

## GALLIARD STABLE RETURN FUND N

This Disclosure summarizes information about the Galliard Stable Return Core Fund (the “Master Fund”) and Galliard Stable Return Fund N, which invests in the Master Fund that a prospective investor, including plan sponsors and plan participants, should know before investing. Investors should read and retain this disclosure for future reference.

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*Investments in the Fund are NOT bank deposits, are NOT guaranteed by Trustee, are NOT insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) or any other agency of the U.S. Government, and are subject to investment risks, including loss of principal.*

*The interests offered hereby are exempt from registration under the federal securities laws and accordingly this disclosure does not contain information which would otherwise be included if registration were required.*

### Key information

Established under the Declaration of Trust for the Allspring Collective Investment Trust (“Declaration of Trusts”) as amended and restated, the Galliard Stable Return Core Fund and the Galliard Stable Return Fund N, which holds the Master Fund (collectively referred to as the “Fund”), are collective investment funds trusted by SEI Trust Company (“Trustee”) as managed by Galliard Capital Management, LLC is a registered investment advisor and wholly owned subsidiary of Allspring Global Investment Holdings, LLC. and a fiduciary under ERISA Section 3(21).

**Objective.** The Fund seeks to provide investors with a moderate level of stable income without principal volatility. *There is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its objective.*

**Plan sponsors should consider not investing in the Fund if they are unwilling to abide by a 12-month written notice requirement for complete withdrawal.**

### Who may invest

The Fund is offered exclusively to retirement plans qualified under §401(a) and tax-exempt under §501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), excluding defined benefit plans other than those invested in the Fund as of January 15, 2006, and for which Trustee serves as trustee or investment manager or in any other capacity authorized by law (each, a “Plan” and collectively, the “Plans”).

Subject to the foregoing, the Fund is offered exclusively to:

- (1) Employee pension, profit sharing or stock bonus plans (i)<sup>1</sup> which are qualified within the meaning of Code Section 401(a) and are therefore exempt from tax under Code Section 501(a), including an employee pension, profit sharing or stock bonus plan created or organized in Puerto Rico which is treated as qualified within the meaning of Code Section 401(a) and is exempt from tax under Code Section 501(a) pursuant to Section 1022(i) of the

<sup>1</sup> As of the date of this disclosure no new participations by Defined Benefit Plans are permissible.

Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”); and (ii) which are administered under one or more documents which authorize part or all of the assets of the trust to be commingled for investment purposes with the assets of other such trusts in a collective investment trust and which adopt each such collective investment trust as a part of the plan.

- (2) Governmental plans or units described in Code Section 401(a)(24) or in Code Section 818(a)(6) which satisfy the requirements of Section 3(a)(2), or any other available exemption, of the Securities Act of 1933 and any applicable requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and any eligible governmental plans which meet the requirements of Code Section 457(b) and are exempt under Code Section 457(g).
- (3) Trusts for the collective investment of assets of any investor which qualify as a “group trust” under the Internal Revenue Service Ruling 81-100 or any successor ruling.
- (4) Separate accounts maintained by an insurance company, the assets of which are derived solely from contributions made under plans qualified under section 401(a) and exempt under section 501(a) of the Code or a governmental plan or unit described in subparagraph (2) above.
- (5) Custodial accounts that are treated as a trust under Code Section 401(f) or under Code Section 457(g)(3) and satisfy all of the other conditions set forth herein (each, a “Plan” and collectively, the “Plans”). No minimum amount is required for initial and subsequent purchases of Fund units.
- (6) Plans qualified under Code Section 401(a) that are exempt under Code Section 501(a); funds from Code Section 401(a)(24) governmental retiree benefit plans that are not subject to Federal income taxation; funds from retirement income accounts under Code Section 403(b)(9); and funds from eligible governmental plan trusts or custodial accounts under Code Section 457(b) that are exempt under Code Section 457(g).

## Fund investments

Stable value is a fixed income asset class available exclusively to defined contribution retirement plans and government deferred compensation plans. Stable value funds typically invest in a variety of investment contracts, including traditional Guaranteed Investment Contracts (GICs), Security Backed Investment Contracts (also known as Synthetic GICs) and Separate Account GICs. The distinctive feature of these contracts is that they are designed to provide,

under most circumstances (see Risk Factors Section), participants access to their funds at contract value (also called book value), which is equal to their principal balance plus any accrued interest. This contract feature is called “benefit responsiveness.” The contracts are designed to enable the assets of a stable value fund to be valued at their contract value rather than the market value of the securities backing the contracts. Separate Account GICs and Security Backed Investment Contracts earn an income yield which is determined by a crediting rate formula that reflects the earnings of the Contracts’ underlying fixed income securities with gains or losses “smoothed” over time through the crediting rate formula. This positive earnings profile has made stable value funds a popular choice for retirement plan investors who are looking for a conservative fixed income option with an objective of providing principal preservation and a competitive income yield. While it is the intent of the Fund’s management to provide the benefits of stable value investing through the Fund’s investment strategy including a competitive yield without principal fluctuations, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE FUND WILL MAINTAIN A COMPETITIVE YIELD OR STABLE PRINCIPAL VALUE UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. A description of the Fund’s primary investments follows:

