

# PIMCO Variable Insurance Trust Prospectus

## REAL RETURN STRATEGY PORTFOLIO

### PIMCO CommodityRealReturn<sup>®</sup> Strategy Portfolio

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Portfolio seeks maximum real return consistent with prudent investment management.

## FEES AND EXPENSES OF THE PORTFOLIO



This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio. Overall fees and expenses of investing in the Portfolio are higher than shown because the table does not reflect variable contract fees and expenses.

**Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment):** None

**Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)**

	Administrative Class
Management Fees	0.74%
Service Fees	0.15%
Other Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	0.09%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.13%
<b>Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses<sup>(2)(3)</sup></b>	<b>1.11%</b>
Fee Waiver <sup>(4)</sup>	(0.13%)
<b>Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver<sup>(5)</sup></b>	<b>0.98%</b>

- (1) "Other Expenses" reflect interest expense. Interest expense results from the Portfolio's use of certain investments such as reverse repurchase agreements. Such expense is required to be treated as a Portfolio expense for accounting purposes and is not payable to PIMCO. Any interest expense amount will vary based on the Portfolio's use of those investments as an investment strategy best suited to seek the objective of the Portfolio.
- (2) Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses excluding interest expense is estimated to be 1.02%.
- (3) Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses do not match the Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets of the Portfolio, as set forth in the Financial Highlights table of the Portfolio's prospectus, because the Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets reflects the operating expenses of the Portfolio and does not include Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses.
- (4) PIMCO has contractually agreed to waive the Portfolio's advisory fee and the supervisory and administrative fee in an amount equal to the management fee and administrative services fee, respectively, paid by the PIMCO Cayman Commodity Portfolio I Ltd. (the "Subsidiary") to Pacific Investment Management Company LLC ("PIMCO"). The Subsidiary pays PIMCO a management fee and an administrative services fee at the annual rates of 0.49% and 0.20%, respectively, of its net assets. This waiver may not be terminated by PIMCO and will remain in effect for as long as PIMCO's contract with the Subsidiary is in place.
- (5) Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver excluding interest expense is estimated to be 0.89%.

**Example.** The Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio with the costs of investing in other mutual funds. The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 for the time periods indicated, and then redeem all your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Portfolio's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, the Example shows what your costs would be based on these assumptions. The Example does not reflect fees and expenses of any variable annuity contract or variable life insurance policy, and would be higher if it did.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Administrative Class	\$100	\$312	\$542	\$1,201

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Portfolio pays transaction costs 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 the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses or in the Example tables, affect the Portfolio's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Portfolio's portfolio turnover rate was 742% of the average value of its portfolio.

## PRINCIPAL INVESTMENT STRATEGIES



The Portfolio seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing under normal circumstances in commodity-linked derivative instruments backed by a portfolio of inflation-indexed securities and other Fixed Income Instruments. "Fixed Income Instruments" include bonds, debt securities and other similar instruments issued by various U.S. and non-U.S. public- or private-sector entities. "Real Return" equals total return less the estimated cost of inflation, which is typically measured by the change in an official inflation measure. The Portfolio invests in commodity-linked derivative instruments, including commodity index-linked notes, swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures, that provide exposure to the investment returns of the commodities markets, without investing directly in physical commodities. Commodities are assets that have tangible properties, such as oil, metals, and agricultural products. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by overall market movements and other factors affecting the value of a particular industry or commodity, such as weather, disease, embargoes, or political and regulatory developments. The Portfolio may also invest in common and preferred stocks as well as convertible securities of issuers in commodity-related industries.

The Portfolio will seek to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in leveraged or unleveraged commodity index-linked notes, which are derivative debt instruments with principal and/or coupon payments linked to the performance of commodity indices, and through investments in the PIMCO Cayman Commodity Portfolio I Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Portfolio organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the

“Subsidiary”). These commodity index-linked notes are sometimes referred to as “structured notes” because the terms of these notes may be structured by the issuer and the purchaser of the note. The value of these notes will rise or fall in response to changes in the underlying commodity or related index of investment. The Portfolio may also gain exposure to commodity markets by investing in the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary is advised by Pacific Investment Management Company LLC (“PIMCO”), and has the same investment objective as the Portfolio. As discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus, the CRRS Subsidiary (unlike the Portfolio) may invest without limitation in commodity-linked swap agreements and other commodity-linked derivative instruments.

The derivative instruments in which the Portfolio and the Subsidiary primarily intend to invest are instruments linked to certain commodity indices. Additionally, the Portfolio or the Subsidiary may invest in derivative instruments linked to the value of a particular commodity or commodity futures contract, or a subset of commodities or commodity futures contracts. The Portfolio’s or the Subsidiary’s investments in commodity-linked derivative instruments may specify exposure to commodity futures with different roll dates, reset dates or contract months than those specified by a particular commodity index. As a result, the commodity-linked derivatives component of the Portfolio’s portfolio may deviate from the returns of any particular commodity index. The Portfolio or the Subsidiary may also overweight or under-weight its exposure to a particular commodity index, or a subset of commodities, such that the Portfolio has greater or lesser exposure to that index than the value of the Portfolio’s net assets, or greater or lesser exposure to a subset of commodities than is represented by a particular commodity index. Such deviations will frequently be the result of temporary market fluctuations, and under normal circumstances the Portfolio will seek to maintain notional exposure to one or more commodity indices within 5% (plus or minus) of the value of the Portfolio’s net assets.

Assets not invested in commodity-linked derivative instruments or the Subsidiary may be invested in inflation-indexed securities and other Fixed Income Instruments, including derivative Fixed Income Instruments. The Portfolio is non-diversified, which means that it may concentrate its assets in a smaller number of issuers than a diversified fund. In addition, the Portfolio may invest its assets in particular sectors of the commodities market.

The average portfolio duration of the fixed income portion of this Portfolio will vary based on PIMCO’s forecast for interest rates and under normal market conditions is not expected to exceed ten years. Duration is a measure of the expected life of a fixed income security that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security’s price to changes in interest rates. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in high yield securities (“junk bonds”) rated B or higher by Moody’s, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality. The Portfolio may invest up to 30% of its total assets in securities denominated in foreign currencies and may invest beyond this limit in U.S. dollar denominated securities of foreign issuers. The Portfolio may invest up to 10% of its total assets in securities and instruments that are economically tied to emerging market countries. The Portfolio will normally limit its foreign currency exposure (from non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities or currencies) to 20% of its total assets. The Portfolio may, without limitation, seek to obtain market exposure to the securities in which it primarily invests by entering into a series of purchase and sale contracts or by using other investment techniques (such as buy back or dollar rolls). The Portfolio may also invest up to 10% of its total assets in preferred stocks. The Portfolio may purchase and sell securities

on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment basis and may engage in short sales.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS



It is possible to lose money on an investment in the Portfolio. Under certain conditions, generally in a market where the value of both commodity-linked derivative instruments and fixed income securities are declining, the Portfolio may experience substantial losses. The principal risks of investing in the Portfolio, which could adversely affect its net asset value, yield and total return are:

**Interest Rate Risk:** the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates; a fund with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a fund with a shorter average portfolio duration

**Credit Risk:** the risk that the Portfolio could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security, or the counterparty to a derivative contract, is unable or unwilling to meet its financial obligations

**High Yield Risk:** the risk that high yield securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality (commonly known as “junk bonds”) are subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risks. High yield securities are considered primarily speculative with respect to the issuer’s continuing ability to make principal and interest payments

**Market Risk:** the risk that the value of securities owned by the Portfolio may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries

**Issuer Risk:** the risk that the value of a security may decline for reasons directly related to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer’s goods or service

**Liquidity Risk:** the risk that a particular investment may be difficult to purchase or sell and that the Portfolio may be unable to sell illiquid securities at an advantageous time or price or achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain sector

**Derivatives Risk:** the risk of investing in derivative instruments, including liquidity, interest rate, market, credit and management risks, mispricing or improper valuation. Changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index, and the Portfolio could lose more than the principal amount invested

**Commodity Risk:** the risk that investing in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments

**Equity Risk:** the risk that the value of equity securities, such as common stocks and preferred stocks, may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company or to factors affecting a particular industry or industries. Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities

**Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Risk:** the risks of investing in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, including interest rate risk, extension risk and prepayment risk

**Foreign (non-U.S.) Investment Risk:** the risk that investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities may result in the Portfolio experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies, due to smaller markets, differing reporting, accounting and auditing standards, and nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, currency blockage, or political changes or diplomatic developments

**Emerging Markets Risk:** the risk of investing in emerging market securities, primarily increased foreign (non-U.S.) investment risk

**Currency Risk:** the risk that foreign currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar and affect the Portfolio's investments in foreign (non-U.S.) currencies or in securities that trade in, and receive revenues in, or in derivatives that provide exposure to, foreign (non-U.S.) currencies

**Issuer Non-Diversification Risk:** the risks of focusing investments in a small number of issuers, industries or foreign currencies, including being more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a more diversified portfolio might be. Portfolios that are "non-diversified" may invest a greater percentage of their assets in the securities of a single issuer (such as bonds issued by a particular state) than funds that are "diversified"

**Leveraging Risk:** the risk that certain transactions of the Portfolio, such as reverse repurchase agreements, loans of portfolio securities, and the use of when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment transactions, or derivative instruments, may give rise to leverage, causing the Portfolio to be more volatile than if it had not been leveraged

**Management Risk:** the risk that the investment techniques and risk analyses applied by PIMCO will produce the desired results and that legislative, regulatory, or tax developments may affect the investment techniques available to PIMCO and the individual portfolio manager in connection with managing the Portfolio. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Portfolio will be achieved

**Tax Risk:** the risk that the tax treatment of swap agreements and other derivative instruments, such as commodity-linked derivative instruments, including commodity index-linked notes, swap agreements, commodity options, futures, and options on futures, may be affected by future regulatory or legislative changes that could affect the character, timing and/or amount of the Portfolio's taxable income or gains and distributions

**Subsidiary Risk:** the risk that, by investing in the Subsidiary, the Portfolio is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments. There is no guarantee that the investment objective of the Subsidiary will be achieved

**Short Sale Risk:** the risk of entering into short sales, including the potential loss of more money than the actual cost of the investment, and the risk that the third party to the short sale may fail to honor its contract terms, causing a loss to the Portfolio

Please see "Description of Principal Risks" in the Portfolio's prospectus for a more detailed description of the risks of investing in the Portfolio. An investment in the Portfolio is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

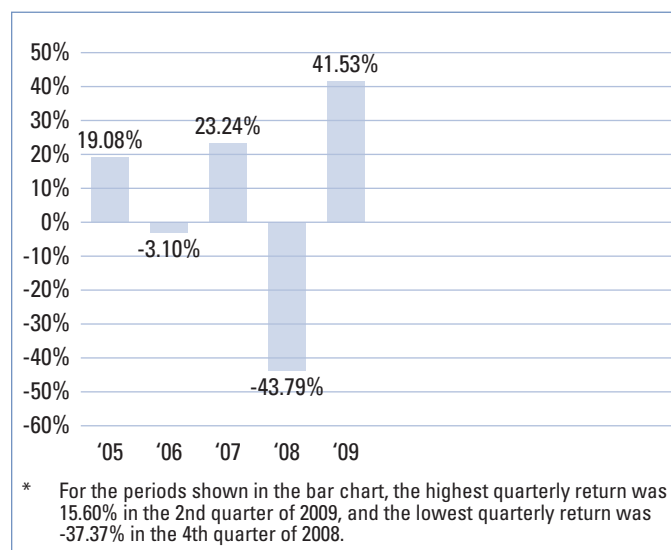


The performance information below shows summary performance information for the Portfolio in a bar chart and an Average Annual Total Returns table. The information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Portfolio by showing changes in its performance from year to year and by showing how the Portfolio's average annual returns compare with the returns of a broad-based securities market index. The Portfolio's performance information reflects applicable fee waivers and/or expense limitations in effect during the periods presented. Absent such fee waivers and/or expense limitations, if any, performance would have been lower. Performance shown does not reflect any charges or expenses imposed by an insurance company and if it did, performance shown would be lower. The bar chart shows performance of the Portfolio's Administrative Class shares. *The Portfolio's past performance is not necessarily an indication of how the Portfolio will perform in the future.*

The Dow Jones—UBS Commodity Index Total Return is an unmanaged index composed of futures contracts on 19 physical commodities. The index is designed to be a highly liquid and diversified benchmark for commodities as an asset class.

Performance for the Portfolio is updated monthly and may be obtained at [www.pimco-funds.com/vit](http://www.pimco-funds.com/vit).

### Calendar Year Total Returns — Administrative Class\*



Average Annual Total Returns (for periods ended 12/31/09)	1 Year	5 Years	Since Inception (6/30/04)
Administrative Class Return Before Taxes	41.53%	2.50%	3.45%
Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Index Total Return (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes)	18.91%	1.96%	2.14%

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## INVESTMENT ADVISER/PORTFOLIO MANAGER

PIMCO serves as the investment adviser for the Portfolio. The Portfolio's portfolio is managed by Mihir Worah. Mr. Worah is a Managing Director of PIMCO and he has managed the Portfolio since December 2007.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF PORTFOLIO SHARES



Shares of the Portfolio currently are sold to segregated asset accounts ("Separate Accounts") of insurance companies that fund variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies ("Variable Contracts").

Investors do not deal directly with the Portfolio to purchase and redeem shares. Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account for information on the allocation of premiums and on transfers of accumulated value among sub-accounts of the Separate Account.

## TAX INFORMATION



The shareholders of the Portfolio are the insurance companies offering the variable products. Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account and the Variable Contract for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of distributions to the Separate Account.

## PAYMENTS TO INSURANCE COMPANIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES



The Portfolio and/or its related companies (including PIMCO) may pay the insurance company and other intermediaries for the sale of the Portfolio and/or other services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the insurance company or intermediary and your salesperson to recommend a Variable Contract and the Portfolio over another investment. Ask your insurance company or salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's Web site for more information.

# Description of Principal Risks

The value of your investment in the Portfolio changes with the values of the Portfolio's investments. Many factors can affect those values. The factors that are most likely to have a material effect on the Portfolio's investments as a whole are called "principal risks." The principal risks of the Portfolio are identified in the Portfolio Summary and are described in this section. The Portfolio may be subject to additional risks other than those described below because the types of investments made by the Portfolio can change over time. Securities and investment techniques mentioned in this summary that appear in **bold type** are described in greater detail under "Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques." That section and "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Statement of Additional Information also include more information about the Portfolio, its investments and the related risks. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will be able to achieve its investment objective. It is possible to lose money by investing in the Portfolio.

## Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates. As nominal interest rates rise, the value of certain fixed income securities held by the Portfolio is likely to decrease. A nominal interest rate can be described as the sum of a real interest rate and an expected inflation rate. Fixed income securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates, usually making them more volatile than securities with shorter durations. **Inflation-indexed bonds**, including Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, decline in value when real interest rates rise. In certain interest rate environments, such as when real interest rates are rising faster than nominal interest rates, **inflation-indexed bonds** may experience greater losses than other fixed income securities with similar durations.

**Variable and floating rate securities** generally are less sensitive to interest rate changes but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not generally increase in value if interest rates decline. Inverse floating rate securities may decrease in value if interest rates increase. Inverse floating rate securities may also exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation with similar credit quality. When the Portfolio holds variable or floating rate securities, a decrease (or, in the case of inverse floating rate securities, an increase) in market interest rates will adversely affect the income received from such securities and the net asset value of the Portfolio's shares.

## Credit Risk

The Portfolio could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security, or the counterparty to a **derivatives** contract, **repurchase agreement** or a **loan of portfolio securities**, is unable or unwilling to make timely principal and/or interest payments, or to otherwise honor its obligations. Securities are subject to varying degrees of credit risk, which are often reflected in **credit ratings**. **Municipal bonds** are subject to the risk that litigation, legislation or other political events, local business or economic conditions, or the bankruptcy of the issuer could have a significant effect on an issuer's ability to make payments of principal and/or interest.

## High Yield Risk

Portfolios that invest in **high yield securities** and **unrated securities** of similar credit quality (commonly known as "junk bonds") may be subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risk than portfolios that do not invest in such securities. These securities are considered predominately speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. An economic downturn or period of rising interest rates could adversely affect the market for **high yield securities** and reduce the Portfolio's ability to sell these securities (liquidity risk). If the issuer of a security is in default with respect to interest or principal payments, the Portfolio may lose its entire investment.

## Market Risk

The market price of securities owned by the Portfolio may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries represented in the securities markets. The value of a security may decline due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions,

changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. The value of a security may also decline due to factors that affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value simultaneously. **Equity securities** generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities.

#### **Issuer Risk**

The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk exists when particular investments are difficult to purchase or sell. The Portfolio's investments in **illiquid securities** may reduce the returns of the Portfolio because it may be unable to sell the **illiquid securities** at an advantageous time or price. Additionally, the market for certain investments may become illiquid under adverse market or economic conditions independent of any specific adverse changes in the conditions of a particular issuer. In such cases, the Portfolio, due to limitations on investments in **illiquid securities** and the difficulty in purchasing and selling such securities or instruments, may be unable to achieve its desired level of exposure to a certain sector. To the extent that the Portfolio's principal investment strategies involve **foreign (non-U.S.) securities, derivatives** or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk, the Portfolio will tend to have the greatest exposure to liquidity risk.

#### **Derivatives Risk**

**Derivatives** are financial contracts whose value depends on, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index. The various derivative instruments that the Portfolio may use are referenced under "Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques—Derivatives" in this prospectus and described in more detail under "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Statement of Additional Information. The Portfolio typically uses **derivatives** as a substitute for taking a position in the underlying asset and/or part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or currency risk. The Portfolio may also use derivatives for leverage, in which case their use would involve leveraging risk. The Portfolio's use of **derivative** instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. **Derivatives** are subject to a number of risks described elsewhere in this section, such as liquidity risk, interest rate risk, market risk, credit risk and management risk. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the risk that changes in the value of the derivative may not correlate perfectly with the underlying asset, rate or index. By investing in a derivative instrument, the Portfolio could lose more than the principal amount invested. Also, suitable derivative transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the Portfolio will engage in these transactions to reduce exposure to other risks when that would be beneficial.

#### **Commodity Risk**

The Portfolio's investments in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject the Portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. The Portfolio and the Subsidiary each may invest its assets in a particular sector of the commodities market (such as oil, metal or agricultural products). As a result, the Portfolio and the Subsidiary may be more susceptible to risks associated with those sectors.

#### **Equity Risk**

The values of **equity securities**, such as common stocks and preferred stocks, may decline due to general market conditions which are not specifically related to a particular company, such as real or perceived adverse economic conditions, changes in the general outlook for corporate earnings, changes in interest or currency rates or adverse investor sentiment generally. They may also decline due to factors which affect a particular industry or industries, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. **Equity securities** generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities.

<b>Mortgage-Related and Other Asset-Backed Risk</b>	<b>Mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities</b> are subject to certain additional risks. Generally, rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of fixed rate mortgage-related securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, if the Portfolio holds mortgage-related securities, it may exhibit additional volatility. This is known as extension risk. In addition, adjustable and fixed rate mortgage-related securities are subject to prepayment risk. When interest rates decline, borrowers may pay off their mortgages sooner than expected. This can reduce the returns of the Portfolio because the Portfolio may have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. The Portfolio's investments in other asset-backed securities are subject to risks similar to those associated with mortgage-related securities, as well as additional risks associated with the nature of the assets and the servicing of those assets.
<b>Foreign (Non-U.S.) Investment Risk</b>	The Portfolio may invest in <b>foreign (non-U.S.) securities</b> and may experience more rapid and extreme changes in value than a portfolio that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies. The securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Additionally, issuers of foreign securities are usually not subject to the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers. Reporting, accounting and auditing standards of foreign countries differ, in some cases significantly, from U.S. standards. Also, nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, currency blockage, political changes or diplomatic developments could adversely affect the Portfolio's investments in a foreign country. In the event of nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, the Portfolio could lose its entire investment in foreign securities. Adverse conditions in a certain region can adversely affect securities of other countries whose economies appear to be unrelated. To the extent that the Portfolio invests a significant portion of its assets in a specific geographic region, the Portfolio will generally have more exposure to regional economic risks associated with foreign investments. Foreign securities may also be less liquid and more difficult to value than securities of U.S. issuers.
<b>Emerging Markets Risk</b>	Foreign investment risk may be particularly high to the extent that the Portfolio invests in <b>emerging market securities</b> that are economically tied to countries with developing economies. These securities may present market, credit, currency, liquidity, legal, political and other risks different from, or greater than, the risks of investing in developed foreign countries. These securities may also be more volatile, less liquid and more difficult to value than securities of U.S. issuers.
<b>Currency Risk</b>	If the Portfolio invests directly in <b>foreign (non-U.S.) currencies</b> or in securities that trade in, and receive revenues in, <b>foreign (non-U.S.) currencies</b> , or in <b>derivatives</b> that provide exposure to <b>foreign (non-U.S.) currencies</b> , it will be subject to the risk that those currencies will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar, or, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged.  Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments, central banks or supranational entities such as the International Monetary Fund, or by the imposition of currency controls or other political developments in the United States. As a result, the Portfolio's investments in foreign currency-denominated securities may reduce the returns of the Portfolio.
<b>Issuer Non-Diversification Risk</b>	Focusing investments in a small number of issuers, industries or foreign currencies increases risk. The Portfolio, which is "non-diversified," may invest a greater percentage of its assets in the securities of a single issuer (such as bonds issued by a particular state) than a portfolio that is "diversified." A portfolio that invests in a relatively small number of issuers is more susceptible to risks associated with a single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a more diversified portfolio might be. Some of those issuers also may present substantial credit or other risks.
<b>Leveraging Risk</b>	Certain transactions may give rise to a form of leverage. Such transactions may include, among others, <b>reverse repurchase agreements, loans of portfolio securities</b> , and the use of <b>when-issued, delayed delivery or forward commitment transactions</b> . The use of <b>derivatives</b> may also create leveraging risk. To mitigate leveraging risk,

PIMCO will segregate or “ earmark ” liquid assets or otherwise cover the transactions that may give rise to such risk. The Portfolio’s Subsidiary will comply with these asset segregation or “ earmarking ” requirements to the same extent as the Portfolio. The Portfolio also may be exposed to leveraging risk by **borrowing** money for investment purposes. Leveraging may cause the Portfolio to liquidate portfolio positions to satisfy its obligations or to meet segregation requirements when it may not be advantageous to do so. Leveraging, including **borrowing**, may cause the Portfolio to be more volatile than if the Portfolio had not been leveraged. This is because leveraging tends to exaggerate the effect of any increase or decrease in the value of the Portfolio’s portfolio securities.

### **Management Risk**

The Portfolio and the Portfolio’s Subsidiary are subject to management risk because they are actively managed investment portfolios. PIMCO and the portfolio manager will apply investment techniques and risk analysis in making investment decisions for the Portfolio and the Subsidiary, but there can be no guarantee that these decisions will produce the desired results. Additionally, legislative, regulatory, or tax restrictions, policies or developments may affect the investment techniques available to PIMCO and the individual portfolio manager in connection with managing the Portfolio and may also adversely affect the ability of the Portfolio to achieve its investment objective.

### **Tax Risk**

The Portfolio gains exposure to the commodities markets through investments in commodity-linked derivative instruments, including commodity index-linked notes, swap agreements, commodity options, futures, and options on futures. The Portfolio may also gain exposure indirectly to commodity markets by investing in its Subsidiary, which invests primarily in commodity-linked derivative instruments. In order for the Portfolio to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), the Portfolio must derive at least 90 percent of its gross income each taxable year from certain qualifying sources of income.

As more fully described below under “Tax Consequences—A Note on the Portfolio,” the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) issued a revenue ruling which holds that income derived from commodity index-linked swaps is not qualifying income under Subchapter M of the Code. However, the IRS has issued a private letter ruling to the Portfolio in which the IRS specifically concluded that income from certain commodity index-linked notes is qualifying income. In addition, the IRS has also issued another private letter ruling to the Portfolio in which the IRS specifically concluded that income derived from the Portfolio’s investment in its Subsidiary will also constitute qualifying income to the Portfolio.

Based on the reasonings in such rulings, the Portfolio will seek to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in commodity index-linked notes and through investments its Subsidiary. The use of commodity index-linked notes and investments in the Subsidiary involve specific risks. See “Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques—Derivatives—A Note on the Portfolio” below for further information regarding commodity index-linked notes, including the risks associated with these instruments. In addition, see “Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques—Investments in the Wholly-Owned Subsidiary” below for further information regarding the Subsidiary, including the risks associated with investing in the Subsidiary.

### **Subsidiary Risk**

By investing in the Subsidiary, the Portfolio is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary’s investments. The **derivatives** and other investments held by the Subsidiary are generally similar to those that are permitted to be held by the Portfolio and are subject to the same risks that apply to similar investments if held directly by the Portfolio. These risks are described elsewhere in this prospectus. There can be no assurance that the investment objective of the Subsidiary will be achieved.

The Subsidiary is not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and, unless otherwise noted in this prospectus, is not subject to all the investor protections of the 1940 Act. In addition, changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the

Portfolio and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information and could adversely affect the Portfolio.

### Short Sale Risk

The Portfolio's **short sales**, if any, are subject to special risks. A **short sale** involves the sale by the Portfolio of a security that it does not own with the hope of purchasing the same security at a later date at a lower price. The Portfolio may also enter into a short position through a forward commitment or a short derivative position through a futures contract or swap agreement. If the price of the security or derivative has increased during this time, then the Portfolio will incur a loss equal to the increase in price from the time that the **short sale** was entered into plus any premiums and interest paid to the third party. Therefore, **short sales** involve the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment. Also, there is the risk that the third party to the **short sale** may fail to honor its contract terms, causing a loss to the Portfolio.

## Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings

Please see "Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings" in the Statement of Additional Information for information about the availability of the complete schedule of the Portfolio's holdings.

## Management of the Portfolio

### Investment Adviser and Administrator

PIMCO serves as the investment adviser and the administrator (serving in its capacity as administrator, the "Administrator") for the Portfolio. Subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees of PIMCO Variable Insurance Trust (the "Trust"), PIMCO is responsible for managing the investment activities of the Portfolio and the Portfolio's business affairs and other administrative matters. PIMCO also serves as the investment adviser for the Portfolio's Subsidiary.

PIMCO is located at 840 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Organized in 1971, PIMCO provides investment management and advisory services to private accounts of institutional and individual clients and to mutual funds. As of December 31, 2009, PIMCO had approximately \$1 trillion in assets under management.

### Management Fees

The Portfolio pays for the advisory and supervisory and administrative services it requires under what is essentially an all-in fee structure. The Management Fees shown in the Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses table reflect both an advisory fee and a supervisory and administrative fee. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, the Portfolio paid monthly Management Fees to PIMCO at the annual rate of 0.74% (stated as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio).

- **Advisory Fee.** The Portfolio pays PIMCO fees in return for providing investment advisory services. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, the Portfolio paid monthly advisory fees to PIMCO at the annual rate of 0.49% (stated as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio).

A discussion of the basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the Portfolio's investment advisory contract is available in the Portfolio's Annual Report to shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

As discussed in the "Principal Investment Strategies" section, the Portfolio may pursue its investment objective by investing in its Subsidiary. The Subsidiary has entered into a separate contract with PIMCO whereby PIMCO provides investment advisory and other services to the Subsidiary. In consideration of these services, the Subsidiary pays PIMCO a management fee and an administrative services fee at the annual rates of 0.49% and 0.20%, respectively, of its net assets. PIMCO has contractually agreed to waive the advisory fee and the supervisory and administrative fee it receives from the Portfolio in an amount equal to the management fee and administrative services fee, respectively, paid to PIMCO by the Subsidiary. This waiver may not be

terminated by PIMCO and the waiver will remain in effect for as long as PIMCO's contract with the Subsidiary is in place.

