

# VALUE LINE AGGRESSIVE INCOME TRUST

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## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION JUNE 1, 2010

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This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus of Value Line Aggressive Income Trust (the “Fund”) dated June 1, 2010, a copy of which may be obtained without charge by writing or telephoning the Fund. The financial statements, accompanying notes and report of independent registered public accounting firm appearing in the Fund’s 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders are incorporated by reference in this Statement of Additional Information. A copy of the Annual Report is available from the Fund upon request and without charge by calling 800-243-2729.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE FUND AND ITS INVESTMENTS AND RISKS

**History and Classification.** The Fund is an open-end, diversified management investment company established as a Massachusetts business trust in 1985. The Fund's investment adviser is EULAV Asset Management, LLC (the "Adviser" or "EULAV"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Value Line, Inc. ("Value Line").

**Investment Risks of Higher Yielding Securities (Junk Bonds).** Higher yields are usually available on securities that are lower-rated, that is, on securities of companies that the Adviser rates B+ or lower for financial strength (generally, companies that are among the bottom half of the companies followed by The Value Line Investment Survey), or rated BB or below by Standard & Poor's Rating Service or Ba or below by Moody's Investor Service, or are determined by the Adviser to be of comparable credit quality. See the section on "Description of Ratings." Higher-yielding, lower-rated securities, also known as junk bonds, have certain speculative characteristics and involve greater investment risk, including the possibility of default or bankruptcy, than is the case with higher-rated securities.

Since investors generally perceive that there are greater risks associated with the lower-rated securities of the type in which the Fund may invest, the yields and prices of such securities may tend to fluctuate more than those for higher-rated securities. In the lower quality segments of the fixed-income securities market, changes in perceptions of issuers' creditworthiness tend to occur more frequently and in a more pronounced manner than do changes in higher quality segments of the fixed-income securities market, resulting in greater yield and price volatility.

Another factor which causes fluctuations in the prices of fixed-income securities is the supply and demand for similarly rated securities. In addition, though prices of fixed-income securities fluctuate in response to the general level of interest rates, the prices of high yield bonds have been found to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than higher-rated instruments, but more sensitive to adverse economic changes or individual corporate developments. An economic downturn or increase in interest rates is likely to have a negative effect on the high yield bond market and on the value of the high yield bonds in the Fund's portfolio, as well as on the ability of the bond's issuers to repay principal and interest.

Fluctuations in the prices of portfolio securities subsequent to their acquisition will not affect cash income from such securities but will be reflected in the Fund's net asset value. Lower-rated and comparable non-rated securities tend to offer higher yields than higher-rated securities with the same maturities because the historical financial conditions of the issuers of such securities may not have been as strong as that of other issuers. Since lower-rated securities generally involve greater risks of loss of income and principal than higher-rated securities, investors should consider carefully the relative risks associated with investments in securities which carry lower ratings and in comparable non-rated securities.

An additional risk of high yield securities is the limited liquidity and secondary market support and thus the absence of readily available market quotations. As a result, the responsibility of the Fund's Trustees to value the securities becomes more difficult and judgment plays a greater role in valuation because there is less reliable, objective data available.

Special tax considerations are associated with investing in high yield bonds structured as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities. The Fund accrues income on these securities prior to the receipt of cash payments. However, a fund must distribute substantially all of its income to its shareholders to qualify for pass-through treatment under the tax law. Therefore, a fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash to satisfy distribution requirements.

When changing economic conditions and other factors cause the yield difference between lower-rated and higher-rated securities to narrow, the Fund may purchase higher-rated securities which provide similar yields but have less risk. In addition, under unusual market or economic conditions, the Fund may, for temporary defensive purposes, invest up to 100% of its assets in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its instrumentalities or agencies, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and other bank obligations, highly rated commercial paper or other fixed-income securities deemed by the Adviser to be consistent with a defensive posture, or may hold its assets in cash. The yield on such securities may be lower than the yield on lower-rated fixed-income securities.

**Restricted Securities.** On occasion, the Fund may purchase illiquid securities or securities which would have to be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") if they were to be publicly distributed. However, it will not do so if the value of such securities (other than securities eligible to be sold in a Rule 144A transaction) and other securities which are not readily marketable (including repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days) would exceed 15% of the market value of its net assets. It is management's policy to permit the occasional acquisition of such restricted securities only if (except in the case of short-term non-convertible debt securities) there is an agreement by the issuer to register such securities, ordinarily at the issuer's expense, when requested to do so by the Fund. The acquisition in limited amounts of restricted securities is believed to be helpful toward the attainment of the Fund's secondary investment objective of capital appreciation without unduly restricting its liquidity or freedom in the management of its portfolio. However, because restricted securities may only be sold privately or in an offering registered under the Securities Act, or pursuant to an exemption from such registration, substantial time may be required to sell such securities, and there is greater than usual risk of price decline prior to sale.

