing expense limitations or the limitations in place at the time the reduction was originally made. A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement will be available in the Portfolio's annual shareholder report dated December 31, 2024.

#### Portfolio Manager:

Joshua Ross joined Bain Capital Public Equity in 2016. He is a Partner and the Chief Investment Officer for Bain Capital Public Equity. Prior to joining Bain Capital, Mr. Ross worked for ten years at Och-Ziff Capital Management as an Executive Managing Director. His last role at Och-Ziff was co- head of the U.S. Equities business. Prior to that, Mr. Ross worked as a co-Portfolio Manager of the Franklin Mutual Global Financial Services Fund. Mr. Ross began his career at Fidelity as an analyst. After that, he was at Adage Capital. Mr. Ross holds his A.B. in Economics from Princeton University.

The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information provides additional information about the portfolio manager's compensation structure, other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, and the portfolio manager's ownership of shares of the Portfolio.

# **HOW SHARES ARE PRICED**

The public offering price and NAV of each class of Portfolio shares are determined at close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for business. NAV is computed by determining the aggregate market value of all assets of the Portfolio less its liabilities divided by the total number of the Portfolio's shares outstanding, on a per-class basis. ((Assets minus liabilities)/number of shares=NAV). The NYSE is closed on weekends and New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The NAV takes into account the per-class expenses and fees of the Portfolio, including management, administration, and distribution fees, if any, which are accrued daily. The determination of NAV for a particular day is applicable to all applications for the purchase of shares, as well as all requests for the redemption of shares, received by the Portfolio (or an authorized broker or agent, or its authorized designee) before the close of trading on the NYSE on that day.

Generally, securities are valued each day at the last quoted sales price on each security's primary exchange. Securities traded or dealt in one or more securities exchanges (whether domestic or foreign) for which market quotations are readily available and not subject to restrictions against resale shall be valued at the last quoted sales price on the primary exchange or, in the absence of a sale on the primary exchange, at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on such exchange. Securities primarily traded in the National Association of Securities Dealers' Automated Quotation System ("NASDAQ") National Market System for which market quotations are readily available shall be valued using the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. Securities that are not traded or dealt in any securities exchange (whether domestic or foreign) and for which over-the-counter market quotations are readily available generally shall be valued at the last sale price or, in the absence of a sale, at the mean between the current bid and ask price on such over-the-counter market. Debt securities not traded on an exchange may be valued at prices supplied by a pricing agent(s) based on broker or dealer supplied valuations or matrix pricing, a method of valuing securities by reference to the value of other securities with similar characteristics, such as rating, interest rate and maturity. It is possible that the valuation determined by matrix pricing for a debt security may differ materially from the value that would be realized if the security were sold. During times of market volatility, it may be necessary for the Portfolio to utilize its fair value procedures to value (as described below) certain debt securities.

If market quotations are not readily available, securities will be valued at their fair market value as determined in good faith by the adviser in accordance with procedures approved by the Board, and evaluated by the Board as to the reliability of the fair value method used. Fair value pricing involves subjective judgments and it is possible that the fair value determined for a security may be materially different than the value that could be realized upon the sale of that security. The fair value prices can differ from market prices when they become available or when a price becomes available. The Board has designated the Adviser as its Valuation Designee for execution of these procedures. The Valuation Designee may also enlist third party consultants such as an audit firm or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value. The Board reviews and ratifies the execution of this process and the resultant fair value prices at least quarterly to assure the process produces reliable results.

The Portfolio may use independent pricing services to assist in calculating the value of the Portfolio's securities. In addition, market prices for foreign securities are not determined at the same time of day as the NAV for the Portfolio. Because the Portfolio may invest in foreign securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that may trade on weekends or other days when the Portfolio does not price its shares, the value of the Portfolio's portfolio may change on days when you may not be able to buy or sell the Portfolio's shares. In computing its NAV, the Portfolio values foreign securities held by the Portfolio at the latest closing price on the exchange in which they are traded immediately prior to closing of the NYSE. Prices of foreign securities quoted in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at current rates. If events materially affecting the value of a security in the Portfolio's portfolio, particularly foreign securities, occur before the Portfolio prices its shares, the security will be valued at fair value. For example, if trading in a portfolio security is halted and does not resume before the Portfolio calculates its NAV, the Adviser may need to price the security using the Portfolio's fair value pricing guidelines. Without a fair value price, short-term traders could take advantage of the arbitrage opportunity and dilute the NAV of long-term investors. Fair valuation of the Portfolio's portfolio securities can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities available to short-term traders, but there is no assurance that fair value pricing policies will prevent dilution of the Portfolio's NAV by short term traders. The determination of fair value involves subjective judgments. As a result, fair valuing a security may result in a price materially different from the prices used by other mutual funds to determine net asset value or the price that may be realized upon the actual sale of the security.