- **Supervisory and Administrative Fee.** The Portfolio pays for the supervisory and administrative services it requires under what is essentially an all-in fee structure. Administrative Class shareholders of the Portfolio pay a supervisory and administrative fee to PIMCO, computed as a percentage of the Portfolio's assets attributable in the aggregate to that class of shares. PIMCO, in turn, provides or procures supervisory and administrative services for shareholders and also bears the costs of various third-party services required by the Portfolio, including audit, custodial, portfolio accounting, legal, transfer agency and printing costs. The Portfolio does bear other expenses which are not covered under the supervisory and administrative fee which may vary and affect the total level of expenses paid by the Administrative Class shareholders, such as taxes and governmental fees, brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses, costs of borrowing money, including interest expenses, extraordinary expenses (such as litigation and indemnification expenses) and fees and expenses of the Trust's Independent Trustees and their counsel. PIMCO generally earns a profit on the supervisory and administrative fee paid by the Portfolio. Also, under the terms of the supervision and administration agreement, PIMCO, and not Portfolio shareholders, would benefit from any price decreases in third-party services, including decreases resulting from an increase in net assets.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, the Portfolio paid PIMCO monthly supervisory and administrative fees at the annual rate of 0.25% for Administrative Class shares (stated as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio).

**Individual Portfolio Manager**

The following individual has primary responsibility for managing the Portfolio.

Portfolio	Portfolio Manager	Since	Recent Professional Experience
CommodityRealReturn® Strategy	Mihir Worah	12/07	Managing Director, PIMCO. Mr. Worah is a Portfolio Manager and a member of the government and derivatives desk. He joined PIMCO in 2001 as a member of the analytics team.

Please see the Statement of Additional Information for additional information about other accounts managed by the portfolio manager, the portfolio manager's compensation and the portfolio manager's ownership of shares of the Portfolio.

**Distributor**

The Trust's Distributor is Allianz Global Investors Distributors LLC ("AGID" or "Distributor"), an indirect subsidiary of Allianz Global Investors of America L.P. ("AGI"), PIMCO's parent company. The Distributor, located at 1345 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10105-4800, is a broker-dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

**Regulatory and Litigation Matters**

PIMCO and PIMCO Funds, another series of funds managed by PIMCO, are the subject of a lawsuit in the Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division, in which the complaint alleges that the plaintiffs each purchased and sold a 10-year Treasury note futures contract and suffered damages from an alleged shortage when PIMCO held both physical and futures positions in 10-year Treasury notes for its client accounts in violation of the federal Commodity Exchange Act provisions on market manipulation. In July 2007, the District Court granted class certification of a class consisting of those persons who purchased futures contracts to offset short positions between May 9, 2005 and June 30, 2005. Management believes the complaint is without merit and PIMCO and PIMCO Funds intend to vigorously defend against this action. The outcome of this action cannot be predicted at this time.

In April 2006, certain registered investment companies and other funds managed by PIMCO were served in an adversary proceeding brought by the Official Committee of Asbestos Claimants of G-I Holdings, Inc. in G-I Holdings, Inc.'s bankruptcy in the District of New Jersey. In July 2004, PIMCO was named in this lawsuit and remains a defendant. The plaintiff seeks to recover for the bankruptcy estate assets that were transferred by the

predecessor entity of G-I Holdings, Inc. to a wholly-owned subsidiary in 1994. The subsidiary has since issued notes, of which certain registered investment companies and other funds managed by PIMCO are alleged to be holders. The complaint alleges that in 2000, more than two hundred noteholders—including certain registered investment companies and other funds managed by PIMCO—were granted a second priority lien on the assets of the subsidiary in exchange for their consent to a refinancing transaction and the granting of a first priority lien to the lending banks. The plaintiff is seeking invalidation of the lien in favor of the noteholders and/or the value of the lien. On November 12, 2009, the District Court and Bankruptcy Court issued an order confirming a Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) in the underlying bankruptcy case. As part of the Plan, the adversary proceeding to which PIMCO and other funds managed by PIMCO (“PIMCO Entities”) are parties will be dismissed. In confirming the Plan, the Courts overruled certain objections (unrelated to the dismissal of claims against PIMCO and PIMCO Entities) made by the IRS. The IRS sought a stay pending appeal to the Third Circuit, the stay was granted and GI-Holdings, Inc. has asked the Third Circuit to dismiss the stay. This matter is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the relevant PIMCO Entities.

It is possible that these matters and/or other developments resulting from these matters could result in increased fund redemptions or other adverse consequences to the Portfolio. However, PIMCO and AGID believe that these matters are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio or on PIMCO’s or AGID’s ability to perform their respective investment advisory or distribution services relating to the Portfolio.

The foregoing speaks only as of the date of this prospectus. While there may be additional litigation or regulatory developments in connection with the matters discussed above, the foregoing disclosure of litigation and regulatory matters will be updated only if those developments are material.

## Administrative Class Shares

The Trust offers investors Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio in this prospectus. The Trust does not charge any sales charges (loads) or other fees in connection with purchases or sales (redemptions) of Administrative Class shares.

- **Service Fees—Administrative Class Shares.** The Trust has adopted an Administrative Services Plan (the “Plan”) for the Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio. The Plan allows the Portfolio to use its Administrative Class assets to reimburse financial intermediaries that provide services relating to Administrative Class shares. The services that will be provided under the Plan include, among other things, teleservicing support in connection with the Portfolio; recordkeeping services; provision of support services, including providing information about the Trust and the Portfolio and answering questions concerning the Trust and the Portfolio, including questions respecting investors’ interests in the Portfolio; provision and administration of insurance features for the benefit of investors in connection with the Portfolio; receiving, aggregating and forwarding purchase and redemption orders; processing dividend payments; issuing investor reports and transaction confirmations; providing subaccounting services; general account administration activities; and providing such similar services as the Trust may reasonably request to the extent the service provider is permitted to do so under applicable statutes, rules or regulation. The Plan also permits payment for services in connection with the administration of plans or programs that use Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio as their funding medium and for related expenses.

The Plan permits the Portfolio to make total payments at an annual rate of 0.15% of the Portfolio’s average daily net assets attributable to its Administrative Class shares. Because these fees are paid out of the Portfolio’s Administrative Class assets on an ongoing basis, over time they will increase the cost of an investment in Administrative Class shares and may cost an investor more than sales charges.

- **Arrangements with Service Agents.** Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio may be offered through certain brokers and financial intermediaries (“service agents”) that have established a shareholder servicing relationship with the Trust on behalf of their customers. The Trust pays no compensation to such entities other than Plan fees paid with respect to Administrative Class shares. Service agents may impose additional or different conditions than the Trust on purchases, redemptions or exchanges of Portfolio shares by their customers. Service agents may also independently establish and charge their customers transaction fees, account fees and other amounts in connection with purchases and sales of Portfolio shares in addition to any fees charged by the Trust. These additional fees may vary over time and would increase the cost of the customer’s investment and lower investment returns. Each service agent is responsible for transmitting to its customers a schedule of any such fees and information regarding any additional or different conditions regarding purchases, redemptions and exchanges. Shareholders who are customers of service agents should consult their service agents for information regarding these fees and conditions.

- **Payments by PIMCO.** PIMCO uses its own assets and resources, including its profits from advisory or supervisory and administrative fees paid by the Portfolio, to pay insurance companies for services rendered to current and prospective owners of Variable Contracts, including the provision of support services such as providing information about the Trust and the Portfolio, the delivery of Trust documents, and other services. In addition, PIMCO may pay certain expenses, such as printing and mailing charges, incurred by such insurance companies in connection with their services. Any such payments are made by PIMCO, and not by the Trust, and PIMCO does not receive any separate fees for such expenses.

The fees paid to insurance companies, as described in the preceding paragraph, generally will not exceed 0.25% of the total assets of the Portfolio held by the insurance company, on an annual basis, though in some cases fees may be higher. Although the payments described in the preceding paragraph are not intended to compensate the insurance companies for marketing the Portfolio, they may provide an additional incentive to insurance companies to actively promote the Portfolio and, depending on the arrangements an insurance company may have in place with other mutual funds or their sponsors at any particular time, an insurance company may have a financial incentive to promote the Portfolio (or share class of the Portfolio) over other mutual fund options (or other portfolios or share classes of the Portfolio) available under a particular Variable Contract.

From time to time, PIMCO may pay or reimburse insurance companies, broker-dealers, banks, recordkeepers or other financial institutions for PIMCO’s attendance at investment forums sponsored by such firms, or PIMCO may co-sponsor such investment forums with such financial institutions. Payments and reimbursements for such activities are made out of PIMCO’s own assets and at no cost to the Portfolio. These payments and reimbursements may be made from profits received by PIMCO from advisory fees and supervisory and administrative fees paid to PIMCO by the Portfolio. Such activities by PIMCO may provide incentives to financial institutions to sell shares of the Portfolio. Additionally, these activities may give PIMCO additional access to sales representatives of such financial institutions, which may increase sales of Portfolio shares.

The Statement of Additional Information contains further details about the payments made by PIMCO to insurance companies. In addition, you can ask the insurance company that sponsors the Variable Contract in which you invest for information about any payments it receives from PIMCO and any services provided for such payments.

From time to time, PIMCO or its affiliates may pay investment consultants or their parent or affiliated companies for certain services including technology, operations, tax, or audit consulting services, and may pay such firms for PIMCO’s attendance at investment forums sponsored by such firms or for various studies, surveys, or access to databases. Subject to applicable law, PIMCO and its affiliates may also provide investment advisory services to investment consultants and their affiliates and may execute brokerage transactions on behalf of the

Portfolio with such investment consultants and their affiliates. These consultants or their affiliates may, in the ordinary course of their investment consultant business, recommend that their clients utilize PIMCO's investment advisory services or invest in the Portfolio or in other products sponsored by PIMCO and its affiliates.

## Purchases and Redemptions

### **Purchasing Shares**

Investors do not deal directly with the Portfolio to purchase and redeem shares. Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account for information on the allocation of premiums and on transfers of accumulated value among sub-accounts of the Separate Account that invest in the Portfolio.

As of the date of this prospectus, shares of the Portfolio are offered for purchase by Separate Accounts to serve as an investment medium for Variable Contracts issued by life insurance companies. All purchase orders are effected at the net asset value ("NAV") next determined after a purchase order is received.

While the Portfolio currently does not foresee any disadvantages to Variable Contract Owners if the Portfolio serves as an investment medium for both variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies, due to differences in tax treatment or other considerations, it is theoretically possible that the interest of owners of annuity contracts and insurance policies for which the Portfolio serves as an investment medium might at some time be in conflict. However, the Trust's Board of Trustees and each insurance company with a separate account allocating assets to the Portfolio are required to monitor events to identify any material conflicts between variable annuity contract owners and variable life insurance policy owners, and would have to determine what action, if any, should be taken in the event of such a conflict. If such a conflict occurred, an insurance company participating in the Portfolio might be required to redeem the investment of one or more of its separate accounts from the Portfolio, which might force the Portfolio to sell securities at disadvantageous prices.

The Trust and its Distributor each reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend the offering of shares of the Portfolio or to reject any purchase order, in whole or in part, when, in the judgment of management, such suspension or rejection is in the best interests of the Trust. In addition, the Trust and its Distributor each reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to redeem shares, in whole or in part, when, in the judgment of management, such redemption is necessary in order to maintain qualification under the rules for variable annuities and/or variable life contracts with respect to other shareholders, to maintain qualification as a regulated investment company under the Code, or for any reason under terms set by the Trustees, including the failure of a shareholder to supply a personal identification number if required to do so, or to have the minimum investment required, or to pay when due for the purchase of shares issued to the shareholder. The sale of shares will be suspended when trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is restricted or during an emergency which makes it impracticable for the Portfolio to dispose of its securities or to determine fairly the value of its net assets, or during any other period as permitted by the SEC for the protection of investors. In the event that the Portfolio ceases offering its shares, any investments allocated to the Portfolio will, subject to any necessary regulatory approvals, be invested in another portfolio of the Trust.

### **Redeeming Shares**

Shares may be redeemed without charge on any day that the NAV is calculated. All redemption requests received by the Trust or its designee prior to the close of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 pm, Eastern time), on a day the Trust is open for business, are effective on that day. Redemption requests received after that time become effective on the next business day. Redemption requests for Portfolio shares are effected at the NAV per share next determined after receipt of a redemption request by the Trust or its designee. Payment for shares redeemed normally will be made within seven days.

For shareholder protection, a request to change information contained in an account registration (for example, a request to change the bank designated to receive wire redemption proceeds) must be received in writing, signed by the minimum number of persons designated on the Client Registration Application that are

required to effect a redemption, and accompanied by a signature guarantee from any eligible guarantor institution, as determined in accordance with the Trust's procedures, as more fully described below. Shareholders should inquire as to whether a particular institution is an eligible guarantor institution. A signature guarantee cannot be provided by a notary public. In addition, corporations, trusts, and other institutional organizations are required to furnish evidence of the authority of the persons designated on the Client Registration Application to effect transactions for the organization.

When a signature guarantee is called for, a "Medallion" signature guarantee will be required. A Medallion signature guarantee may be obtained from a domestic bank or trust company, broker, dealer, clearing agency, savings association or other financial institution which is participating in a Medallion program recognized by the Securities Transfer Association. The three recognized medallion programs are the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program, Stock Exchange Medallion Program and New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Medallion Signature Program. Signature guarantees from financial institutions which are not participating in one of these programs will not be accepted. Please note that financial institutions participating in a recognized Medallion program may still be ineligible to provide a signature guarantee for transactions of greater than a specified dollar amount. The Trust may change the signature guarantee requirements from time to time upon notice to shareholders, which may be given by means of a new or supplemented prospectus.

Redemptions of the Portfolio's shares may be suspended when trading on the NYSE is restricted or during an emergency which makes it impractical for the Portfolio to dispose of its securities or to determine fairly the value of its net assets, or during any other period as permitted by the SEC for the protection of investors. Under these and other unusual circumstances, the Trust may suspend redemption or postpone payment for more than seven days, as permitted by law. In consideration of the best interests of the remaining shareholders, the Trust reserves the right to pay redemption proceeds in whole or in part by a distribution in kind of securities held by the Portfolio in lieu of cash. It is highly unlikely that shares would ever be redeemed in kind. If shares are redeemed in kind, however, the redeeming shareholder should expect to incur transaction costs upon the disposition of the securities received in the distribution.

**Frequent or  
Excessive  
Purchases,  
Exchanges and  
Redemptions**

The Trust encourages shareholders to invest in the Portfolio as part of a long-term investment strategy and discourages excessive, short-term trading, sometimes referred to as "market timing," and other abusive trading practices. However, because the Trust will not always be able to detect market timing or other abusive trading activity, investors should not assume that the Trust will be able to detect or prevent all market timing or other trading practices that may disadvantage the Portfolio.