### Security backed investment contracts (“SBICs”).

Security Backed Investment Contracts are designed to provide principal preservation by providing for participant transactions at contract value. There are two key components in a Security Backed Investment Contract’s structure: 1) a portfolio of fixed income securities (“Underlying Assets”) which are held and owned by the Fund on behalf of investors, and 2) investment contracts (also known as wrap contracts) designed to be benefit responsive, which enables participants to make withdrawals at contract value. The following is an overview of these two Security Backed Investment Contract components:

- Fixed Income Securities. The Underlying Assets for Security Backed Investment Contracts that the Fund may purchase include, but are not limited to U.S. Treasury securities; U.S. Agency securities; asset-backed securities; certificates of deposit; corporate securities; sovereign/supranational securities; mortgage-backed securities; municipal securities; derivative instruments; money market instruments; collective funds investing primarily in the permissible securities aforementioned above. All securities in the Fund are U.S. dollar denominated.
- Investment Contracts. The Fund purchases investment contracts (“wrap contracts”) which are designed to be benefit responsive from financial institutions such as banks and insurance companies. These wrap contracts are designed to allow for

payments to participants to occur at contract value, regardless of the value of its Underlying Assets. The interest rate for a wrap contract is based initially on the yield of the Underlying Assets and then is reset periodically utilizing a crediting rate formula. Typically rates are reset quarterly, but may be reset more or less frequently. The basic function of the crediting rate formula is to amortize the realized or unrealized market value gain or loss in the Underlying Assets over a period of time defined by each contract. The wrap contract's crediting rate generally tracks interest rates over time on a lagged basis. Wrap contracts are not assignable or transferable and, therefore, are considered illiquid investments. However, as noted above, the Underlying Assets backing the contracts are owned directly by the Fund and are marketable.

**Cash or cash equivalents.** The Fund may hold a certain amount of its assets in cash or instruments which are generally considered to be a functional equivalent of cash in terms of the ability of the Fund to use those assets to provide a ready source of liquidity to respond to redemptions or other unforeseen circumstances.

**Collective investment trusts.** The Fund may also invest in other collective investment trusts with investment objectives that are consistent with the Fund's investment strategy.

**Guaranteed investment contracts ("GICs").** The Fund may invest in GICs issued by credit worthy U.S. and Canadian insurance companies which, at the time of investment, meet credit guidelines established by the Trustee. GICs are obligations of insurance companies which generally provide fixed rates of interest over set periods of time. Some GICs can be structured to have either variable rates or variable maturities, or both. GICs are not insured by any federal agency. GICs may not be recognized as insurance policies in the event of the insolvency of the issuer and therefore the claims of GIC holders may remain unpaid until the claims of policy holders are paid. The instruments are generally not assignable or transferable without the consent of the issuers and have no publicly traded secondary market.

**Separate account GICs.** Separate Account GICs are issued by insurance companies and backed by Underlying Assets held in an account segregated from the insurance company's general account assets. A Separate Account GIC is also designed to be benefit responsive, which enables participants to make withdrawals at contract value, although the assets are owned by the insurer. Like Security Backed Investment Contracts, the rates credited by Separate Account GICs are reset on a periodic basis.

## Investment Strategy

The Fund will pursue its objective by actively managing a diversified portfolio of investment contracts, and the associated portfolio of Underlying Assets. All investment contract issuers and securities utilized by the Fund must be rated investment grade by one of the Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations at time of purchase. For liquidity purposes, the Fund attempts to maintain sufficient liquidity, as determined by the overall manager, by investing in cash and/or cash equivalents.

**Portfolio diversification.** The Fund generally invests up to 95% of its assets in GICs, Separate Account GICs and Security Backed Investment Contracts. The Fund will generally not invest more than 3% of its total assets in the GICs of a single issuer at the time of purchase. No single Security Backed Investment Contract issuer or Separate Account GIC Issuer may wrap more than 25% of the Fund's total assets at the time of placement. It is intended that the Fund's investment contracts will maintain a minimum weighted average credit quality rating of A-. The overall average credit rating of the Underlying Assets in the Fund will be maintained at a minimum of AA-. To calculate the average credit quality, Galliard first calculates a composite rating for each security or contract issuer. If Moody's, S&P and Fitch all provide a credit rating, the composite rating is the median of the three agency ratings. If only two agencies provide ratings, the composite rating is the higher rating. If only one agency provides a rating, the composite rating reflects that agency's rating. To calculate the overall weighted average rating of the Fund, each composite rating is assigned a numeric value, and issuers or securities that do not have a rating are assigned the lowest quality numeric value on the scale. The numeric ratings of issuers are contract value weighted and the numeric value of Underlying Assets are market value weighted (and rounded to the nearest integer if necessary) to arrive at the weighted average quality for the Fund. The Fund's Underlying Assets must have a credit rating of "investment grade" (not lower than Baa3 or BBB-) at the time of purchase and meet issuer diversification guidelines. Short-term money market funds may comprise between 5% and 50% of total Fund assets. The duration of the Fund is not to exceed 3.5 years.