With respect to any portion of the Portfolio's assets that are invested in one or more open-end management investment companies that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, (the "1940 Act"), the Portfolio's NAV is calculated based upon the NAVs of the registered open-end management investment companies in which the Portfolio invests, and the prospectuses for these companies explain the circumstances under which those companies will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

# **HOW TO PURCHASE AND REDEEM SHARES**

**Share Classes:** This Prospectus describes two classes of shares offered by the Portfolio: Class 1 and Class 2. The Portfolio offers these two classes of shares so that you can choose the class that best suits your investment needs. The main difference between each class is ongoing fees. Class 1 shares do not assess a distribution and/or shareholder servicing fee, whereas Class 2 shares include an annual fee of up to 0.25% of average net assets to compensate the Distributor for the provision of account maintenance and/or distribution services to shareholders. For information on ongoing distribution fees, see **Distribution Fees** on page 17 of this Prospectus. Each class of shares in the Portfolio represents interest in the same portfolio of investments in the Portfolio. The Portfolio may not be available for purchase in all states.

As described earlier in this Prospectus, shares of the Portfolio are intended to be sold to certain separate accounts of the participating life insurance companies, as well as qualified pension and retirement plans and certain unregistered separate accounts. You and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts will not own shares of the Portfolio directly. Rather, all shares will be held by the separate accounts for your benefit and the benefit of other purchasers of variable annuity contracts. All investments in the Portfolio are credited to the shareholder's account in the form of full or fractional shares of the Portfolio. The Portfolio does not issue share certificates. Separate accounts may redeem shares to make benefit or surrender payments to you and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts or for other reasons described in the separate account prospectus that you received when you purchased your variable annuity contract. Redemptions are processed on any day on which the Portfolio is open for business. Please refer to your insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information.

#### When Order is Processed

Shares of the Portfolio are purchased and redeemed at their current NAV per share without the imposition of any sales commission or redemption charge, although certain sales and other charges may apply to the policies or annuity contracts in which you invest. These charges are described in the applicable product prospectus, and you should refer to the applicable insurance contract prospectus or retirement plan documents for additional information. Requests to purchase and sell shares are processed at the NAV next calculated after the request is received by the Participating Insurance Company, or qualified pension or retirement plan, in good order. All requests received in good order by a Participating Insurance Company, or qualified pension or retirement plan before the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the NYSE is open will be executed on that same day. Requests received after the close of regular trading on the NYSE, or on any day the NYSE is closed, will be processed on the next business day. The Participating Insurance Company or qualified pension or retirement plan is responsible for properly transmitting purchase orders and federal funds to the Portfolio.

The Portfolio typically expects that it will take up to 7 days following the receipt of your redemption request to pay out redemption proceeds by check or electronic transfer. The Portfolio typically expects to pay redemptions from cash, cash equivalents, proceeds from the sale of Portfolio shares, any lines of credit, and then the sale of portfolio securities. These redemptions payment methods will be used in regular and stressed market conditions.

The USA PATRIOT Act requires financial institutions, including the Portfolio, to adopt certain policies and programs to prevent money laundering activities, including procedures to verify the identity of customers opening new accounts. You will be required by your insurance company, or pension or retirement plan, to supply certain information, such as your full name, date of birth, social security number and permanent street address. This information will assist them in verifying your identity. As required by law, your insurance company, or pension or retirement plan may employ various procedures, such as comparing the information to fraud databases or requesting additional information or documentation from you, to ensure that the information supplied by you is correct.

# TAX CONSEQUENCES

The Portfolio intends to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). As qualified, the Portfolio is not subject to federal income tax on that part of its taxable income that it distributes to the separate accounts. Taxable income consists generally of net investment income, and any capital gains. It is the Portfolio's intention to distribute all such income and gains.

Generally, owners of variable insurance contracts are not taxed currently on income or gains realized with respect to such contracts. However, some distributions from such contracts may be taxable at ordinary income tax rates. In addition, distributions made to an owner who is younger than 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% penalty tax. Investors should ask their own tax advisors for more information on their own tax situation, including possible state or local taxes.