Certain of the Portfolio's investment strategies may make the Portfolio more susceptible to market timing activities. For example, since the Portfolio may invest in non-U.S. securities, it may be subject to the risk that an investor may seek to take advantage of a delay between the change in value of the Portfolio's non-U.S. portfolio securities and the determination of the Portfolio's NAV as a result of different closing times of U.S. and non-U.S. markets by buying or selling Portfolio shares at a price that does not reflect their true value. A similar risk exists for the Portfolio's potential investment in securities of small capitalization companies, securities of issuers located in emerging markets or high yield securities that are thinly traded and therefore may have actual values that differ from their market prices.

To discourage excessive, short-term trading and other abusive trading practices, the Board of Trustees of the Trust has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to detect and prevent short-term trading activity that may be harmful to the Portfolio and its shareholders. Such activities may have a detrimental effect on the Portfolio and its shareholders. For example, depending upon various factors such as the size of the Portfolio and the amount of its assets maintained in cash, short-term or excessive trading by Portfolio shareholders may interfere with the efficient management of the Portfolio's investments, increase transaction costs and taxes, and may harm the performance of the Portfolio and its shareholders.

The Trust seeks to deter and prevent abusive trading practices, and to reduce these risks, through several methods. First, to the extent that there is a delay between a change in the value of the Portfolio's holdings, and the time when that change is reflected in the NAV of the Portfolio's shares, the Portfolio is exposed to the risk that investors may seek to exploit this delay by purchasing or redeeming shares at net asset values that do not reflect appropriate fair value prices. The Trust seeks to deter and prevent this activity, sometimes referred to as "stale price arbitrage," by the appropriate use of "fair value" pricing of the Portfolio's securities. See "How Portfolio Shares Are Priced" below for more information.

Second, the Trust and PIMCO seek to monitor shareholder account activities in order to detect and prevent excessive and disruptive trading practices. The Trust and PIMCO each reserves the right to restrict or refuse any purchase or exchange transactions if, in the judgment of the Trust or PIMCO, the transaction may adversely affect the interests of the Portfolio or its shareholders. Notice of any such restrictions, if any, will vary according to the particular circumstances. When PIMCO notices a pattern of trading that may be indicative of excessive or abusive trading by Variable Contract Owners, the Trust and/or PIMCO will seek the cooperation of insurance companies in attempting to determine whether the activity is the result of trading by one or more related Variable Contract Owners. In the event that the insurance company informs PIMCO that the trading activity is the result of excessive or abusive trading by Variable Contract Owners, PIMCO will request that the insurance company take appropriate action to ensure that the excessive or abusive trading ceases. If the trading pattern continues, PIMCO will request that the insurance company restrict purchases of or exchanges into the Portfolio by the Variable Contract Owner identified as having engaged in excessive or abusive trading. There can be no assurances that an insurance company will comply with PIMCO's request. The Trust and PIMCO will also cooperate with efforts by insurance companies to limit excessive exchanges in their products.

Although the Trust and its service providers seek to use these methods to detect and prevent abusive trading activities, and although the Trust will consistently apply such methods, there can be no assurances that such activities can be mitigated or eliminated. By their nature, insurance company separate accounts in which purchases and sales of Portfolio shares by Variable Contract Owners are aggregated for presentation to the Portfolio on a net basis, conceal the identity of the individual Variable Contract Owners from the Portfolio. This makes it more difficult for the Trust and/or PIMCO to identify short-term transactions in the Portfolio.

## How Portfolio Shares are Priced

The NAV of the Portfolio's Administrative Class shares is determined by dividing the total value of the Portfolio's investments and other assets attributable to that class, less any liabilities, by the total number of shares outstanding of that class.

Portfolio shares are valued at the close of regular trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) (the "NYSE Close") on each day that the NYSE is open. Information that becomes known to the Portfolio or its agents after the NAV has been calculated on a particular day will not generally be used to retroactively adjust the price of a security or the NAV determined earlier that day. The Portfolio reserves the right to change the time its NAV is calculated if the Portfolio closes earlier, or as permitted by the SEC.

For purposes of calculating NAV, portfolio securities and other assets for which market quotes are readily available are valued at market value. Market value is generally determined on the basis of last reported sales prices, or if no sales are reported, based on quotes obtained from a quotation reporting system, established market makers, or pricing services. The Portfolio will normally use pricing data for domestic equity securities received shortly after the NYSE Close and does not normally take into account trading, clearances or settlements that take place after the NYSE Close. A foreign equity security traded on a foreign exchange or on more than one exchange is typically valued using pricing information from the exchange considered by the managers to be the

primary exchange. A foreign equity security will be valued as of the close of trading on the foreign exchange, or the NYSE Close, if the NYSE Close occurs before the end of trading on the foreign exchange. Domestic and foreign fixed income securities and non-exchange traded derivatives are normally valued on the basis of quotes obtained from brokers and dealers or pricing services using data reflecting the earlier closing of the principal markets for those securities. Prices obtained from independent pricing services use information provided by market makers or estimates of market values obtained from yield data relating to investments or securities with similar characteristics. Certain fixed income securities purchased on a delayed-delivery basis are marked to market daily until settlement at the forward settlement date. Short-term investments having a maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost. Exchange traded options, futures and options on futures are valued at the settlement price determined by the relevant exchange. With respect to any portion of the Portfolio's assets that are invested in one or more open-end management investment companies, the Portfolio's NAV will be calculated based upon the NAVs of such investments.

If a foreign security's value has materially changed after the close of the security's primary exchange or principal market but before the NYSE Close, the security will be valued at fair value based on procedures established and approved by the Board of Trustees. Foreign securities that do not trade when the NYSE is open are also valued at fair value. The Portfolio may determine the fair value of investments based on information provided by pricing services and other third-party vendors, which may recommend fair value prices or adjustments with reference to other securities, indices or assets. In considering whether fair value pricing is required and in determining fair values, the Portfolio may, among other things, consider significant events (which may be considered to include changes in the value of U.S. securities or securities indices) that occur after the close of the relevant market and before the NYSE Close. The Portfolio may utilize modeling tools provided by third-party vendors to determine fair values of non-U.S. securities. Foreign exchanges may permit trading in foreign securities on days when the Trust is not open for business, which may result in the Portfolio's portfolio investments being affected when you are unable to buy or sell shares.

Investments initially valued in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted to the U.S. dollar using exchange rates obtained from pricing services. As a result, the NAV of the Portfolio's shares may be affected by changes in the value of currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar. The value of securities traded in markets outside the United States or denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar may be affected significantly on a day that the NYSE is closed and an investor is not able to purchase, redeem or exchange shares.

Securities and other assets for which market quotes are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees or persons acting at its direction. The Board of Trustees has adopted methods for valuing securities and other assets in circumstances where market quotes are not readily available, and has delegated to PIMCO the responsibility for applying the valuation methods. For instance, certain securities or investments for which daily market quotes are not readily available may be valued, pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees, with reference to other securities or indices. In the event that market quotes are not readily available, and the security or asset cannot be valued pursuant to one of the valuation methods, the value of the security or asset will be determined in good faith by the Valuation Committee of the Board of Trustees, generally based upon recommendations provided by PIMCO.

Market quotes are considered not readily available in circumstances where there is an absence of current or reliable market-based data (e.g., trade information, bid/asked information, broker quotes), including where events occur after the close of the relevant market, but prior to the NYSE Close, that materially affect the values of the Portfolio's securities or assets. In addition, market quotes are considered not readily available when, due to extraordinary circumstances, the exchanges or markets on which the securities trade do not open for trading for the entire day and no other market prices are available. The Board has delegated to PIMCO the responsibility for monitoring significant events that may materially affect the values of the Portfolio's securities or assets and

for determining whether the value of the applicable securities or assets should be re-evaluated in light of such significant events.

When the Portfolio uses fair value pricing to determine its NAV, securities will not be priced on the basis of quotes from the primary market in which they are traded, but rather may be priced by another method that the Board of Trustees or persons acting at their direction believe accurately reflects fair value. Fair value pricing may require subjective determinations about the value of a security. While the Trust's policy is intended to result in a calculation of the Portfolio's NAV that fairly reflects security values as of the time of pricing, the Trust cannot ensure that fair values determined by the Board of Trustees or persons acting at their direction would accurately reflect the price that the Portfolio could obtain for a security if it were to dispose of that security as of the time of pricing (for instance, in a forced or distressed sale). The price used by the Portfolio may differ from the value that would be realized if the securities were sold. The Portfolio's use of fair valuation may also help to deter "stale price arbitrage" as discussed above under "Frequent or Excessive Purchases, Exchanges and Redemptions."

## Tax Consequences

The Portfolio intends to qualify as a regulated investment company annually and to elect to be treated as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes. As such, the Portfolio generally will not pay federal income tax on the income and gains it pays as dividends to its shareholders. To the extent necessary to avoid a 4% federal excise tax, the Portfolio intends to distribute each year substantially all of its net income and gains.

The Portfolio intends to diversify its investments in a manner intended to comply with tax requirements generally applicable to mutual funds. In addition, the Portfolio will diversify its investments so that on the last day of each quarter of a calendar year, no more than 55% of the value of its total assets is represented by any one investment, no more than 70% is represented by any two investments, no more than 80% is represented by any three investments, and no more than 90% is represented by any four investments. For this purpose, securities of a single issuer are treated as one investment and each U.S. Government agency or instrumentality is treated as a separate issuer. Any security issued, guaranteed, or insured (to the extent so guaranteed or insured) by the U.S. Government or any agency or instrumentality of the U.S. Government is treated as a security issued by the U.S. Government or its agency or instrumentality, whichever is applicable.

If the Portfolio fails to meet the diversification requirement under Section 817(h), income with respect to Variable Contracts invested in the Portfolio at any time during the calendar quarter in which the failure occurred could become currently taxable to the owners of the Variable Contracts and income for prior periods with respect to such contracts also could be taxable, most likely in the year of the failure to achieve the required diversification. Other adverse tax consequences could also ensue.

Please refer to the prospectus for the Separate Account and Variable Contract for information regarding the federal income tax treatment of Variable Contracts. See "Additional Information—Additional Tax Information" in the Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information for more information on taxes.

• **A Note on the Portfolio.** One of the requirements for favorable tax treatment as a regulated investment company under the Code, is that the Portfolio derive at least 90% of its gross income from certain qualifying sources of income. The IRS has issued a revenue ruling which holds that income derived from commodity-linked swaps is not qualifying income under Subchapter M of the Code. As such, the Portfolio's ability to utilize commodity-linked swaps as part of its investment strategy is limited to a maximum of 10 percent of its gross income.

However, in a subsequent revenue ruling, the IRS provides that income from alternative investment instruments (such as certain commodity index-linked notes) that create commodity exposure may be considered

qualifying income under the Code. The IRS has also issued a private letter ruling to the Portfolio in which the IRS specifically concluded that income from certain commodity index-linked notes is qualifying income. In addition, the IRS has also issued another private letter ruling to the Portfolio in which the IRS specifically concluded that income derived from the Portfolio's investment in its Subsidiary will also constitute qualifying income, even if that Subsidiary itself owns commodity-linked swaps. Based on the reasonings in such rulings, the Portfolio will continue to seek to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in commodity index-linked notes and through investments in its Subsidiary.

This "Tax Consequences" section relates only to federal income tax; the consequences under other tax laws may differ. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors as to the possible application of foreign, state and local income tax laws to Portfolio dividends and capital distributions. Please see the Statement of Additional Information for additional information regarding the tax aspects of investing in the Portfolio.

## Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques

This section provides additional information about some of the principal investments and related risks of the Portfolio described under the "Portfolio Summary" and "Description of Principal Risks" above. It also describes characteristics and risks of additional securities and investment techniques that may be used by the Portfolio from time to time. Most of these securities and investment techniques described herein are discretionary, which means that PIMCO can decide whether to use them or not. This prospectus does not attempt to disclose all of the various types of securities and investment techniques that may be used by the Portfolio. As with any mutual fund, investors in the Portfolio rely on the professional investment judgment and skill of PIMCO and the portfolio manager. The investments made by the Portfolio at any given time are not expected to be the same as those made by other mutual funds for which PIMCO acts as investment adviser, including mutual funds with investment objectives and strategies similar to those of the Portfolio. Accordingly, the performance of the Portfolio can be expected to vary from that of the other mutual funds. Please see "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Statement of Additional Information for more detailed information about the securities and investment techniques described in this section and about other strategies and techniques that may be used by the Portfolio.

Because the Portfolio may invest a portion of its assets in its Subsidiary, which may hold some of the investments described in this prospectus, the Portfolio may be indirectly exposed to the risks associated with those investments. With respect to its investments, the Subsidiary will generally be subject to the same fundamental, non-fundamental and certain other investment restrictions as the Portfolio; however, the Subsidiary (unlike the Portfolio) may invest without limitation in commodity-linked swap agreements and other commodity-linked derivative instruments. The Portfolio and Subsidiary may test for compliance with certain investment restrictions on a consolidated basis, except that with respect to its investments in certain securities that may involve leverage, the Subsidiary will comply with asset segregation or "earmarking" requirements to the same extent as the Portfolio.

### **Securities Selection**

The Portfolio seeks maximum real return. The real return sought by the Portfolio consists of both income earned on the Portfolio's investments and capital appreciation, if any, arising from increases in the market value of the Portfolio's holdings. Capital appreciation of fixed income securities generally results from decreases in market interest rates, foreign currency appreciation, or improving credit fundamentals for a particular market sector or security.

In selecting securities for the Portfolio, PIMCO develops an outlook for interest rates, currency exchange rates and the economy; analyzes credit and call risks, and uses other security selection techniques. The

proportion of the Portfolio's assets committed to investment in securities with particular characteristics (such as quality, sector, interest rate or maturity) varies based on PIMCO's outlook for the U.S. economy and the economies of other countries in the world, the financial markets and other factors.

PIMCO attempts to identify areas of the bond market that are undervalued relative to the rest of the market. PIMCO identifies these areas by grouping bonds into sectors such as: money markets, governments, corporates, mortgages, asset-backed and international. Sophisticated proprietary software then assists in evaluating sectors and pricing specific securities. Once investment opportunities are identified, PIMCO will shift assets among sectors depending upon changes in relative valuations and credit spreads. There is no guarantee that PIMCO's security selection techniques will produce the desired results.