**Liquidity management.** The Fund utilizes a "Liquidity Buffer" to manage participant activity within the Fund. In the context of the Fund, a Liquidity Buffer is an amount maintained in cash or cash equivalents with the goal of reducing the Fund's overall duration and providing an adequate amount of readily available assets to fund projected participant withdrawals.

Participant redemptions are first funded from net contributions and other transfers to the Fund received on the day a disbursement is funded. If additional funds are necessary, funds may be drawn from the Fund's Liquidity Buffer to fully fund any remaining amount. The minimum amount of the Fund's Liquidity Buffer is often governed by the Fund's Investment Guidelines; however, the Fund may maintain a liquidity buffer which is substantially in excess of the minimum amount.

There can be, however, no guarantee that the liquidity needs of all Fund participants will be met by the Liquidity Buffer. If the Liquidity Buffer were inadequate to fund participant withdrawals, the Fund would be compelled to sell securities to create the necessary liquidity. Such sales could, depending on prevailing market conditions, cause a deviation between the Fund's market value and contract value, and ultimately invoke the coverage of the Fund's stable value contracts.

**Impact of the Fund's ownership by participants of multiple plans.** A feature of the Fund, which tends to mitigate the risk that the Fund would need to invoke the coverage of its investment contracts, is the diversification of ownership of interests in the Fund among the participants of many plans. Such diversification, for example, potentially lessens the possibility that a significant percentage of Fund assets would be withdrawn at the same time. For example, the Fund's investment contracts generally allow for a certain percentage of the Fund's assets to be withdrawn at contract value, even if those withdrawals would otherwise not be covered by the contract (this amount is known as a "Corridor"). As a result of the diversification of ownership interests in the Fund, the possibility that multiple plans would independently engage in employer initiated events which were adequate to overcome the capacity allowed by the Corridor to value assets at contract value is smaller than it would be for an account controlled by a single plan.

**Active management.** Certain of the Security Backed Investment Contracts and Separate Account GICs utilized within the Fund are backed by Underlying Assets that are actively managed in varying investment styles. The Fund engages in active management of its Underlying Assets with a goal of improving diversification and enhancing performance of the Fund through use of fixed income management strategies including but not limited to sector allocation, yield curve analysis and issue selection. It is hoped that such strategies can positively affect the crediting rate of the Investment Contracts over time without adding materially to the volatility of the overall Fund. Portfolio turnover generally involves some expense to the Fund, including non-affiliated dealer mark-ups and

other transaction costs on the sale of securities and the reinvestment in other securities.

Frequent trading will result in a higher-than-average portfolio turnover ratio and increased trading expenses. Securities brokers and dealers for the Fund's portfolio transactions are selected on the basis of their ability to provide the best execution.

The Fund's advisor, Galliard, manages the Underlying Assets within the Security Backed Investment Contracts and Separate Account GICs within the Fund directly. The Underlying Assets may be invested in fixed income collective investment funds trusted by Trustee.

These fixed income collective funds are utilized by the Fund, in lieu of establishing separate portfolios.

**Annualized portfolio turnover.** The portfolio turnover rate is not a limiting factor when management deems portfolio changes appropriate. Changes may be made in the portfolios consistent with the investment objectives and policies of the portfolios whenever such changes are believed to be in the best interests of the portfolios and their interest holders. Portfolio turnover ratios for stable value funds are calculated at the underlying fixed income portfolio level. In the event to the Fund invests in traditional GICs or Short Term Investment Funds, portfolio turnover related to those components will not be included in the overall turnover ratio, consistent with Securities and Exchange Commission Form N-1A or N-3, as appropriate.

**Securities lending.** The Fund does not currently engage in securities lending activities.

## Risk Factors

The Fund is designed to allow participants to transact at contract value. There are a number of risks and events associated with investing in investment contracts and fixed income securities. These risks may adversely or positively affect future returns of the Fund. Important risk factors are addressed in this section.

**Cash flow risk.** This is the risk that the net effect of Fund contributions or withdrawals will have a negative impact on the Fund's crediting rate, thereby decreasing the income which the fund generates for participants, or could ultimately result in the need to invoke the terms of the coverage provided by the Fund's investment contracts (See "Investment Contract Risk" below). Also included in this risk is the notion that cash flows may be different than expected, making it more difficult to manage the investments in the Fund.

Stable value separate account portfolios may employ a strategy which incorporates the use of the Galliard Stable Return Fund as a component of a “liquidity buffer” for the separate account. In these situations, a separate account may hold a portion of its assets in the Fund for liquidity management. The separate account may then call on some or all of the assets so invested in the Fund to supply participants’ liquidity needs. This strategy could potentially have the effect of increasing the normal liquidity needed by the Fund. Galliard manages the Fund’s liquidity taking into consideration the potential liquidity needs specific to individual plans and separate account investors as a group. If a plan fiduciary should request that Galliard change its liquidity strategy in their stable value separate account by replacing the Galliard Stable Return Fund investment in lieu of a money market fund, Galliard may require 12 months’ notice from such fiduciary before it can fulfill such a change in strategy.

**Counter-party risk.** When the Fund enters into an agreement, such as an agreement to purchase or sell securities, the Fund is exposed to the risk that the other party will not fulfill its obligation.