Shares of the Portfolio are offered to the separate accounts of the participating life insurance companies and their affiliates. Separate accounts are insurance company separate accounts that fund the annuity contracts. Under the Code, the insurance company pays no tax with respect to income of a qualifying separate account when the income is properly allocable to the value of eligible variable annuity contracts. In order for shareholders to receive the favorable tax treatment available to holders of variable insurance contracts, the separate accounts, as well as the Portfolio, must meet certain diversification requirements. If the Portfolio does not meet such requirements, income allocable to the contracts would be taxable currently to the holders of such contracts. The diversification requirements are discussed below.

Section 817(h) of the Code and the regulations thereunder impose "diversification" requirements on the Portfolio. The Portfolio intends to comply with the diversification requirements. These requirements are in addition to the diversification requirements imposed on the Portfolio by Subchapter M and the 1940 Act. The 817(h) requirements place certain limitations on the assets of each separate account that may be invested in securities of a single issuer. Specifically, the regulations provide that, except as permitted by "safe harbor" rules described below, as of the end of each calendar quarter or within 30 days thereafter, no more than 55% of a portfolio's total assets may be represented by any one investment, no more than 70% by any two investments, no more than 80% by any three investments, and no more than 90% by any four investments.

Section 817(h) also provides, as a safe harbor, that a separate account will be treated as being adequately diversified if the diversification requirements under Subchapter M are satisfied and no more than 55% of the value of the account's total assets is cash and cash items, government securities, and securities of other regulated investment companies. For purposes of Section 817(h), all securities of the same issuer, all interests in the same real property, and all interests in the same commodity are treated as a single investment. In addition, each U.S. government agency or instrumentality is treated as a separate issuer, while the securities of a particular foreign government and its agencies, instrumentalities, and political subdivisions all will be considered securities issued by the same issuer. If the Portfolio does not satisfy the Section 817(h) requirements, the separate accounts, the insurance company, the policies and the annuity contracts may be taxable. See the prospectuses for the policies and annuity contracts.

For a more complete discussion of the taxation of the life insurance company and the separate accounts, as well as the tax treatment of the annuity contracts and the holders thereof, see the prospectus for the applicable annuity contract.

The preceding is only a summary of some of the important federal income tax considerations generally affecting the Portfolio and you; see the Statement of Additional Information for a more detailed discussion. You are urged to consult your tax advisors for more information.

## **DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS**

All dividends are distributed to the separate accounts or other shareholders on an annual basis or more frequently and will be automatically reinvested in Portfolio shares unless an election is made on behalf of a separate account or other shareholder to receive some or all of the dividends in cash. Dividends are not taxable as current income to you or other purchasers of variable insurance contracts.

### FREQUENT PURCHASES AND REDEMPTIONS OF PORTFOLIO SHARES

The Portfolio discourages and does not accommodate market timing. Frequent trading into and out of the Portfolio can harm all Portfolio shareholders by disrupting the Portfolio's investment strategies, increasing Portfolio expenses, decreasing tax efficiency and diluting the value of shares held by long-term shareholders. The Portfolio is designed for long-term investors and is not intended for market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Accordingly, the Board has approved policies that seek to curb these disruptive activities while recognizing that shareholders may have a legitimate need to adjust their Portfolio investments as their financial needs or circumstances change.

The Portfolio reserves the right to reject or restrict purchase or exchange requests for any reason, particularly when a shareholder's trading activity suggests that the shareholder may be engaged in market timing or other disruptive trading activities. Neither the Portfolio nor the Adviser will be liable for any losses resulting from rejected purchase or exchange orders. The Adviser may also bar an investor who has violated these policies (and the investor's financial adviser) from opening new accounts with the Portfolio.

Because purchase and sale transactions are submitted to the Portfolio on an aggregated basis by the insurance company issuing the variable insurance contract or variable life contract, or other shareholder, the Portfolio is not able to identify market timing transactions by individual variable insurance contract or plan participant. Short of rejecting all transactions made by a separate account, the Portfolio lacks the ability to reject individual short-term trading transactions. The Portfolio, therefore, has to rely upon the insurance company or other shareholder to police restrictions in the variable insurance contracts or according to the insurance company's administrative policies, or such shareholder's plan documents. The Portfolio has entered into an information sharing agreement with the insurance company or other shareholders that use the Portfolio as an underlying investment vehicle for its separate accounts. Under this agreement, the insurance company or other shareholder is obligated to (i) adopt and enforce during the term of the agreement a market timing policy, the terms of which are acceptable to the Portfolio; (ii) furnish the Portfolio, upon its request, with information regarding contract or policyholder trading activities in shares of the Portfolio; and (iii) enforce its market timing policy with respect to contract, policyholders or plan participants identified by the Portfolio as having engaged in market timing.

