## **Sales Charges and Dealer Reallowance**

Class A shares of the Funds are retail shares that require that you pay a sales charge when you invest unless you qualify for a reduction or waiver of the sales charge. Class A shares are also subject to Rule 12b-1 fees (or distribution and service fees) of up to 0.25% of average daily net assets that are assessed against the shares of the Funds.

If you purchase Class A shares of the Funds you will pay the NAV next determined after your order is received plus a sales charge (shown in percentages below) depending on the amount of your investment. The sales charge does not apply to shares purchased with reinvested dividends. The sales charge is calculated as follows and the portion of the initial sales charge the Distributor re-allows to dealers is as shown in the far-right column:

Investment Amount	Sales Charge as a % of Offering Price <sup>(1)</sup>	Sales Charge as a % of Net Amount Invested	Dealer Reallowance
Less than \$50,000	5.00%	5.26%	4.50%
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000	4.50%	4.71%	4.00%
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000	3.50%	3.63%	3.00%
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	2.50%	2.56%	2.00%
\$500,000 but less than \$750,000	2.00%	2.04%	1.50%
\$750,000 but less than \$1 million	1.50%	1.52%	1.00%
\$1 million or more <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.75%

<sup>(1)</sup> Offering price includes the front-end sales load. The sales charge you pay may differ slightly from the amount set forth above because of rounding that occurs in the calculation used to determine your sales charge.

The difference between the total amount invested and the sum of (a) the net proceeds to the Funds and (b) the dealer reallowance, is the amount of the initial sales charge retained by the Distributor (also known as the "underwriter concession"). At the discretion of the Distributor, up to 80% of the underwriter concessions retained by the Distributor may be (1) used to offset the compensation owed to the Distributor for its services, and/or (2) made available by the Distributor to the Funds for pre-approved marketing expenses. In addition to the underwriter concession retained by the Distributor, the Distributor retains the entire initial sales charge on accounts with no authorized dealer of record.

## Breakpoints/Volume Discounts and Sales Charge Waivers (Partners Fund and Cornerstone Fund)

Reducing Your Sales Charge. You may be able to reduce the sales charge on Class A shares of the Funds based on the combined market value of your accounts. If you believe you are eligible for any of the following reductions or waivers, it is up to you to ask the selling agent or shareholder servicing agent for the reduction and to provide appropriate proof of eligibility.

- You pay no sales charges on Fund shares you buy with reinvested distributions.
- You pay a lower sales charge if you are investing an amount over a specific breakpoint level as indicated by the above table.
- You pay no sales charges on Fund shares you purchase with the proceeds of a redemption of Class A shares within 120 days of the date of the redemption.
- By signing a Letter of Intent (LOI), you pay a lower sales charge now in exchange for promising to invest an amount over a specified breakpoint within the next 13 months. Any shares purchased

<sup>(2)</sup> Class A shares that are purchased at NAV in amounts of \$1 million or more may be assessed a 0.75% CDSC if they are redeemed within twelve months from the date of purchase. See "More about Class A Shares" in the statutory Prospectus for further information.

within 90 days of the date you sign the LOI may be used as credit towards completion, but the reduced sales charge will only apply to new purchases made on or after that date. Reinvested dividends and capital gains do not count as purchases made during this period. The Transfer Agent will hold in escrow shares equal to approximately 5% of the amount you say you intend to buy. If you do not invest the amount specified in the LOI before the expiration date, the Transfer Agent will redeem enough escrowed shares to pay the difference between the reduced sales load you paid and the sales load you should have paid. Otherwise, the Transfer Agent will release the escrowed shares when you have invested the agreed amount. For example, an investor has \$25,000 to invest in a Fund, but intends to invest an additional \$2,000 per month for the next 13 months for a total of \$51,000. Based on the above breakpoint schedule, by signing the LOI, the investor pays a frontend load of 4.50% rather than 5.00%. If the investor fails to meet the intended LOI amount in the 13-month period, however, the Funds will charge the higher sales load retroactively.

• Rights of Accumulation ("ROA") allow you to combine Class A shares you already own in order to reach breakpoint levels and to qualify for sales load discounts on subsequent purchases of Class A shares. The purchase amount used in determining the sales charge on your purchase will be calculated by multiplying the maximum public offering price by the number of Class A shares of the Funds already owned and adding the dollar amount of your current purchase. For example, an individual has a \$55,000 investment in a Fund, which was sold with a 4.50% front-end load. The investor intends to open a second account and purchase \$50,000 of the Funds. Using ROA, the new \$50,000 investment is combined with the existing \$55,000 investment to reach the \$100,000 breakpoint, and the sales charge on the new investment is 3.50% (rather than the 4.50% for a single transaction amount).

Eligible Accounts. Certain accounts may be aggregated for ROA eligibility, including your current investment in a Fund, and previous investments you and members of your primary household group have made in a Fund, provided your investment was subject to a sales charge. (Your primary household group consists of you, your spouse, child, stepchild, parent, sibling, grandchild and grandparent, in each case including in-law and adoptive relationships.) Specifically, the following accounts are eligible to be included in determining the sales charge on your purchase, if a sales charge has been paid on those purchases:

- Individual or joint accounts held in your name;
- Trust accounts for which you or a member of your primary household group, individually, is the beneficiary; and
- Accounts held in the name of you or your spouse's sole proprietorship or single owner limited liability company or S corporation.

The following accounts are not eligible to be included in determining ROA eligibility:

• Investments in Class A shares where the sales charge was waived.

Waiving Your Sales Charge. The Funds' Adviser reserves the right to waive the sales charges for certain groups or classes of shareholders. If you fall into any of the following categories, you can buy Class A shares at NAV per share without a sales charge:

- Current and retired employees, directors/trustees and officers of:
  - i. The Trust; and
  - ii. The Adviser and its affiliates;

- iii. Family members (spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and siblings (including step and in-law)) of (i)-(ii); and
- Any trust, pension, profit sharing or other benefit plan for current employees, directors/trustees and officers of the Adviser and its affiliates:
- Current employees of:
  - i. The Transfer Agent;
  - ii. broker-dealers who act as selling agents for the Funds/Trust;
  - iii. family members (spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren and siblings (including step and in-law)) of (i)-(ii);
- Qualified registered investment advisers who buy through a broker-dealer or service agent who has
  entered into an agreement with the Distributor that allows for load-waived Class A shares purchases;
  and
- Certain qualified employee benefit plans or savings plans, including, but not limited to, those plans qualified under Sections 401(k), 403(b) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, profit-sharing plans and money purchase pension plans.

The Trust also reserves the right to enter into agreements that reduce or eliminate sales charges for other groups or classes of shareholders, including for Fund shares included in other investment plans such as "wrap accounts." If you own Fund shares as part of another account or package, such as an IRA or a sweep account, you should read the terms and conditions that apply for that account. Those terms and conditions may supersede the terms and conditions discussed here. Contact your Broker for further information.

Each financial intermediary may impose different sales loads and waivers. Certain sales load waiver variations are described in <u>Appendix A</u> to the <u>Prospectus</u>. Investors who are converted from Institutional Class shares by their financial intermediary will not be subject to a sales load at the time of conversion.