**Crediting rate risk.** The Fund’s yield is the aggregate of all of the investment contracts’ individual crediting rates plus the yield on the cash portion of the Fund’s portfolio. The basic function of the formula used to determine a Security Backed Investment Contract’s or a Separate Account GIC’s crediting rate is to amortize the market value gain or loss of the Underlying Assets over the duration of the portfolio. In circumstances where the Fund’s market value is less than the Fund’s contract value, the crediting rate will decrease in order to amortize the difference. In these circumstances, the Fund’s yield may be reduced, crediting less than the income earned by the Underlying Assets.

An investment contract’s crediting rate provides a fixed return for a period of time until the next rate reset. Typically, these rates are reset quarterly but may be reset more or less frequently. The use of the crediting rate formula and periodic reset schedule allow the contract’s return to generally track market rates over time on a lagged basis. So, for example, in an environment where interest rates are rising, the Fund’s crediting rate may be lower than prevailing interest rates. The crediting rate formula’s components include the Underlying Assets’ yield, duration, and market value, in addition to the contract value. The management of these key variables can affect the volatility of the contract’s overall crediting rate.

**Cyber security and operational risks.** The Trustee’s business, financial, accounting, and data processing

systems, or other operating systems and facilities, may stop operating properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors, including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control. For example, there could be sudden increases in shareholder transaction volume; electrical or telecommunications outages; degradation or loss of public internet domain; climate change related impacts and natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, and hurricanes; disease pandemics; or events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts.

The Fund is also subject to the risk of potential cyber incidents which may include, but are not limited to, the harming of or unauthorized access to digital systems (for example, through “hacking” or infection by computer viruses or other malicious software code), denial-of-service attacks on websites, and the inadvertent or intentional release of confidential or proprietary information. Cyber incidents may, among other things, harm Fund operations, result in financial losses to a Fund and its shareholders, cause the release of confidential or highly restricted information, and result in regulatory penalties, reputational damage, and/or increased compliance, reimbursement, or other compensation costs. Fund operations that may be disrupted or halted due to a cyber incident include trading, the processing of shareholder transactions, and the calculation of a Fund’s net asset value.

Issues affecting operating systems and facilities, either through cyber incidents or any of the other scenarios described above, may harm the Fund by affecting a Fund’s advisor(s), or other service providers, or issuers of securities in which a Fund invests. Although the Trustee has business continuity plans and other safeguards in place, including what we believe to be robust information security procedures and controls, there is no guarantee that these measures will prevent cyber incidents or prevent or ameliorate the effects of significant and widespread disruption to our physical infrastructure or operating systems. Furthermore, the Trustee cannot directly control the security or other measures taken by unaffiliated service providers or the issuers of securities in which the Funds invest. Such risks at issuers of securities in which the Fund invests could result in material adverse consequences for such issuers, and may cause the Fund’s investment in such securities to lose value.

**Debt securities and credit risk.** Debt securities, such as notes and bonds, are subject to credit risk and interest rate risk. Credit risk is the possibility that an issuer or credit support provider of an instrument will be unable to make interest payments or repay principal when due. Changes in the financial strength

of an issuer or credit support provider or changes in the credit rating of a security may affect its value. Interest rate risk is the risk that market interest rates may increase, which tends to reduce the resale value of certain debt securities, including U.S. Government obligations. Debt securities with longer durations are generally more sensitive to interest rate changes than those with shorter durations. Changes in market interest rates do not affect the rate payable on an existing debt security, unless the instrument has adjustable or variable rate features, which can reduce its exposure to interest rate risk. Changes in market interest rates may also extend or shorten the duration of certain types of instruments, such as asset-backed securities, thereby affecting their value and returns. Debt securities may also have, or become subject to, liquidity constraints.

**Derivative risk.** The term “derivatives” covers a broad range of investments, including futures, options and swap agreements. In general, a derivative refers to any financial instrument whose value is derived, at least in part, from the price of another security or a specified index, asset or rate.

The use of derivatives presents risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in traditional securities. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the underlying asset, index or rate, which may be magnified by certain features of the derivatives. These risks are heightened when the portfolio manager uses derivatives to enhance a Fund’s return or as a substitute for a position or security, rather than solely to hedge (or offset) the risk of a position or security held by the Fund. The success of management’s derivatives strategies will also be affected by its ability to assess and predict the impact of market or economic developments on the underlying asset, index or rate and the derivative itself, without the benefit of observing the performance of the derivative under all possible market conditions. Certain derivative positions may be difficult to close out when a Fund’s portfolio manager may believe it would be appropriate to do so. Certain derivative positions (e.g., over-the-counter swaps) are subject to counterparty risk.

Transactions in futures contracts involve certain risks and transactions costs. Risks include imperfect correlation between the price of the futures contracts and the price of the underlying securities, the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular instrument, the counterparty or guaranteeing agent defaulting, and trading restrictions imposed by futures exchanges due to price volatility. Futures contracts involve the posting of margin deposits, and movement in the underlying securities

may result in calls for additional payments of cash. The need to make such additional payments could require the Fund to liquidate securities at a disadvantageous time.