The Portfolio will seek to monitor for market timing activities, such as unusual cash flows, and work with the applicable insurance company or plan to determine whether or not short-term trading is involved. When information regarding transactions in the Portfolio's shares is requested by the Portfolio and such information is in the possession of a person that is itself a financial intermediary to the insurance company (an "indirect intermediary"), the insurance company is obligated to obtain transaction information from the indirect intermediary or, if directed by the Portfolio, to restrict or prohibit the indirect intermediary from purchasing shares of the Portfolio on behalf of the contract or policyholder or any other persons. The Portfolio will seek to apply these policies as uniformly as practicable. It is. however, more difficult to locate and eliminate individual market timers in the separate accounts because information about trading is received on a delayed basis and there can be no assurances that the Portfolio will be able to do so. In addition, the right of an owner of a variable insurance product to transfer among sub-accounts is governed by a contract between the insurance company and the owner. Many of these contracts do not limit the number of transfers that a contract owner may make among the available investment options. The terms of these contracts, the presence of financial intermediaries (including the insurance company) between the Portfolio and the contract and policyholders and other factors such as state insurance laws may limit the Portfolio's ability to deter market timing. Multiple tiers of such financial intermediaries may further compound the Portfolio's difficulty in deterring such market timing activities. Variable insurance contract holders should consult the prospectus for their variable insurance contract for additional information on contract level restrictions relating to market timing.

# **DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES**

**Distributor:** Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, 4221 North 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474, is the distributor for the shares of the Portfolio. Northern Lights Distributors, LLC is a registered broker-dealer and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). Shares of the Portfolio are offered on a continuous basis.

**Distribution Fees:** The Trust, with respect to the Portfolio, has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the "Plan"), pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act, which allows the Portfolio to pay the Portfolio's distributor an annual fee for distribution and shareholder servicing expenses of 0.25% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets attributable to Class 2 shares. A portion of the fee payable pursuant to the Plan, equal to up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets, may be characterized as a service fee as such term is defined under Rule 2341 of the FINRA Conduct Rules. A service fee is a payment made for personal service and/or the maintenance of shareholder accounts.

The Portfolio's distributor and other entities are paid under the Plan for services provided and the expenses borne by the distributor and others in the distribution of Portfolio shares, including the payment of commissions for sales of the shares and incentive compensation to and expenses of dealers and others who engage in or support distribution of shares or who service shareholder accounts, including overhead and telephone expenses; printing and distribution of prospectuses and reports used in connection with the offering of the Portfolio's shares to other than current shareholders; and preparation, printing and distribution of sales literature and advertising materials.

In addition, the distributor or other entities may utilize fees paid pursuant to the Plan to compensate dealers or other entities for their opportunity costs in advancing such amounts, which compensation would be in the form of a carrying charge on any un-reimbursed expenses.

You should be aware that if you hold your shares for a substantial period of time, you may indirectly pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge allowed by the FINRA due to the recurring nature of distribution (12b-1) fees.

Additional Compensation to Financial Intermediaries: The Portfolio's distributor, its affiliates, and the Adviser may each, at its own expense and out of their own legitimate profits, provide additional cash payments to financial intermediaries who sell shares of the Portfolio. Financial intermediaries include brokers, financial planners, banks, insurance companies, retirement or 401(k) plan administrators and others. These payments may be in addition to the Rule 12b-1 fees and any sales charges that are disclosed elsewhere in this Prospectus. These payments are generally made to financial intermediaries that provide shareholder or administrative services, or marketing support. Marketing support may include access to sales meetings, sales representatives and financial intermediary management representatives, inclusion of the Portfolio on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, or other sales programs. These payments also may be made as an expense reimbursement in cases where the financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Portfolio shareholders. The Distributor may, from time to time, provide promotional incentives, including reallowance and/or payment of up to the entire sales charge, to certain investment firms. Such incentives may, at the Distributor's discretion, be limited to investment firms who allow their individual selling representatives to participate in such additional commissions.