## **Fixed Income Instruments**

"Fixed Income Instruments," as used generally in this prospectus, includes:

- securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or government-sponsored enterprises ("U.S. Government Securities");
- corporate debt securities of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including convertible securities and corporate commercial paper;
- mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities;
- inflation-indexed bonds issued both by governments and corporations;
- structured notes, including hybrid or "indexed" securities and event-linked bonds;
- loan participations and assignments;
- delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities;
- bank certificates of deposit, fixed time deposits and bankers' acceptances;
- repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments and reverse repurchase agreements on Fixed Income Instruments;
- debt securities issued by states or local governments and their agencies, authorities and other government-sponsored enterprises;
- obligations of non-U.S. governments or their subdivisions, agencies and government-sponsored enterprises; and
- obligations of international agencies or supranational entities.

Securities issued by U.S. Government agencies or government-sponsored enterprises may not be guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

The Portfolio may invest in derivatives based on Fixed Income Instruments.

## **Duration**

Duration is a measure of the expected life of a fixed income security that is used to determine the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. The longer a security's duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates. Similarly, the Portfolio with a longer average portfolio duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than the Portfolio with a shorter average portfolio duration. By way of example, the price of a bond fund with an average duration of five years would be expected to fall approximately 5% if interest rates rose by one percentage point. Conversely, the price of a bond fund with an average duration of negative three years would be expected to rise approximately 3% if interest rates rose by one percentage point.

## **U.S. Government Securities**

U.S. Government Securities are obligations of, or guaranteed by, the U.S. Government, its agencies or government-sponsored enterprises. U.S. Government Securities are subject to market and interest rate risk, and may be subject to varying degrees of credit risk. Some U.S. Government Securities are issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury and are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. Other types of U.S. Government Securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States (but not issued by the U.S. Treasury). These securities have the lowest credit risk. Still other types of U.S. Government Securities are: (1) supported by the ability of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; (2) supported only by the credit of

the issuing agency, instrumentality or government-sponsored corporation; or (3) supported by the United States in some other way. These securities may be subject to greater credit risk. U.S. Government Securities include zero coupon securities, which tend to be subject to greater market risk than interest-paying securities of similar maturities.

Securities issued by U.S. Government agencies or government-sponsored enterprises may not be guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. GNMA, a wholly owned U.S. Government corporation, is authorized to guarantee, with the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, the timely payment of principal and interest on securities issued by institutions approved by GNMA and backed by pools of mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration or guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Government-related guarantors (i.e., not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government) include the Federal National Mortgage Association (“FNMA”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“FHLMC”). Pass through securities issued by FNMA are guaranteed as to timely payment of principal and interest by FNMA but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. FHLMC guarantees the timely payment of interest and ultimate collection of principal, but its participation certificates are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government.

## **Municipal Bonds**

Municipal bonds are generally issued by states and local governments and their agencies, authorities and other instrumentalities. Municipal bonds are subject to interest rate, credit and market risk. The ability of an issuer to make payments could be affected by litigation, legislation or other political events or the bankruptcy of the issuer. Lower rated municipal bonds are subject to greater credit and market risk than higher quality municipal bonds. The types of municipal bonds in which the Portfolio may invest include municipal lease obligations. The Portfolio may also invest in industrial development bonds, which are municipal bonds issued by a government agency on behalf of a private sector company and, in most cases, are not backed by the credit of the issuing municipality and may therefore involve more risk. The Portfolio may also invest in securities issued by entities whose underlying assets are municipal bonds.

Pre-refunded municipal bonds are tax-exempt bonds that have been refunded to a call date on or before the final maturity of principal and remain outstanding in the municipal market. The payment of principal and interest of the pre-refunded municipal bonds held by the Portfolio is funded from securities in a designated escrow account that holds U.S. Treasury securities or other obligations of the U.S. Government (including its agencies and instrumentalities (“Agency Securities”). While still tax-exempt, pre-refunded municipal bonds usually will bear a Aaa rating (if a re-rating has been requested and paid for) because they are backed by U.S. Treasury or Agency Securities. As the payment of principal and interest is generated from securities held in a designated escrow account, the pledge of the municipality has been fulfilled and the original pledge of revenue by the municipality is no longer in place. The escrow account securities pledged to pay the principal and interest of the pre-refunded municipal bond do not guarantee the price movement of the bond before maturity. Investment in pre-refunded municipal bonds held by the Portfolio may subject the Portfolio to interest rate risk and market risk. In addition, while a secondary market exists for pre-refunded municipal bonds, if the Portfolio sells pre-refunded municipal bonds prior to maturity, the price received may be more or less than the original cost, depending on market conditions at the time of sale.

The Portfolio may invest, without limitation, in residual interest bonds (sometimes referred to as inverse floaters) (“RIBs”), which brokers create by depositing a municipal bond in a trust. The interest rate for the variable rate security is determined by the remarketing broker-dealer, while the RIB holder receives the balance of the income from the underlying municipal bond. The market prices of RIBs may be highly sensitive to changes in market rates and may decrease significantly when market rates increase.

In a transaction in which the Portfolio purchases a RIB from a trust, and the underlying municipal bond was held by the Portfolio prior to being deposited into the trust, the Portfolio treats the transaction as a secured

borrowing for financial reporting purposes. As a result, the Portfolio will incur a non-cash interest expense with respect to interest paid by the trust on the variable rate securities, and will recognize additional interest income in an amount directly corresponding to the non-cash interest expense. Therefore, the Portfolio's NAV per share and performance are not affected by the non-cash interest expense. This accounting treatment does not apply to RIBs acquired by the Portfolio where the Portfolio did not previously own the underlying municipal bond.

**Mortgage-Related  
and Other Asset-  
Backed Securities**

Mortgage-related securities include mortgage pass-through securities, collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMOs"), commercial mortgage-backed securities, mortgage dollar rolls, CMO residuals, stripped mortgage-backed securities ("SMBSs") and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are secured by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property.

The value of some mortgage- or asset-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates. Early repayment of principal on some mortgage-related securities may expose the Portfolio to a lower rate of return upon reinvestment of principal. When interest rates rise, the value of a mortgage-related security generally will decline; however, when interest rates are declining, the value of mortgage-related securities with prepayment features may not increase as much as other fixed income securities. The rate of prepayments on underlying mortgages will affect the price and volatility of a mortgage-related security, and may shorten or extend the effective maturity of the security beyond what was anticipated at the time of purchase. If unanticipated rates of prepayment on underlying mortgages increase the effective maturity of a mortgage-related security, the volatility of the security can be expected to increase. The value of these securities may fluctuate in response to the market's perception of the creditworthiness of the issuers. Additionally, although mortgages and mortgage-related securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that private guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

One type of SMBS has one class receiving all of the interest from the mortgage assets (the interest-only, or "IO" class), while the other class will receive all of the principal (the principal-only, or "PO" class). The yield to maturity on an IO class is extremely sensitive to the rate of principal payments (including prepayments) on the underlying mortgage assets, and a rapid rate of principal payments may have a material adverse effect on the Portfolio's yield to maturity from these securities. The Portfolio may invest no more than 5% of its total assets in any combination of mortgage-related or other asset-backed IO, PO, or inverse floater securities.

The Portfolio may invest in collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which includes collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs"), collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs") and other similarly structured securities. CBOs and CLOs are types of asset-backed securities. A CBO is a trust which is backed by a diversified pool of high risk, below investment grade fixed income securities. A CLO is a trust typically collateralized by a pool of loans, which may include, among others, domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans, and subordinate corporate loans, including loans that may be rated below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. The Portfolio may invest in other asset-backed securities that have been offered to investors.

**Loan  
Participations and  
Assignments**

The Portfolio may invest in fixed- and floating-rate loans, which investments generally will be in the form of loan participations and assignments of portions of such loans. Participations and assignments involve special types of risk, including credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and the risks of being a lender. If the Portfolio purchases a participation, it may only be able to enforce its rights through the lender, and may assume the credit risk of the lender in addition to the borrower.

**Corporate Debt  
Securities**

Corporate debt securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the credit-worthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity. When interest rates rise, the value of corporate debt securities can be expected to decline. Debt securities with longer maturities tend to be more sensitive to interest rate movements than those with shorter maturities.

**High Yield Securities**

Securities rated lower than Baa by Moody's, or equivalently rated by S&P or Fitch, are sometimes referred to as "high yield securities" or "junk bonds." Investing in these securities involves special risks in addition to the risks associated with investments in higher-rated fixed income securities. While offering a greater potential opportunity for capital appreciation and higher yields, high yield securities typically entail greater potential price volatility and may be less liquid than higher-rated securities. High yield securities may be regarded as predominately speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments. They may also be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher-rated securities. Issuers of securities in default may fail to resume principal or interest payments, in which case the Portfolio may lose its entire investment.

**Variable and Floating Rate Securities**

Variable and floating rate securities provide for a periodic adjustment in the interest rate paid on the obligations. The Portfolio may invest in floating rate debt instruments ("floaters") and engage in credit spread trades. Variable and floating rate securities generally are less sensitive to interest rate changes but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as interest rates in general. Conversely, floating rate securities will not generally increase in value if interest rates decline. The Portfolio may also invest in inverse floating rate debt instruments ("inverse floaters"). An inverse floater may exhibit greater price volatility than a fixed rate obligation of similar credit quality. The Portfolio may invest no more than 5% of its total assets in any combination of mortgage-related or other asset-backed IO, PO, or inverse floater securities. Additionally, the Portfolio may invest, without limitation, in RIBs.

**Inflation-Indexed Bonds**

Inflation-indexed bonds (other than municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds, which are more fully described below) are fixed income securities whose principal value is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation. If the index measuring inflation falls, the principal value of inflation-indexed bonds (other than municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds) will be adjusted downward, and consequently the interest payable on these securities (calculated with respect to a smaller principal amount) will be reduced. Repayment of the original bond principal upon maturity (as adjusted for inflation) is guaranteed in the case of U.S. Treasury inflation-indexed bonds. For bonds that do not provide a similar guarantee, the adjusted principal value of the bond repaid at maturity may be less than the original principal.

With regard to municipal inflation-indexed bonds and certain corporate inflation-indexed bonds, the inflation adjustment is reflected in the semi-annual coupon payment. As a result, the principal value of municipal inflation-indexed bonds and such corporate inflation-indexed bonds does not adjust according to the rate of inflation.

The value of inflation-indexed bonds is expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Real interest rates are tied to the relationship between nominal interest rates and the rate of inflation. If nominal interest rates increase at a faster rate than inflation, real interest rates may rise, leading to a decrease in value of inflation-indexed bonds. Any increase in the principal amount of an inflation-indexed bond will be considered taxable ordinary income, even though investors do not receive their principal until maturity.

**Event-Linked Exposure**

The Portfolio may obtain event-linked exposure by investing in "event-linked bonds" or "event-linked swaps" or by implementing "event-linked strategies." Event-linked exposure results in gains or losses that typically are contingent, or formulaically related to defined trigger events. Examples of trigger events include hurricanes, earthquakes, weather-related phenomena, or statistics relating to such events. Some event-linked bonds are commonly referred to as "catastrophe bonds." If a trigger event occurs, the Portfolio may lose a portion or its entire principal invested in the bond or notional amount on a swap. Event-linked exposure often provides for an extension of maturity to process and audit loss claims where a trigger event has, or possibly has, occurred. An extension of maturity may increase volatility. Event-linked exposure may also expose the Portfolio to certain unanticipated risks including credit risk, counterparty risk, adverse regulatory or jurisdictional interpretations, and adverse tax consequences. Event-linked exposures may also be subject to liquidity risk.

## Convertible and Equity Securities

Common stock represents equity ownership in a company and typically provides the common stockholder the power to vote on certain corporate actions, including the election of the company's directors. Common stockholders participate in company profits through dividends and, in the event of bankruptcy, distributions, on a pro-rata basis after other claims are satisfied. Many factors affect the value of common stock, including earnings, earnings forecasts, corporate events and factors impacting the issuer's industry and the market generally. Common stock generally has the greatest appreciation and depreciation potential of all corporate securities.

The Portfolio may invest in convertible securities and equity securities. Convertible securities are generally preferred stocks and other securities, including fixed income securities and warrants, that are convertible into or exercisable for common stock at a stated price or rate. The price of a convertible security will normally vary in some proportion to changes in the price of the underlying common stock because of this conversion or exercise feature. However, the value of a convertible security may not increase or decrease as rapidly as the underlying common stock. A convertible security will normally also provide income and is subject to interest rate risk. Convertible securities may be lower-rated securities subject to greater levels of credit risk. The Portfolio may be forced to convert a security before it would otherwise choose, which may have an adverse effect on the Portfolio's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Preferred stock represents an equity interest in a company that generally entitles the holder to receive, in preference to the holders of other stocks such as common stocks, dividends and a fixed share of the proceeds resulting from a liquidation of the company. Preferred stocks may pay fixed or adjustable rates of return. Preferred stock is subject to issuer-specific and market risks applicable generally to equity securities. In addition, a company's preferred stock generally pays dividends only after the company makes required payments to holders of its bonds and other debt. For this reason, the value of preferred stock will usually react more strongly than bonds and other debt to actual or perceived changes in the company's financial condition or prospects.

While some countries or companies may be regarded as favorable investments, pure fixed income opportunities may be unattractive or limited due to insufficient supply, or legal or technical restrictions. In such cases, subject to its applicable investment restrictions, the Portfolio may consider convertible securities or equity securities to gain exposure to such investments.

In addition, the Portfolio may invest in equity securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. When investing directly in equity securities, the Portfolio will not be limited to only those equity securities with any particular weighting in the Portfolio's respective benchmark index, if any. Generally, the Portfolio may consider investing directly in equity securities when derivatives on the underlying securities appear to be overvalued.

At times, in connection with the restructuring of a preferred stock or Fixed Income Instrument either outside of bankruptcy court or in the context of bankruptcy court proceedings, the Portfolio may determine or be required to accept equity securities, such as common stocks, in exchange for all or a portion of a preferred stock or Fixed Income Instrument. Depending upon, among other things, PIMCO's evaluation of the potential value of such securities in relation to the price that could be obtained by the Portfolio at any given time upon sale thereof, the Portfolio may determine to hold such securities in its portfolio.

The Portfolio may invest in equity securities of issuers in commodity-related industries. Generally, the Portfolio will consider investing directly in equity securities when derivatives on the underlying securities appear to be overvalued.