The Fund, including any of its Underlying Funds, and Trustee are not required to register as commodity pool operators and will not purchase futures contracts for speculation.

**Fund-of-funds risk.** To the extent of its investment in other funds, each Fund bears the risks of those funds. There is no assurance that those Underlying Funds will achieve their objectives.

**Inflation-protected debt securities risk.** Inflation-protected debt securities are structured to provide protection against the negative effects of inflation. Inflation is a general rise in the prices of goods and services which can erode an investor’s purchasing power. Unlike traditional debt securities whose return is based on the payment of interest on a fixed principal amount, the principal value of inflation-protected debt securities is periodically adjusted according to the rate of inflation and as a result, interest payments will vary. For example, if the index measuring the rate of inflation falls, the principal value of an inflation-protected debt security will fall and the amount of interest payable on such security will consequently be reduced. Conversely, if the index measuring the rate of inflation rises, the principal value on such securities will rise and the amount of interest payable will also increase. The value of inflation-protected debt securities is expected to change in response to changes in real interest rates. Generally, the value of an inflation-protected debt security will fall when real interest rates rise and inversely, rise when real interest rates fall.

**Information risk.** The risk that information about a security is unavailable, incomplete or inaccurate.

**Interest rate risk.** Interest rate risk is the risk that the market value of the Underlying Assets will fluctuate as interest rates go up and down. For example, when interest rates go up, the market value of bonds will go down.

**Investment contract risk.** The Fund purchases investment contracts from financial institutions. These contracts are designed to enable the Fund to utilize contract value, rather than the market value of the Underlying Assets, when determining the Fund’s value for participant transactions, pursuant to standards of practice issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. While these contracts normally allow for contract valuation, there can be no assurance this valuation can be maintained in the risk that the contract issuer will default on its obligation

under the contract, or that another event of default may occur under the contract rendering it invalid; that the premium or other fee payments under the contract will reduce the performance of the investment; or that the contract will be terminated before a replacement contract with favorable terms can be secured.

In addition, the contracts may contain terms which reflect circumstances in which the Underlying Assets may be excluded, in whole or in part, from contract value treatment. If these Underlying Assets were not provided contract value treatment, they must be marked to market and could impact the ability to realize the full principal value of the investment in the Fund. While the specific terms of the Fund's various investment contracts may differ among the contract issuers, here are a few examples of circumstances where contract value treatment may not be provided to specific underlying assets:

- Credit defaults and other impairments of Underlying Assets are generally excluded from the investment contracts' coverage, subject to certain allowances and / or cure periods. The contracts are not intended to guarantee the credit quality or provide default protection for the Underlying Assets. Acting within the investment guidelines applicable to the Fund, the Fund relies on the credit analysis of its investment adviser or sub-advisers to avoid buying securities which may become impaired. Notwithstanding this, however, there can be no guarantee that Underlying Assets held by the Fund will not become impaired. The impairment of any of these Underlying Assets could cause the specific assets to be excluded from the investment contract's coverage, which could cause a loss of principal value in The Fund.
- Certain employer events are also excluded from the investment contracts' coverage. For example, the contracts recognize certain "employer initiated events or communications," substantially increase the likelihood of large redemptions from the Fund. Thus, such employer initiated events may significantly increase the risk that a contract issuer be required to make a payment. Therefore, most investment contracts limit the contract value coverage provided for Fund withdrawals arising as a result of an employer initiated event. This limitation could cause a loss of principal in the Fund. Examples of employer initiated events include: advising Fund participants to redeem their Fund holdings, significant restructurings of operations, or large scale layoffs.

Finally, each contract recognizes certain "Events of Default" which can invalidate contracts' coverage. Among these are investments outside of the range of instruments which are permitted under the investment

guidelines contained in the investment contract, fraudulent or other material misrepresentations made to the investment contract provider, changes of control of the investment adviser not approved by the contract issuer, changes in certain key regulatory requirements, or failure of the trust to be tax qualified.

While the Fund's investment advisor endeavors to minimize the likelihood of any loss of contract value coverage from such events, **THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH A LOSS OF CONTRACT VALUE COVERAGE WILL NOT OCCUR, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF PRINCIPAL VALUE OF YOUR INVESTMENT.**

**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, services or securities.

**Liquidity risk.** This risk generally relates to the degree to which an investment can be easily sold or converted into cash.

In a fixed income context, it is the risk that a security cannot be sold at the time desired, or cannot be sold without adversely affecting the price. The securities in some foreign companies may be less easy to buy and sell (that is, less liquid) and their prices may be more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. companies. In addition, the differing securities market structures and various potential administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends, may reduce liquidity and adversely affect the value of some securities.

In a stable value context, it is the risk relating to participants' ability to access funds without market value risk or other penalty. At the portfolio level, it means the ability to meet cash flow demands without having to sell investments at distressed prices. Liquidity risk is increased in an institutional context, such as a stable value fund, which must anticipate the withdrawal needs of institutional clients that may react to market or other needs in ways which may be difficult to anticipate. The Fund is structured to provide adequate liquidity for normal withdrawal needs. However, the Fund should be considered a long-term investment for participants to accumulate retirement assets.