**Householding:** To reduce expenses, we mail only one copy of the prospectus and each annual and semi-annual report to those addresses shared by two or more accounts. If you wish to receive individual copies of these documents, please call the Portfolio at (877) 322-0576 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on days the Portfolio is open for business or contact your financial institution. We will begin sending you individual copies thirty days after receiving your request.

#### **Voting and Meetings**

The Participating Insurance Company that issued your variable contract will solicit voting instructions from you and other purchasers of variable annuity contracts with respect to any matters that are presented to a vote of shareholders. The insurance company may be required to vote on a proportional basis, which means that for shares outstanding for which it receives no instructions, the insurance company will vote those shares in the same proportion as the shares for which it did receive instructions (either for or against a proposal). To the extent the insurance company is required to vote the total Portfolio shares held in its separate accounts on a proportional basis, it is possible that a small number of variable insurance contract owners would be able to determine the outcome of a matter. Shareholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share held.

The Portfolio does not hold annual meetings of shareholders but may hold special meetings. Special meetings are held, for example, to elect or remove Trustees, change the Portfolio's fundamental investment policies, or approve an investment advisory contract. Unless required otherwise by applicable laws, one-third of the outstanding shares constitute a quorum (or one-third of the class if the matter relates only to a class). The Portfolio and the insurance company may vote all shares as set forth above.

# **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Because the Portfolio has only recently commenced investment operations, no financial highlights are available for the Portfolio at this time. In the future, financial highlights will be presented in this section of the Prospectus.

# **PRIVACY NOTICE**

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# **FACTS**

# WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS VARIABLE TRUST DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

### Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some, but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

### What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depends on the product or service that you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and wire transfer instructions
- account transactions and transaction history
- investment experience and purchase history

When you are *no longer* our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

#### How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Northern Lights Variable Trust chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information:	Does Northern Lights Variable Trust share information?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus.	YES	NO
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you.	NO	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and records.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your credit worthiness.	NO	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	NO	We don't share

**QUESTIONS?** 

Call 1-631-490-4300

What we do:	
How does Northern Lights Variable Trust protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.  Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.
How does Northern Lights Variable Trust collect my personal information?	We collect your personal information, for example, when you  open an account or deposit money direct us to buy securities or direct us to sell your securities seek advice about your investments
	We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit only:  • sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your creditworthiness.  • affiliates from using your information to market to you.
	sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you.  State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

Definitions	
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	Northern Lights Variable Trust does not share with its affiliates.
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
	Northern Lights Variable Trust does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.
	Northern Lights Variable Trust doesn't jointly market.

#### BAIN CAPITAL EQUITY OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Adviser	Bain Capital Public Equity, LP 200 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116	Distributor	Northern Lights Distributors, LLC 4221 North 203rd Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474
Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	RSM US LLP 555 Seventeenth Street, Suite 1200 Denver, CO 80202	Legal Counsel	Thompson Hine LLP 41 South High Street, Suite 1700 Columbus, OH 43215
Custodian	The Bank of New York Mellon One Wall Street New York, NY 10286	Transfer Agent	Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC 4221 North 203 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, NE 68022-3474

Additional information about the Portfolio is included in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information dated October 16, 2024 (the "SAI"). The SAI is incorporated into this Prospectus by reference (i.e., legally made a part of this Prospectus). The SAI provides more details about the Portfolio's policies and management. Additional information about the Portfolio's investments will also be available in the Portfolio's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders. In the Portfolio's Annual Report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Portfolio's performance during its last fiscal year.

To obtain a free copy of the SAI, the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to Shareholders, or other information about the Portfolio, or to make shareholder inquiries about the Portfolio, please call (877) 322-0576 or visit www.baincapitalequityopportunitiesfund.com. You may also write to:

### **Bain Capital Equity Opportunities Fund**

c/o Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC 4221 North 203<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100 Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022-3474

You can obtain copies of the Portfolio's Prospectus, Statement of Additional Information, annual or semiannual reports without charge by contacting the Portfolio's transfer agent, Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC, 4221 North 203rd, Suite 100, Elkhorn, Nebraska 68022 or by calling (877) 322-0576. You may also obtain copies by visiting the Portfolio's website at <a href="https://www.baincapitalequityopportunitiesfund.com">www.baincapitalequityopportunitiesfund.com</a>. Reports and other information about the Portfolio are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's Internet site at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

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