In addition, the Fund may purchase certain securities ("Rule 144A securities") for which there is a secondary market of qualified institutional buyers, as contemplated by Rule 144A under the Securities Act. Rule 144A provides an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act for the resale of certain restricted securities to qualified institutional buyers.

The Adviser, under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, will consider whether securities purchased under Rule 144A are liquid or illiquid for purposes of the Fund's limitation on investment in securities which are not readily marketable or are illiquid. Among the factors to be considered are the frequency of trades and quotes, the number of dealers and potential purchasers, dealer undertakings to make a market and the nature of the security and the time needed to dispose of it. To the extent that the liquid Rule 144A securities that the Fund holds become illiquid, due to lack of sufficient qualified institutional buyers or market or other conditions, the percentage of the Fund's assets invested in illiquid assets would increase. The Adviser, under the supervision of the Board of Trustees, will monitor the Fund's investments in Rule 144A securities and will consider appropriate measures to enable the Fund to maintain sufficient liquidity for operating purposes and to meet redemption requests.

## **Non-Principal Investment Strategies and Associated Risks.**

**Covered Call Options.** The Fund may write covered call options on stocks held in its portfolio ("covered options") in an attempt to earn additional income on its portfolio or to partially offset an expected decline in the price of a security. When the Fund writes a covered call option, it gives the purchaser of the option the right to buy the underlying security at the price specified in the option (the "exercise price") at any time during the option period. If the option expires unexercised, the Fund will realize income to the extent of the amount received for the option (the "premium"). If the option is exercised, a decision over

which the Fund has no control, the Fund must sell the underlying security to the option holder at the exercise price. By writing a covered option, the Fund foregoes, in exchange for the premium less the commission (“net premium”), the opportunity to profit during the option period from an increase in the market value of the underlying security above the exercise price. Because the call option must be covered, the Fund also forgoes the opportunity to sell the underlying security during the option period. The Fund will not write call options in an aggregate amount greater than 25% of its net assets.

The Fund will purchase call options only to close out a position. When an option is written on securities in the Fund’s portfolio and it appears that the purchaser of that option is likely to exercise the option and purchase the underlying security, it may be considered appropriate to avoid liquidating the Fund’s position, or the Fund may wish to extinguish a call option sold by it so as to be free to sell the underlying security. In such instances the Fund may purchase a call option on the same security with the same exercise price and expiration date which had been previously written. Such a purchase would have the effect of closing out the option which the Fund has written. The Fund realizes a gain if the amount paid to purchase the call option is less than the net premium received for writing a similar option and a loss if the amount paid to purchase a call option is greater than the premium received for writing a similar option. Generally, the Fund realizes a short-term capital loss if the amount paid to purchase the call option with respect to a stock is greater than the net premium received for writing the option. If the underlying security has substantially risen in value, it may be difficult or expensive to purchase the call option for the closing transaction.

The Fund may also purchase, hold or sell options on contracts for the future delivery of debt securities and warrants where the grantor of the warrants is the issuer of the underlying securities.

**Lending Portfolio Securities.** The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers or institutional investors if, as a result thereof, the aggregate value of all securities loaned does not exceed 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of the total assets of the Fund (including the loan collateral). The loans will be made in conformity with applicable regulatory policies and will be 100% collateralized by cash, or liquid securities on a daily basis in an amount equal to the market value of the securities loaned and interest earned. The Fund retains the right to call the loaned securities upon notice and intends to call loaned voting securities in anticipation of any important or material matter to be voted on by stockholders. While there may be delays in recovery or even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower fail financially, the loans will be made only to firms deemed by the Adviser to be of good standing and will not be made unless, in the judgment of the Adviser, the consideration which can be earned from such loans justifies the risk. The Fund may pay reasonable custodian and administrative fees in connection with the loans.

**Financial Futures Contracts.** The Fund may invest in financial futures contracts (“futures contracts”) and related options thereon provided that the Fund may not enter into futures contracts based upon a notional amount of underlying securities in excess of 30% of the Fund’s total assets or which require the Fund to provide margin or pay premiums in excess of 5% of the Fund’s total assets. If the Adviser anticipates that interest rates will rise, the Fund may sell a futures contract or a call option thereon or purchase a put option on such futures contract to attempt to hedge against a decrease in the value of the Fund’s securities. If the Adviser anticipates that interest rates will decline, the Fund may purchase a futures contract or a call option thereon to protect against an increase in the prices of the securities the Fund intends to purchase. These futures contracts and related options thereon will be used only as a hedge against anticipated interest rate changes. A futures contract sale creates an obligation on the part of the Fund, as seller, to deliver the specific type of instrument called for in the contract at a specified price.