**Management risk.** This is the risk that the investment techniques and risk analyses used by the Fund's portfolio managers will not produce the desired results, which may lead to unanticipated losses or underperformance.

**Market risk.** The market price of securities owned by a Fund may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Securities may decline in value or become illiquid due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries represented in the securities markets, such as labor shortages or increased production costs and competitive conditions within an industry. A security may decline in value or become illiquid 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. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may decline in value or become illiquid simultaneously.

**Mortgage- and asset-backed securities risk.** Mortgage and asset-backed securities represent interests in “pools” of mortgages or other assets, including consumer loans or receivables held in trust. In addition, mortgage dollar rolls are transactions in which a Fund sells mortgage-backed securities to a dealer and simultaneously agrees to purchase similar securities in the future at a predetermined price. Mortgage- and asset-backed securities, including mortgage dollar roll transactions, are subject to certain additional risks. Rising interest rates tend to extend the duration of these securities, making them more sensitive to changes in interest rates. As a result, in a period of rising interest rates, these securities may exhibit additional volatility. This is known as extension risk. In addition, these securities are subject to prepayment risk, which is the risk that when interest rates decline or are low but are expected to rise, borrowers may pay off their debts sooner than expected. This can reduce the returns of a Fund because the Fund will have to reinvest that money at the lower prevailing interest rates. This is also known as reinvestment risk. These securities also are subject to risk of default on the underlying mortgage or assets, particularly during periods of economic downturn.

**Political risk.** The risk that political actions, events or instability may be unfavorable for investments made in a particular nation’s or region’s industry, government or markets.

**Prepayment risk.** Prepayment risk is the risk that the issuers of the bonds owned by a fund will prepay them at a time when interest rates have declined. Because interest rates have declined, the fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in bonds with lower interest rates, which can reduce the fund’s return.

**Regulatory risk.** Changes in government regulations may adversely affect the value of a security.

**Sector emphasis risk.** Investing a substantial portion of a Fund’s assets in related industries or sectors may have greater risks because companies in these sectors may share common characteristics and may react similarly to market developments.

**Stripped securities risk.** Stripped securities are the separate income or principal components of debt securities. These securities are particularly sensitive to changes in interest rates, and therefore subject to greater fluctuations in price than typical interest bearing debt securities. For example, stripped mortgage-backed securities have greater interest rate risk than mortgage-backed securities with like maturities, and stripped treasury securities have greater interest rate risk than traditional government securities with identical credit ratings.

**U.S. Government obligations risk.** U.S. Government obligations include securities issued by the U.S. Treasury, U.S. Government agencies or government sponsored entities. While U.S. Treasury obligations are backed by the “full faith and credit” of the U.S. Government, securities issued by U.S. Government agencies or government-sponsored entities may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. The Government National Mortgage Association (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 the Department of Veterans Affairs. Government-sponsored entities (whose obligations are 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 principal, but its participation certificates are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. If a government-sponsored entity is unable to meet its obligations or its creditworthiness declines, the performance of a Fund that holds securities issued or guaranteed by the entity will be adversely impacted. U.S. Government obligations are subject to low but varying degrees of credit risk, and are still subject to interest rate and market risk.

**Yield curve risk.** Yield curve risk refers to the exposure that a security or portfolio may have in the event of changes in the yield differences required by investors between short and long term debt



instruments, (i.e. the yield curve) that will affect the return of an investment either positively or negatively.

## Fees and expenses

### Fees

Each Plan in the Fund shall pay a fee (the “Trustee Fee”) to the Trustee, at the following annual rates based on the value of each Plan’s investment in the Fund:

Fees & Expenses	Galliard Stable Return Fund N	Galliard Stable Return Fund Core
Trustee Fee	0.220%	0.000%
Plan Administrative	0.750%	0.000%
Investment Contracts	0.000%	0.142%
Expense Ratio	0.970%	0.142%
Underlying Funds	0.147%	0.005%
Total Expense <sup>1</sup>	1.117%	0.147%
Expense Per \$1,000	\$11.17	\$1.47

<sup>1</sup> The Total Expense and Expense Per \$1,000 figures shown above are as of 4/1/2022 and include an estimation of the underlying acquired fund fees and expenses that are not included in the acquiring fund’s Expense Ratio.

The Trustee Fee for each Fund will be accrued daily at the annual rate set forth above, and will be paid monthly in arrears from the assets of the applicable Fund. The Trustee Fee will cover (i) the normal operating fees and expenses of the Fund (as described under “Fund Operating Costs” below); (ii) compensation to the Trustee for the fiduciary services provided by the Trustee; and (iii) compensation to Galliard for the investment advisory and administrative services provided by Galliard.

### Fund Operating Costs

The Trustee will pay the reasonable and necessary incurred operating fees and expenses of each Fund (“Fund Operating Costs”) out of the Trustee Fee. The Fund Operating Costs include, but may not be limited to, the following:

- Custody fees;
- Annual audit-related expenses;
- Tax filing fees;
- NSCC fees for Trust transactions via the NSCC systems;
- Security pricing fees;

- Transfer agency expenses;
- Fund accounting expenses;
- Directly-charged intermediary retirement platform fees;
- Expenses related to the preparation of the annual Form 5500;
- Rating, data and security identifier fees; and
- Portfolio compliance system expenses;

The Fund’s proportionate share of Fund Operating Costs of the Master Fund will also be paid out of the Trustee Fee.