Equity securities generally have greater price volatility than fixed income securities. The market price of equity securities owned by the Portfolio may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Equity securities may decline in value due to factors affecting equity securities markets generally or particular industries represented in those markets. The value of an equity security may also decline for a number of reasons which directly relate to the issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services.

## Foreign (Non-U.S.) Securities

The Portfolio may invest in securities and instruments that are economically tied to foreign (non-U.S.) countries. PIMCO generally considers an instrument to be economically tied to a non-U.S. country if the issuer is a foreign government (or any political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such government), or if the issuer is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country. In the case of certain money market instruments, such instruments will be considered economically tied to a non-U.S. country if either the issuer or the guarantor of such money market instrument is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country. With respect to derivative instruments, PIMCO generally considers such instruments to be economically tied to non-U.S. countries if the underlying assets are foreign currencies (or baskets or indexes of such currencies), or instruments or securities that are issued by foreign governments or issuers organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country (or if the underlying assets are certain money market instruments, if either the issuer or the guarantor of such money market instruments is organized under the laws of a non-U.S. country).

Investing in foreign securities involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. securities. Shareholders should consider carefully the substantial risks involved for a portfolio that invests in securities issued by foreign companies and governments of foreign countries. These risks include: differences in accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards; generally higher commission rates on foreign portfolio transactions; the possibility of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation; adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations; and political instability. Individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross domestic product, rates of inflation, capital reinvestment, resources, self-sufficiency and balance of payments position. The securities markets, values of securities, yields and risks associated with foreign securities markets may change independently of each other. Also, foreign securities and dividends and interest payable on those securities may be subject to foreign taxes, including taxes withheld from payments on those securities. Foreign securities often trade with less frequency and volume than domestic securities and therefore may exhibit greater price volatility. Investments in foreign securities may also involve higher custodial costs than domestic investments and additional transaction costs with respect to foreign currency conversions. Changes in foreign exchange rates also will affect the value of securities denominated or quoted in foreign currencies.

The Portfolio also may invest in sovereign debt issued by governments, their agencies or instrumentalities, or other government-related entities. Holders of sovereign debt may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. In addition, there is no bankruptcy proceeding by which defaulted sovereign debt may be collected.

• **Emerging Market Securities.** The Portfolio may invest in securities and instruments that are economically tied to emerging market countries. PIMCO generally considers an instrument to be economically tied to an emerging market country if the issuer or guarantor is a government of an emerging market country (or any political subdivision, agency, authority or instrumentality of such government), if the issuer or guarantor is organized under the laws of an emerging market country, or if the currency of settlement of the security is a currency of an emerging market country. With respect to derivative instruments, PIMCO generally considers such instruments to be economically tied to emerging market countries if the underlying assets are currencies of emerging market countries (or baskets or indexes of such currencies), or instruments or securities that are issued or guaranteed by governments of emerging market countries or by entities organized under the laws of emerging market countries. PIMCO has broad discretion to identify countries that it considers to qualify as emerging markets. In making investments in emerging market securities, the Portfolio emphasizes those countries with relatively low gross national product per capita and with the potential for rapid economic growth. Emerging market countries are generally located in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe. PIMCO will select the country and currency composition based on its evaluation of relative interest rates, inflation rates, exchange rates, monetary and fiscal policies, trade and current account balances, legal and political developments and any other specific factors it believes to be relevant.

Investing in emerging market securities imposes risks different from, or greater than, risks of investing in domestic securities or 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; possible repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales; and 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 the Portfolio. 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.

The Portfolio may invest in Brady Bonds, which are securities created through the exchange of existing commercial bank loans to sovereign entities for new obligations in connection with a debt restructuring. Investments in Brady Bonds may be viewed as speculative. Brady Bonds acquired by the Portfolio may be subject to restructuring arrangements or to requests for new credit, which may cause the Portfolio to suffer a loss of interest or principal on any of its holdings of relevant Brady Bonds.

## **Foreign (Non-U.S.) Currencies**

The Portfolio may invest directly in foreign currencies or in securities that trade in, or receive revenues in, foreign currencies and therefore will be subject to currency risk. Foreign currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time. They generally are determined by supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets and the relative merits of investments in different countries, actual or perceived changes in interest rates and other complex factors. Currency exchange rates also can be affected unpredictably by intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments.

- **Foreign Currency Transactions.** The Portfolio may invest in securities denominated in foreign currencies, engage in foreign currency transactions on a spot (cash) basis, enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts and invest in foreign currency futures contracts and options on foreign currencies and futures. A forward foreign currency exchange contract, which involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date at a price set at the time of the contract, reduces the Portfolio's exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will deliver and increases its exposure to changes in the value of the currency it will receive for the duration of the contract. Certain foreign currency transactions may also be settled in cash rather than the actual delivery of the relevant currency. The effect on the value of the Portfolio is similar to selling securities denominated in one currency and purchasing securities denominated in another currency. A contract to sell foreign currency would limit any potential gain which might be realized if the value of the hedged currency increases. The Portfolio may enter into these contracts to hedge against foreign exchange risk, to increase exposure to a foreign currency or to shift exposure to foreign currency fluctuations from one currency to another. Suitable hedging transactions may not be available in all circumstances and there can be no assurance that the

Portfolio will engage in such transactions at any given time or from time to time. Also, such transactions may not be successful and may eliminate any chance for the Portfolio to benefit from favorable fluctuations in relevant foreign currencies. The Portfolio may use one currency (or a basket of currencies) to hedge against adverse changes in the value of another currency (or a basket of currencies) when exchange rates between the two currencies are positively correlated. The Portfolio will segregate or “ earmark ” assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with the procedures established by the Board of Trustees (or, as permitted by applicable law, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under forward foreign currency exchange contracts entered into for non-hedging purposes.

**Repurchase  
Agreements**

The Portfolio may enter into repurchase agreements, in which the Portfolio purchases a security from a bank or broker-dealer, which agrees to repurchase the security at the Portfolio’s cost plus interest within a specified time. If the party agreeing to repurchase should default, the Portfolio will seek to sell the securities which it holds. This could involve procedural costs or delays in addition to a loss on the securities if their value should fall below their repurchase price. Repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days are considered illiquid securities.

**Reverse  
Repurchase  
Agreements,  
Dollar Rolls and  
Other Borrowings  
Derivatives**

The Portfolio may enter into reverse repurchase agreements and dollar rolls, subject to the Portfolio’s limitations on borrowings. A reverse repurchase agreement or dollar roll involves the sale of a security by the Portfolio and its agreement to repurchase the instrument at a specified time and price, and may be considered a form of borrowing for some purposes. The Portfolio will segregate or “ earmark ” assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO to cover its obligations under reverse repurchase agreements and dollar rolls. Reverse repurchase agreements, dollar rolls and other forms of borrowings may create leveraging risk for the Portfolio.

The Portfolio may borrow money to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act. This means that, in general, the Portfolio may borrow money from banks for any purpose in an amount up to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the Portfolio’s total assets. The Portfolio may also borrow money for temporary administrative purposes in an amount not to exceed 5% of the Portfolio’s total assets.

**Derivatives**

The Portfolio may, but is not required to, use derivative instruments for risk management purposes or as part of its investment strategies. Generally, derivatives are financial contracts whose value depends upon, or is derived from, the value of an underlying asset, reference rate or index, and may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, commodities, and related indexes. Examples of derivative instruments include options contracts, futures contracts, options on futures contracts and swap agreements (including, but not limited to, credit default swaps and swaps on exchange traded funds). The Portfolio may invest some or all of its assets in derivative instruments, subject to the Portfolio’s objective and policies. The portfolio manager may decide not to employ any of these strategies and there is no assurance that any derivatives strategy used by the Portfolio will succeed. A description of these and other derivative instruments that the Portfolio may use are described under “ Investment Objectives and Policies ” in the Statement of Additional Information.

The Portfolio’s use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other more traditional investments. A description of various risks associated with particular derivative instruments is included in “ Investment Objectives and Policies ” in the Statement of Additional Information. The following provides a more general discussion of important risk factors relating to all derivative instruments that may be used by the Portfolio.

*Management Risk.* Derivative products are highly specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analyses different from those associated with stocks and bonds. The use of a derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but also of the derivative itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the derivative under all possible market conditions.

*Credit Risk.* The use of a derivative instrument involves the risk that a loss may be sustained as a result of the failure of another party to the contract (usually referred to as a “ counterparty ”) to make required payments or

otherwise comply with the contract's terms. Additionally, credit default swaps could result in losses if the Portfolio does not correctly evaluate the creditworthiness of the company on which the credit default swap is based.

*Liquidity Risk.* Liquidity risk exists when a particular derivative instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately negotiated derivatives), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price.

*Leverage Risk.* Because many derivatives have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, reference rate or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. When the Portfolio uses derivatives for leverage, investments in the Portfolio will tend to be more volatile, resulting in larger gains or losses in response to market changes. To limit leverage risk, the Portfolio will segregate or " earmark " assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees (or, as permitted by applicable regulation, enter into certain offsetting positions) to cover its obligations under derivative instruments.

*Lack of Availability.* Because the markets for certain derivative instruments (including markets located in foreign countries) are relatively new and still developing, suitable derivatives transactions may not be available in all circumstances for risk management or other purposes. Upon the expiration of a particular contract, the portfolio manager may wish to retain the Portfolio's position in the derivative instrument by entering into a similar contract, but may be unable to do so if the counterparty to the original contract is unwilling to enter into the new contract and no other suitable counterparty can be found. There is no assurance that the Portfolio will engage in derivatives transactions at any time or from time to time. The Portfolio's ability to use derivatives may also be limited by certain regulatory and tax considerations.

*Market and Other Risks.* Like most other investments, derivative instruments are subject to the risk that the market value of the instrument will change in a way detrimental to the Portfolio's interest. If the portfolio manager incorrectly forecasts the values of securities, currencies or interest rates or other economic factors in using derivatives for the Portfolio, the Portfolio might have been in a better position if it had not entered into the transaction at all. While some strategies involving derivative instruments can reduce the risk of loss, they can also reduce the opportunity for gain or even result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in other Portfolio investments. The Portfolio may also have to buy or sell a security at a disadvantageous time or price because the Portfolio is legally required to maintain offsetting positions or asset coverage in connection with certain derivatives transactions.

Other risks in using derivatives include the risk of mispricing or improper valuation of derivatives and the inability of derivatives to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indexes. Many derivatives, in particular privately negotiated derivatives, are complex and often valued subjectively. Improper valuations can result in increased cash payment requirements to counterparties or a loss of value to the Portfolio. Also, the value of derivatives may not correlate perfectly, or at all, with the value of the assets, reference rates or indexes they are designed to closely track. For example, a swap agreement on an exchange traded fund would not correlate perfectly with the index upon which the exchange traded fund is based because the fund's return is net of fees and expenses. In addition, the Portfolio's use of derivatives may cause the Portfolio to realize higher amounts of short-term capital gains (generally taxed at ordinary income tax rates) than if the Portfolio had not used such instruments.

• **A Note on the Portfolio.** In light of certain revenue rulings and private letter rulings issued to the Portfolio by the IRS, as discussed above under "Tax Consequences—A Note on the Portfolio," the Portfolio will seek to gain exposure to the commodity markets primarily through investments in leveraged or unleveraged commodity index-linked notes, which are derivative debt instruments with principal and/or coupon payments linked to the

performance of commodity indices, and through investments in its Subsidiary (as discussed below). The Portfolio may also invest in commodity-linked notes with principal and/or coupon payments linked to the value of particular commodities or commodity futures contracts, or a subset of commodities and commodities futures contracts. These notes are sometimes referred to as “structured notes” because the terms of these notes may be structured by the issuer and the purchaser of the note. The value of these notes will rise or fall in response to changes in the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract, subset of commodities, subset of commodities futures contracts or commodity index.

These notes expose the Portfolio economically to movements in commodity prices. These notes also are subject to risks, such as credit, market and interest rate risks, that in general affect the values of debt securities. In addition, these notes are often leveraged, increasing the volatility of each note’s market value relative to changes in the underlying commodity, commodity futures contract or commodity index. Therefore, at the maturity of the note, the Portfolio may receive more or less principal than it originally invested. The Portfolio might receive interest payments on the note that are more or less than the stated coupon interest payments.

The Portfolio may also invest in other commodity-linked derivative instruments, including swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures. The value of a commodity-linked derivative investment generally is based upon the price movements of a physical commodity (such as energy, mineral, or agricultural products), a commodity futures contract, a subset of commodities, a subset of commodities futures contracts or commodity index, or other economic variable based upon changes in the value of commodities or the commodities markets. Swap transactions are privately negotiated agreements between a Portfolio and a counterparty to exchange or swap investment cash flows or assets at specified intervals in the future. The obligations may extend beyond one year. There is no central exchange or market for swap transactions and therefore they are less liquid investments than exchange-traded instruments.

As described below under “Characteristics and Risks of Securities and Investment Techniques—Investments in the Wholly-Owned Subsidiary,” the Portfolio may gain exposure to commodity markets by investing in the Subsidiary. It is expected that the Subsidiary will invest primarily in commodity-linked derivative instruments, including swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures.

The IRS issued a revenue ruling that limits the extent to which the Portfolio may invest directly in commodity-linked swaps or certain other commodity-linked derivatives. The Subsidiary, on the other hand, may invest in these commodity-linked derivatives without limitation. See “Tax Consequences—A Note on the Portfolio,” above for further information.

**Investments in the Wholly-Owned Subsidiary**

Investments in the Subsidiary are expected to provide the Portfolio with exposure to the commodity markets within the limitations of the Subchapter M of the Code and recent IRS revenue rulings, as discussed above under “Tax Consequences—A Note on the Portfolio.”

It is expected that the Subsidiary will invest primarily in commodity-linked derivative instruments, including swap agreements, commodity options, futures and options on futures. Although the Portfolio may enter into these commodity-linked derivative instruments directly, the Portfolio will likely gain exposure to these derivative instruments indirectly by investing in the Subsidiary. To the extent that PIMCO believes that these commodity-linked derivative instruments are better suited to provide exposure to the commodities market than commodity index-linked notes, the Portfolio’s investment in the Subsidiary will likely increase. The Subsidiary will also invest in inflation-indexed securities and other Fixed Income Instruments, which are intended to serve as margin or collateral for the Subsidiary’s derivatives position, common and preferred stocks as well as convertible securities of issuers in commodity-related industries, collateralized debt obligations, event-linked bonds and event-linked swaps. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in the Subsidiary, it may be subject to the risks associated with those derivative instruments and other securities, which are discussed elsewhere in this prospectus.