The Trustee may incur certain additional expenses that are to be paid/reimbursed directly by a Fund, rather than out of the Trustee Fee, such as taxes and government fees, brokerage fees, commissions and other transaction expenses, costs of borrowing money, including interest expenses, securities lending expenses and extraordinary expenses.

**Plan administrative expense.** Fees paid to plan service providers for administrative services associated with a plan’s fund investments. The Plan Administrative fee shown above is accrued daily and paid from the assets of the Fund in addition to the Trustee Fee.

**Investment contract fees.** The Master Fund will pay investment contract fees for the Security Backed Investment Contracts and Separate Account GICs that are described in the Fund Investment section above. Investment contracts are selected on the basis of issuer credit quality, ability to meet contract bid specifications and fees as considered in light of credit quality specifications.

**Underlying fund expenses.** The Underlying Funds may charge investment management and trustee fees to the Funds. The Underlying Funds will also incur operating expenses, including fund accounting, investment contract fees, audit and other administrative expenses. These Underlying Fund Expenses will be in addition to the fees and expenses charged by Trustee to the Funds.

The Underlying Funds pay expenses for trading costs which are not included in these operating expenses but are reflected in the net asset values of the Underlying Funds.

### Valuation of units

**Valuation of units.** An investment by a Plan in the Fund results in the issuance of a given number of participation interests (“Units”) in the Fund for that Plan’s account. Trustee determines the purchase price and redemption price of Units (the “Unit Value”) at the close of each day Trustee is open for business

or any time Trustee deems appropriate in its discretion (a "Valuation Date"). Generally, the Fund's Unit Value equals the total value of each asset held by the Fund, less any liabilities, divided by the total number of Units outstanding on the Valuation Date.

**Suspension of trading.** Under certain circumstances, Trustee may in its discretion choose temporarily not to execute requests to purchase or redeem Units of the Fund. Such circumstances include restriction or suspension of trading on the exchanges where the Fund's portfolio securities are traded and such other unusual circumstances as would, in the judgment of Trustee, make disposal of the Fund's investments not reasonably practicable. This may result in a delay in the valuation date as of which the execution of redemptions or purchases occur.

### **Purchases and redemptions of units**

**Direction of investments.** The Plans are administered generally by a representative of the Plan Sponsor ("Plan Administrator") or an administrative committee (the "Committee") appointed by the sponsoring company's board of directors as set forth in the Plan documents. Only authorized persons, which may include the Plan Administrator, the Committee, a Plan participant, discretionary trustee, or an investment manager, can direct the purchase or redemption of Units.

**Purchases of units in the fund.** Trustee, as trustee of the Fund, receives contributions to the Fund and invests them in accordance with the proper investment directions from an authorized party. In certain cases, at Trustee's discretion, in-kind contributions will be accepted and may be required to purchase Units if Trustee determines that such an in-kind contribution is advantageous to the Fund. In making this determination, Trustee will take into consideration the contribution amount relative to the size of the Fund and the net asset value impact of probable trading costs..

All investments in the Fund are subject to a determination by Trustee that the investment instructions are complete. Trustee reserves the right at its discretion to (i) suspend the availability of Units and (ii) reject requests for purchase of Units when, in the judgment of Trustee, such suspension or rejection is in the best interest of the Fund. Certificates for Fund Units will not be issued.

**Reinvestment of income.** The Fund reinvests all of its income (including realized capital gains, if any). Such income will not be paid out as dividends or other distributions. Income earned on assets in the Fund is reinvested and included in the Fund's daily Net Asset Value ("NAV").

**Trading cutoff times.** Requests to purchase or redeem units of the Fund must be received by the Plan Administrators before 4:00 p.m. (ET) on a Valuation Date. If the markets close early, trading for the Fund may close early, and requests to purchase or redeem units of the Fund must be received before such earlier time. Requests received in proper form before these times are processed at that day's NAV. Requests received after these times are processed at the next business day's NAV. Some Plans may have earlier cutoff times due to administrative requirements.

**Redemption of units.** The Plan Administrator, Committee, participant or other authorized party may instruct Trustee in writing to redeem some or all Units. Units will be redeemed at the Unit Value pursuant to the trade cutoff times described above, and redemption proceeds will generally be paid to the account within one business day after receipt of the redemption request, and in all cases within six business days after such receipt. See exceptions in the Withdrawal Limitations Section.

Redemptions are subject to determination by Trustee that the investment instructions, distribution requests and other distribution documents, if any, are complete.

Subject to applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, Trustee may impose reasonable notice requirements at its discretion, and may suspend redemption privileges or postpone the date of payment of redemption proceeds indefinitely.

When Trustee has actual knowledge that a Plan is not legally permitted to invest in or to continue to invest in the Fund, such Plan's interest in the Fund will be immediately redeemed. Trustee may make such redemptions at its sole discretion.

Units in the Fund are not transferable.

Although Trustee does not anticipate the need to make in-kind distributions of portfolio securities, Trustee may, under extraordinary circumstances and at its discretion, make such distributions in lieu of or in addition to cash distributions.

**Withdrawal limitation - Participants.** Qualified Plan participant initiated withdrawals are honored at any time without penalty, regardless of their frequency or amount unless payments are being delayed to all Fund unit holders. The Fund also requires participants to invest in a "non-competing fund" for at least 90 days before transferring to a "competing" fund option. Examples of "competing" fund options include a money market fund, a high quality bond fund with a duration of three years or less, other principal preservation funds, or a brokerage window. The Plan

administrator for each Plan will establish a Plan's requirements.

**Withdrawal limitation – Plan sponsors.** Any Plan sponsor or Plan fiduciary-initiated withdrawal from the Fund will require a 12-month written notice of the intent to withdraw assets from the Fund. At the discretion of Trustee, the notification periods identified for withdrawals may be waived only under extenuating circumstances as determined by the Trustee in its sole discretion.

**Plan change communication.** Plan sponsors cannot advise participants through communications to redeem their units. Plan sponsors cannot advise participants through communications to redeem their units. Plan changes or corporate events resulting in a material impact to a Plan's investment in the Fund should be communicated to Galliard, or applicable service provider, for each Plan as soon as possible. Such communication facilitates Galliard in its role of managing the Fund and meeting the requirements of the Fund's investment contract issuers.

#### **Scope of responsibility and limitation of liability**

Trustee and its agents will not be liable with respect to any direction received from a Plan Administrator, Committee, participant or other authorized party and has no duty to inquire as to whether any such direction is made in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Plan. Trustee and the agents of the Fund will not incur any personal liability for any act or obligation of, or claim against, the Fund, and all persons dealing with the Fund, in any way, must look only to the assets of the Fund for payment of any obligation of the Fund.

Trustee recommends that each employer or Plan Administrator consult with an attorney, accountant or other appropriate professional advisor(s) regarding the advisability of adopting a Plan and/or investing in the Fund.

**Float.** Although not a frequent occurrence, Trustee receives compensation ("float") from the use of uninvested funds. Float on funds received too late in the day (such as proceeds from trade settlements or earnings) to be invested that same day or received without sufficient information to invest them properly begins to accrue on the date the funds are received and ends on the date the amounts are deposited to the Fund, which is generally the next business day if Trustee has complete information relating to the investment of such deposit. Float may continue to accrue if Trustee has insufficient information regarding the deposit to invest them properly in the Fund.

Earnings on the float depends on numerous factors that affect short-term yields, such as current interest rates, Federal Funds rates, credit risk, and the duration of the particular debt instrument. Short term yields are typically similar to the Federal Funds Effective Rate, which is shown in the Federal Reserve's Publication H.15 and available on the Federal Reserve's website. Uninvested funds are not segregated from other deposit funds, so attributing an exact earnings or interest factor applicable to the Fund is not possible. Trustee may also incur certain costs related to uninvested funds, such as the cost of FDIC insurance and any collateralization requirements on certain uninvested funds. Under certain circumstances Trustee may estimate the float earned and credit that estimated amount back to the Fund. For funds in the Trustee deposit products, Trustee could be considered to earn indirect compensation by using the deposits as part of its lending base from which interest bearing loans are issued, all as part of standard bank operations.

**Gifts.** Trustee has a policy regarding receipt of gifts, which would constitute compensation under the 408(b)(2) regulation.

#### **Regulatory Oversight**

**Pennsylvania Department of Banking & Securities.** Trustee is subject to oversight by the Pennsylvania Department of Banking & Securities.

**ERISA.** The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), places certain investment restrictions on the Fund. ERISA provides that fiduciaries, including Trustee and Galliard, are subject to certain fiduciary obligations in addition to any obligations imposed by instruments establishing the Fund. Trustee and Galliard do provide services as a Fiduciary. Galliard is also an investment advisor registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

**Federal income tax.** The Fund is intended to be a group trust qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, and exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code. The Fund is expected to remain exempt from federal income taxation so long as it is operated in accordance with its terms as they may be amended from time to time to conform with rules and regulations adopted by the Internal Revenue Service.

**Annual reports.** Each year, Trustee makes available annual reports on the Fund to employers and Plan Administrators. The annual reports contain audited financial statements and other information on the Fund not contained in this document. The Fund's annual year-end is December 31. Employers and Plan Administrators may obtain a copy of the annual report

by contacting their Relationship Manager. Participants should contact their employer or Plan Administrator.

**Copies of the Declaration of Trust.** Employers and Plan Administrators may obtain a copy of the Declaration of Trust, as amended and restated by contacting their Relationship Manager. Participants should contact their employer or Plan Administrator.

**Copies of the disclosure.** Employers and Plan Administrators may obtain additional copies of this disclosure by contacting their Relationship Manager. Participants should contact their employer or Plan Administrator.

A collective investment trust fund ("CIT") is a pooled investment vehicle that is exempt from SEC registration as an investment company under Section 3(c)(11) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and maintained by a bank or trust company for the collective investment of qualified retirement plans.