While the Subsidiary may be considered similar to an investment company, it is not registered under the 1940 Act and, unless otherwise noted in the prospectus, is not subject to all of the investor protections of the 1940 Act. In addition, changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Portfolio and/or the Subsidiary to operate as described in this prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information and could adversely affect the Portfolio.

**Exchange-Traded  
Notes**

The Portfolio may invest in exchange-traded notes (“ETNs”). ETNs are senior, unsecured, unsubordinated debt securities whose returns are linked to the performance of a particular market benchmark or strategy minus applicable fees. ETNs are traded on an exchange (e.g., the NYSE) during normal trading hours. However, investors can also hold the ETN until maturity. At maturity, the issuer pays to the investor a cash amount equal to the principal amount, subject to the day’s market benchmark or strategy factor.

ETNs do not make periodic coupon payments or provide principal protection. ETNs are subject to credit risk and the value of the ETN may drop due to a downgrade in the issuer’s credit rating, despite the underlying market benchmark or strategy remaining unchanged. The value of an ETN may also be influenced by time to maturity, level of supply and demand for the ETN, volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying assets, changes in the applicable interest rates, changes in the issuer’s credit rating, and economic, legal, political, or geographic events that affect the referenced underlying asset. When the Portfolio invests in ETNs, it will bear its proportionate share of any fees and expenses borne by the ETN. The Portfolio’s decision to sell its ETN holdings may be limited by the availability of a secondary market. ETNs are also subject to tax risk. The IRS and Congress are considering proposals that would change the timing and character of income and gains from ETNs. There may be times when an ETN share trades at a premium or discount to its market benchmark or strategy.

**Delayed Funding  
Loans and  
Revolving Credit  
Facilities**

The Portfolio may also enter into, or acquire participations in, delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities, in which a lender agrees to make loans up to a maximum amount upon demand by the borrower during a specified term. These commitments may have the effect of requiring the Portfolio to increase its investment in a company at a time when it might not otherwise decide to do so (including at a time when the company’s financial condition makes it unlikely that such amounts will be repaid). To the extent that the Portfolio is committed to advance additional funds, it will segregate or “ earmark ” assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees in an amount sufficient to meet such commitments. Delayed funding loans and revolving credit facilities are subject to credit, interest rate and liquidity risk and the risks of being a lender.

**When-Issued,  
Delayed Delivery  
and Forward  
Commitment  
Transactions**

The Portfolio may purchase or sell securities which it is eligible to purchase or sell on a when-issued basis, may purchase and sell such securities for delayed delivery and may make contracts to purchase or sell such securities for a fixed price at a future date beyond normal settlement time (forward commitments). When-issued transactions, delayed delivery purchases and forward commitments involve a risk of loss if the value of the securities declines prior to the settlement date. This risk is in addition to the risk that the Portfolio’s other assets will decline in value. Therefore, these transactions may result in a form of leverage and increase the Portfolio’s overall investment exposure. Typically, no income accrues on securities the Portfolio has committed to purchase prior to the time delivery of the securities is made, although the Portfolio may earn income on securities it has segregated or “ earmarked ” to cover these positions. When the Portfolio has sold a security on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis, the Portfolio does not participate in future gains or losses with respect to the security. Additionally, when selling a security on a when-issued, delayed delivery, or forward commitment basis without owning the security, the Portfolio will incur a loss if the security’s price appreciates in value such that the security’s price is above the agreed upon price on the settlement date.

**Investment in  
Other Investment  
Companies**

The Portfolio may invest in securities of other investment companies, such as open-end or closed-end management investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, or in pooled accounts, or other unregistered accounts or investment vehicles to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules and

regulations thereunder and any exemptive relief therefrom. The limitation described in the foregoing sentence shall not apply to the Portfolio's investment in its Subsidiary. As a shareholder of an investment company or other pooled vehicle, the Portfolio may indirectly bear service and other fees which are in addition to the fees the Portfolio pays its service providers.

The Portfolio may invest in the PIMCO Funds Private Account Portfolio Series: Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio ("PAPS Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio"), to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder or exemptive relief therefrom. The PAPS Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio is a registered investment company created for use solely by the series of the Trust and series of the PIMCO Funds in connection with their cash management activities. The main investments of the PAPS Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio are money market instruments and short maturity Fixed Income Instruments. The PAPS Short-Term Floating NAV Portfolio may incur expenses related to its investment activities, but does not pay investment advisory or supervisory and administrative fees to PIMCO.

Subject to the restrictions and limitations of the 1940 Act, the Portfolio may, in the future, elect to pursue its investment objective by investing in one or more underlying investment vehicles or companies that have substantially similar investment objectives and policies as the Portfolio.

### **Short Sales**

The Portfolio may make short sales as part of its overall portfolio management strategies or to offset a potential decline in value of a security. A short sale involves the sale of a security that is borrowed from a broker or other institution to complete the sale. Short sales expose the Portfolio to the risk that it will be required to acquire, convert or exchange securities to replace the borrowed securities (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the securities sold short have appreciated in value, thus resulting in a loss to the Portfolio. When making a short sale (other than a "short sale against the box"), the Portfolio must segregate or " earmark " assets determined to be liquid by PIMCO in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees or otherwise cover its position in a permissible manner. The Portfolio may engage in short selling to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and rules and interpretations thereunder and other federal securities laws. To the extent the Portfolio engages in short selling in foreign (non-U.S.) jurisdictions, the Portfolio will do so to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of such jurisdiction.

### **Illiquid Securities**

The Portfolio may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities. Certain illiquid securities may require pricing at fair value as determined in good faith under the supervision of the Board of Trustees. The portfolio manager may be subject to significant delays in disposing of illiquid securities, and transactions in illiquid securities may entail registration expenses and other transaction costs that are higher than those for transactions in liquid securities. The term "illiquid securities" for this purpose means securities that cannot be disposed of within seven days in the ordinary course of business at approximately the amount at which the Portfolio has valued the securities. Restricted securities, *i.e.*, securities subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale, may be illiquid. However, some restricted securities (such as securities issued pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and certain commercial paper) may be treated as liquid, although they may be less liquid than registered securities traded on established secondary markets.

### **Loans of Portfolio Securities**

For the purpose of achieving income, the Portfolio may lend its portfolio securities to brokers, dealers, and other financial institutions provided a number of conditions are satisfied, including that the loan is fully collateralized. Please see "Investment Objectives and Policies" in the Statement of Additional Information for details. When the Portfolio lends portfolio securities, its investment performance will continue to reflect changes in the value of the securities loaned, and the Portfolio will also receive a fee or interest on the collateral. Securities lending involves the risk of loss of rights in the collateral or delay in recovery of the collateral if the borrower fails to return the security loaned or becomes insolvent. The Portfolio may pay lending fees to a party arranging the loan. Cash collateral received by the Portfolio in securities lending transactions may be invested in short-term liquid fixed income instruments or in money market or short-term mutual funds, or similar investment vehicles, including affiliated money market or short-term mutual funds. The Portfolio bears the risk of such investments.

<b>Portfolio Turnover</b>	The length of time the Portfolio has held a particular security is not generally a consideration in investment decisions. A change in the securities held by the Portfolio is known as “portfolio turnover.” The Portfolio may engage in frequent and active trading of portfolio securities to achieve its investment objective, particularly during periods of volatile market movements. High portfolio turnover ( <i>e.g.</i> , over 100%) involves correspondingly greater expenses to the Portfolio, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestments in other securities. The trading costs associated with portfolio turnover may adversely affect the Portfolio’s performance.
<b>Temporary Defensive Positions</b>	For temporary or defensive purposes, the Portfolio may invest without limit in U.S. debt securities, including taxable securities and short-term money market securities, when PIMCO deems it appropriate to do so. When the Portfolio engages in such strategies, it may not achieve its investment objective.
<b>Changes in Investment Objectives and Policies</b>	The investment objective of the Portfolio is fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval. Unless otherwise stated, all other investment policies of the Portfolio may be changed by the Board of Trustees without shareholder approval.
<b>Percentage Investment Limitations</b>	Unless otherwise stated, all percentage limitations on Portfolio investments listed in this prospectus will apply at the time of investment. The Portfolio would not violate these limitations unless an excess or deficiency occurs or exists immediately after and as a result of an investment.
<b>Credit Ratings and Unrated Securities</b>	<p>Rating agencies are private services that provide ratings of the credit quality of fixed income securities, including convertible securities. Appendix A to this prospectus describes the various ratings assigned to fixed income securities by Moody’s, S&amp;P and Fitch. Ratings assigned by a rating agency are not absolute standards of credit quality and do not evaluate market risks. Rating agencies may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings and an issuer’s current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. The Portfolio will not necessarily sell a security when its rating is reduced below its rating at the time of purchase. PIMCO does not rely solely on credit ratings, and develops its own analysis of issuer credit quality.</p> <p>The Portfolio may purchase unrated securities (which are not rated by a rating agency) if its portfolio manager determines that the security is of comparable quality to a rated security that the Portfolio may purchase. Unrated securities may be less liquid than comparable rated securities and involve the risk that the portfolio manager may not accurately evaluate the security’s comparative credit rating. Analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of high yield securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher-quality fixed income securities. To the extent that the Portfolio invests in high yield and/or unrated securities, the Portfolio’s success in achieving its investment objective may depend more heavily on the portfolio manager’s creditworthiness analysis than if the Portfolio invested exclusively in higher-quality and rated securities.</p>
<b>Other Investments and Techniques</b>	The Portfolio may invest in other types of securities and use a variety of investment techniques and strategies which are not described in this prospectus. These securities and techniques may subject the Portfolio to additional risks. Please see the Statement of Additional Information for additional information about the securities and investment techniques described in this prospectus and about additional securities and techniques that may be used by the Portfolio.

# Financial Highlights

The financial highlights table is intended to help a shareholder understand the financial performance of the Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio since the Administrative Class shares commenced operations. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Portfolio share. The total returns in the table represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Administrative Class shares of the Portfolio (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). The performance does not reflect Variable Contract fees or expenses. This information has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Portfolio's independent registered public accounting firm. Their report, along with full financial statements, appears in the Trust's Annual Report, which is available upon request.

## Selected Per Share Data for the Year or Period Ended:

	12/31/2009	12/31/2008	12/31/2007	12/31/2006	12/31/2005
<b>Administrative Class</b>					
Net asset value beginning of year	\$ 7.00	\$ 13.35	\$ 11.31	\$ 12.25	\$ 10.49
Net investment income (a)	0.24	0.44	0.47	0.42	0.35
Net realized/unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.59	(6.08)	2.11	(0.80)	1.64
Total income (loss) from investment operations	2.83	(5.64)	2.58	(0.38)	1.99
Dividends from net investment income	(0.46)	(0.59)	(0.54)	(0.51)	(0.22)
Distributions from net realized capital gains	(0.77)	(0.12)	0.00	(0.05)	(0.01)
Tax basis return of capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total distributions	(1.23)	(0.71)	(0.54)	(0.56)	(0.23)
Net asset value end of year	\$ 8.60	\$ 7.00	\$ 13.35	\$ 11.31	\$ 12.25
Total return	41.53%	(43.79)%	23.24%	(3.10)%	19.08%
Net assets end of year (000s)	\$ 477,459	\$ 214,053	\$ 287,125	\$ 180,810	\$ 106,943
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	0.98%	1.06%	0.93%	0.93%	0.89%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets excluding waivers	1.11%	1.15%	1.00%	0.93%	0.89%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense	0.89%	0.89%	0.87%	0.93%	0.89%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense and waivers	1.02%	0.98%	0.94%	0.93%	0.89%
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	3.00%	3.33%	3.90%	3.48%	2.92%
Portfolio turnover rate	742%	1,156%	856%	993%	1,415%

(a) Per share amounts based on average number of shares outstanding during the year.

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# Appendix A— Description of Securities Ratings

The Portfolio's investments may range in quality from securities rated in the lowest category in which the Portfolio is permitted to invest to securities rated in the highest category (as rated by Moody's, S&P or Fitch, or, if unrated, determined by PIMCO to be of comparable quality). The percentage of the Portfolio's assets invested in securities in a particular rating category will vary. The following terms are generally used to describe the credit quality of fixed income securities:

*High Quality Debt Securities* are those rated in one of the two highest rating categories (the highest category for commercial paper) or, if unrated, deemed comparable by PIMCO.

*Investment Grade Debt Securities* are those rated in one of the four highest rating categories, or if unrated deemed comparable by PIMCO.

*Below Investment Grade High Yield Securities* ("Junk Bonds") are those rated lower than Baa by Moody's, BBB by S&P or Fitch, and comparable securities. They are deemed predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's ability to repay principal and interest.

The following is a description of Moody's, S&P's and Fitch's rating categories applicable to fixed income securities.

## **Moody's Investors Service, Inc.**

### **Long-Term Obligation Ratings**

Moody's long-term obligation ratings are opinions of the relative credit risk of fixed-income obligations with an original maturity of one year or more. They address the possibility that a financial obligation will not be honored as promised. Such ratings reflect both the likelihood of default and any financial loss suffered in the event of default.

Aaa: Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal credit risk.

Aa: Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A: Obligations rated A are considered upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa: Obligations rated Baa are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered medium-grade and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Ba: Obligations rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements and are subject to substantial credit risk.

B: Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

Caa: Obligations rated Caa are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Ca: Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

C: Obligations rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

### **Short-Term Ratings**

Moody's short-term ratings are opinions of the ability of issuers to honor short-term financial obligations. Ratings may be assigned to issuers, short-term programs or to individual short-term debt instruments. Such obligations generally have an original maturity not exceeding thirteen months, unless explicitly noted.

Moody's employs the following designations to indicate the relative repayment ability of rated issuers:

P-1: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-2: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.

P-3: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.

NP: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Canadian issuers rated P-1 or P-2 have their short-term ratings enhanced by the senior-most long-term rating of the issuer, its guarantor or support-provider.

### **US Municipal Short-Term Debt and Demand Obligation Ratings** **Short-Term Obligation Ratings**

There are three rating categories for short-term municipal obligations that are considered investment grade. These ratings are designated as Municipal Investment Grade (MIG) and are divided into three levels—MIG 1 through MIG 3. In addition, those short-term obligations that are of speculative quality are designated SG, or speculative grade. MIG ratings expire at the maturity of the obligation.

MIG 1: This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by established cash flows, highly reliable liquidity support, or demonstrated broad-based access to the market for refinancing.

MIG 2: This designation denotes strong credit quality. Margins of protection are ample, although not as large as in the preceding group.

MIG 3: This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Liquidity and cash-flow protection may be narrow, and market access for refinancing is likely to be less well-established.

SG: This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Debt instruments in this category may lack sufficient margins of protection.

### **Demand Obligation Ratings**

In the case of variable rate demand obligations (VRDOs), a two-component rating is assigned; a long or short-term debt rating and a demand obligation rating. The first element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with scheduled principal and interest payments. The second element represents Moody's evaluation of the degree of risk associated with the ability to receive purchase price upon demand ("demand feature"), using a variation of the MIG rating scale, the Variable Municipal Investment Grade or VMIG rating. When either the long- or short-term aspect of a VRDO is not rated, that piece is designated NR, e.g., Aaa/NR or NR/VMIG 1. VMIG rating expirations are a function of each issue's specific structural or credit features.

VMIG 1: This designation denotes superior credit quality. Excellent protection is afforded by the superior short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

VMIG 2: This designation denotes strong credit quality. Good protection is afforded by the strong short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

VMIG 3: This designation denotes acceptable credit quality. Adequate protection is afforded by the satisfactory short-term credit strength of the liquidity provider and structural and legal protections that ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

SG: This designation denotes speculative-grade credit quality. Demand features rated in this category may be supported by a liquidity provider that does not have an investment grade short-term rating or may lack the structural and/or legal protections necessary to ensure the timely payment of purchase price upon demand.

## **Standard & Poor's Ratings Services**

### **Long-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

Issue credit ratings are based, in varying degrees, on the following considerations:

- Likelihood of payment—capacity and willingness of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on an obligation in accordance with the terms of the obligation;
- Nature of and provisions of the obligation;
- Protection afforded by, and relative position of, the obligation in the event of bankruptcy, reorganization, or other arrangement under the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting creditors' rights.

Issue ratings are an assessment of default risk, but may incorporate an assessment of relative seniority or ultimate recovery in the event of default. Junior obligations are typically rated lower than senior obligations, to reflect the lower priority in bankruptcy, as noted above. (Such differentiation may apply when an entity has both senior and subordinated obligations, secured and unsecured obligations, or operating company and holding company obligations.)

### **Investment Grade**

AAA: An obligation rated 'AAA' has the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA: An obligation rated 'AA' differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A: An obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB: An obligation rated 'BBB' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

### **Speculative Grade**

Obligations rated 'BB', 'B', 'CCC', 'CC', and 'C' are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. 'BB' indicates the least degree of speculation and 'C' the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB: An obligation rated 'BB' is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B: An obligation rated 'B' is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated 'BB', but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor's capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC: An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC: An obligation rated 'CC' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment.

C: A 'C' rating is assigned to obligations that are currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, obligations that have payment arrearages allowed by the terms of the documents, or obligations of an issuer that is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or similar action which have not experienced a payment default. Among others, the 'C' rating may be assigned to subordinated debt, preferred stock or other obligations on which cash payments have been suspended in accordance with the instrument's terms or when preferred stock is the subject of a distressed exchange offer, whereby some or all of the issue is either repurchased for an amount of cash or replaced by other instruments having a total value that is less than par.

D: An obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized. An obligation's rating is lowered to 'O' upon completion of a distressed exchange offer, whereby some or all of the issue is either repurchased for an amount of cash or replaced by other instruments having a total value that is less than par.

Plus (+) or minus (-): The ratings from 'AA' to 'CCC' may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

NR: This indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that Standard & Poor's does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

#### **Short-Term Issue Credit Ratings**

A-1: A short-term obligation rated 'A-1' is rated in the highest category by Standard & Poor's. The obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Within this category, certain obligations are designated with a plus sign (+). This indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on these obligations is extremely strong.

A-2: A short-term obligation rated 'A-2' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher rating categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is satisfactory.

A-3: A short-term obligation rated 'A-3' exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B: A short-term obligation rated 'B' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. Ratings of 'B-1', 'B-2', and 'B-3' may be assigned to indicate finer distinctions within the 'B' category. The obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation; however, it faces major ongoing uncertainties which could lead to the obligor's inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B-1: A short-term obligation rated 'B-1' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, but the obligor has a relatively stronger capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

B-2: A short-term obligation rated 'B-2' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has an average speculative-grade capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

B-3: A short-term obligation rated 'B-3' is regarded as having significant speculative characteristics, and the obligor has a relatively weaker capacity to meet its financial commitments over the short-term compared to other speculative-grade obligors.

C: A short-term obligation rated 'C' is currently vulnerable to nonpayment and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

D: A short-term obligation rated 'D' is in payment default. The 'D' rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due even if the applicable grace period has not expired, unless Standard & Poor's believes that such payments will be made during such grace period. The 'D' rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of a similar action if payments on an obligation are jeopardized.

Dual Ratings: Standard & Poor's assigns "dual" ratings to all debt issues that have a put option or demand feature as part of their structure. The first rating addresses the likelihood of repayment of principal and interest as due, and the second rating addresses only the demand feature. The long-term rating symbols are used for bonds to denote the long-term maturity and the short-term rating symbols for the put option (for example, 'AAA/A-1+'). With U.S. municipal short-term demand debt, note rating symbols are used with the short-term issue credit rating symbols (for example, 'SP-1+/A-1+').

**Active Qualifiers (currently applied and/or outstanding)**

i: This subscript is used for issues in which the credit factors, terms, or both, that determine the likelihood of receipt of payment of interest are different from the credit factors, terms or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of principal on the obligation. The 'i' subscript indicates that the rating addresses the interest portion of the obligation only. The 'i' subscript will always be used in conjunction with the 'p' subscript, which addresses likelihood of receipt of principal. For example, a rated obligation could be assigned ratings of "AAA<sub>p</sub> NR<sub>i</sub>" indicating that the principal portion is rated "AAA" and the interest portion of the obligation is not rated.

L: Ratings qualified with 'L' apply only to amounts invested up to federal deposit insurance limits.

p: This subscript is used for issues in which the credit factors, the terms, or both, that determine the likelihood of receipt of payment of principal are different from the credit factors, terms or both that determine the likelihood of receipt of interest on the obligation. The 'p' subscript indicates that the rating addresses the principal portion of the obligation only. The 'p' subscript will always be used in conjunction with the 'i' subscript, which addresses likelihood of receipt of interest. For example, a rated obligation could be assigned ratings of "AAA<sub>p</sub> NR<sub>i</sub>" indicating that the principal portion is rated "AAA" and the interest portion of the obligation is not rated.

pi: Ratings with a 'pi' subscript are based on an analysis of an issuer's published financial information, as well as additional information in the public domain. They do not, however, reflect in-depth meetings with an issuer's management and therefore may be based on less comprehensive information than ratings without a 'pi' subscript. Ratings with a 'pi' subscript are reviewed annually based on a new year's financial statements, but may be reviewed on an interim basis if a major event occurs that may affect the issuer's credit quality.

pr: The letters 'pr' indicate that the rating is provisional. A provisional rating assumes the successful completion of the project financed by the debt being rated and indicates that payment of debt service requirements is largely or entirely dependent upon the successful, timely completion of the project. This rating, however, while addressing credit quality subsequent to completion of the project, makes no comment on the

likelihood of or the risk of default upon failure of such completion. The investor should exercise his own judgment with respect to such likelihood and risk.

Preliminary: Preliminary ratings are assigned to issues, including financial programs, in the following circumstances.

- Preliminary ratings may be assigned to obligations, most commonly structured and project finance issues, pending receipt of final documentation and legal opinions. Assignment of a final rating is conditional on the receipt and approval by Standard & Poor's of appropriate documentation. Changes in the information provided to Standard & Poor's could result in the assignment of a different rating. In addition, Standard & Poor's reserves the right not to issue a final rating.
- Preliminary ratings are assigned to Rule 415 Shelf Registrations. As specific issues, with defined terms, are offered from the master registration, a final rating may be assigned to them in accordance with Standard & Poor's policies. The final rating may differ from the preliminary rating.
- Preliminary ratings may be assigned to obligations that will likely be issued upon reorganization or emergence from bankruptcy, based on late-stage reorganization plans, documentation and discussions with the obligor. These ratings consider the anticipated general credit quality of the reorganized or postbankruptcy issuer as well as attributes of the anticipated obligation(s). The final rating may differ from the preliminary rating as a result of changes in the reorganization plan or other developments. Standard & Poor's reserves the right not to issue a final rating.

t: This symbol indicates termination structures that are designed to honor their contracts to full maturity or, should certain events occur, to terminate and cash settle all their contracts before their final maturity date.

unsolicited: Unsolicited ratings are those credit ratings assigned at the initiative of Standard & Poor's and not at the request of the issuer or its agents.

**Inactive Qualifiers (no longer applied or outstanding)**

\*: This symbol indicated continuance of the ratings is contingent upon Standard & Poor's receipt of an executed copy of the escrow agreement or closing documentation confirming investments and cash flows. Discontinued use in August 1998.

c: This qualifier was used to provide additional information to investors that the bank may terminate its obligation to purchase tendered bonds if the long-term credit rating of the issuer is below an investment-grade level and/or the issuer's bonds are deemed taxable. Discontinued use in January 2001.

q: A 'q' subscript indicates that the rating is based solely on quantitative analysis of publicly available information. Discontinued use in April 2001.

r: The 'r' modifier was assigned to securities containing extraordinary risks, particularly market risks, that are not covered in the credit rating. The absence of an 'r' modifier should not be taken as an indication that an obligation will not exhibit extraordinary non-credit related risks. Standard & Poor's discontinued the use of the 'r' modifier for most obligations in June 2000 and for the balance of obligations (mainly structured finance transactions) in November 2002.

Local Currency and Foreign Currency Risks: Country risk considerations are a standard part of Standard & Poor's analysis for credit ratings on any issuer or issue. Currency of repayment is a key factor in this analysis. An obligor's capacity to repay foreign currency obligations may be lower than its capacity to repay obligations in its local currency due to the sovereign government's own relatively lower capacity to repay external versus domestic debt. These sovereign risk considerations are incorporated in the debt ratings assigned to specific issues. Foreign currency issuer ratings are also distinguished from local currency issuer ratings to identify those instances where sovereign risks make them different for the same issuer.

## Long-Term Credit Ratings Investment Grade

AAA: Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of credit risk. They are assigned only in case of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA: Very high credit quality. "AA" ratings denote expectations of very low credit risk. They indicate very strong capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A: High credit quality. "A" ratings denote expectations of low credit risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

BBB: Good credit quality. "BBB" ratings indicate that expectations of credit risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate, but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

### Speculative Grade

BB: Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to credit risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial alternatives may be available to allow financial commitments to be met.

B: Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that material credit risk is present.

CCC: Substantial credit risk. 'CCC' ratings indicate that substantial credit risk is present.

CC: Very high levels of credit risk. 'CC' ratings indicate very high levels of credit risk.

C: Exceptionally high levels of credit risk. 'C' indicates exceptionally high levels of credit risk.

Defaulted obligations typically are not assigned 'D' ratings, but are instead rated in the 'B' to 'C' rating categories, depending upon their recovery prospects and other relevant characteristics. This approach better aligns obligations that have comparable overall expected loss but varying vulnerability to default and loss.

The modifiers "t" or "-" may be appended to a rating to denote relative status within major rating categories. Such suffixes are not added to the 'AAA' obligation rating category, or to corporate finance obligation ratings in the categories below 'B.'

### Recovery Ratings

Recovery Ratings are assigned to selected individual securities and obligations. These currently are published for most individual obligations of corporate issuers with IDRs in the 'B' rating category and below, and for most distressed or defaulted structured finance obligations rated "CCC" or below.

Among the factors that affect recovery rates for securities are the collateral, the seniority relative to other obligations in the capital structure (where appropriate), and the expected value of the company or underlying collateral in distress.

The Recovery Rating scale is based upon the expected relative recovery characteristics of an obligation upon the curing of a default, emergence from insolvency or following the liquidation or termination of the obligor or its associated collateral. For structured finance, Recovery Ratings are designed to estimate recoveries on a forward-looking basis while taking into account the time value of money.

Recovery Ratings are an ordinal scale and do not attempt to precisely predict a given level of recovery. As a guideline in developing the rating assessments, the agency employs broad theoretical recovery bands in its

ratings approach based on historical averages, but actual recoveries for a given security may deviate materially from historical averages.

RR1: *Outstanding recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR1’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 91%-100% of current principal and related interest.

RR2: *Superior recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR2’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 71%-90% of current principal and related interest.

RR3: *Good recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR3’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 51%-70% of current principal and related interest.

RR4: *Average recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR4’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 31%-50% of current principal and related interest.

RR5: *Below average recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR5’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 11%-30% of current principal and related interest.

RR6: *Poor recovery prospects given default.* ‘RR6’ rated securities have characteristics consistent with securities historically recovering 0%-10% of current principal and related interest.

### **Short-Term Credit Ratings**

A short-term issuer or obligation rating is based in all cases on the short-term vulnerability to default of the rated entity or security stream, and relates to the capacity to meet financial obligations in accordance with the documentation governing the relevant obligation. Short-Term Ratings are assigned to obligations whose initial maturity is viewed as “short term” based on market convention. Typically, this means up to 13 months for corporate, structured and sovereign obligations, and up to 36 months for obligations in US public finance markets.

F1: Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added “+” to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature.

F2: Good short-term credit quality. Good intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

F3: Fair short-term credit quality. The intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments is adequate.

B: Speculative short-term credit quality. Minimal capacity for timely payment of financial commitments, plus heightened vulnerability to near term adverse changes in financial and economic conditions.

C: High short-term default risk. Default is a real possibility.

RD: Restricted default. Indicates an entity that has defaulted on one or more of its financial commitments, although it continues to meet other financial obligations. Applicable to entity ratings only.

D: Default. Indicates a broad-based default event for an entity, or the default of a specific short-term obligation.

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