A futures contract purchase creates an obligation by the Fund, as purchaser, to take delivery of the specific type of financial instrument at a specified future time at a specified price.

Although the terms of futures contracts specify actual delivery or receipt of securities, in most instances the contracts are closed out before the settlement date without the making or taking of delivery of the securities. Closing out a futures contract is effected by entering into an offsetting purchase or sale transaction. An offsetting transaction for a futures contract sale is effected by the Fund entering into a futures contract purchase for the same aggregate amount of the specific type of financial instrument and same delivery date. If the price in the sale exceeds the price in the offsetting purchase, the Fund is immediately paid the difference and thus realizes a gain. If the purchase price of the offsetting transaction exceeds the sale price, the Fund pays the difference and realizes a loss. Similarly, the closing out of a futures contract purchase is effected by the Fund entering into a futures contract sale. If the offsetting sale price exceeds the purchase price, the Fund realizes a gain, and if the offsetting sale price is less than the purchase price, the Fund realizes a loss.

The Fund is required to maintain margin deposits with brokerage firms through which it effects futures contracts and options thereon. The initial margin requirements vary according to the type of the underlying security. In addition, due to current industry practice, daily variations in gains and losses on open contracts are required to be reflected in cash in the form of variation margin payments. The Fund may be required to make additional margin payments during the term of the contract.

Currently, futures contracts can be purchased on debt securities such as U.S. Treasury bills, bonds, and notes, certificates of the Government National Mortgage Association and bank certificates of deposit. The Fund may invest in futures contracts covering these types of financial instruments as well as in new types of such contracts that become available in the future. The Fund will only enter into financial futures contracts which are traded on national futures exchanges, principally the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

A risk in employing futures contracts to protect against the price volatility of portfolio securities is that the price of a futures contract may move more or less than the price of the securities being hedged. There is also a risk of imperfect correlation where the securities underlying futures contracts have different maturities from the portfolio securities being hedged. Another risk is that the Fund's Adviser could be incorrect in its expectations as to the direction or extent of various interest rate movements or the time span within which the movements takes place. For example, if the Fund sold futures contracts for the sale of securities in anticipation of an increase in interest rates, and then interest rates declined instead, causing bond prices to rise, the Fund would lose money on the sale.

Unlike a futures contract, which requires the parties to buy and sell a security on a set date, an option on a futures contract entitles its holder to decide on or before a future date whether to enter into such a contract. If the holder decides not to enter into the contract, the premium paid for the option is lost. Since the value of the option is fixed at the point of sale there are no daily payments of cash in the nature of "variation" or "maintenance" margin payments to reflect the change in the value of the underlying contract as there are by a purchaser or seller of a futures contract. The value of the option does change and is reflected in the net asset value of the Fund.

Put and call options on financial futures have characteristics similar to those of other options. In addition to the risks associated with investing in options on securities, there are particular risks associated with investing in options on futures. In particular, the ability to establish and close out positions on such options will be subject to the development and maintenance of a liquid secondary market. The Fund will

enter into an options on futures position only if there appears to be a liquid secondary market therefor, although there can be no assurance that such a market will actually develop or be maintained.

In instances involving the purchase of futures contracts by the Fund, an amount equal to the market value of the futures contract will be deposited in a segregated account of cash or liquid securities to collateralize the position and thereby insure that the use of such futures contract is unleveraged.

**When-Issued Securities.** The Fund may from time to time purchase securities on a “when-issued” basis. The price of such securities, which may be expressed in yield terms, is fixed at the time the commitment to purchase is made, but delivery and payment for the when-issued securities take place at a later date. Normally, the settlement date occurs within one month of the purchase. During the period between purchase and settlement, no payment is made by the Fund to the issuer and no interest accrues to the Fund. Forward commitments involve a risk of loss if the value of the security to be purchased declines prior to the settlement date, which risk is in addition to the risk of decline in value of the Fund’s other assets. While when-issued securities may be sold prior to the settlement date, the Fund intends to purchase such securities with the purpose of actually acquiring them unless a sale appears desirable for investment reasons. At the time the Fund makes the commitment to purchase a security on a when-issued basis, it will record the transaction and reflect the value of the security in determining its net asset value. The Fund does not believe that its net asset value or income will be adversely affected by its purchase of securities on a when-issued basis. The Fund will maintain cash or liquid securities equal in value to commitments for when-issued securities in a segregated account. Such segregated securities either will mature or, if necessary, be sold on or before the settlement date.

**Short Sales.** The Fund may from time to time make short sales of securities or maintain a short position, provided that at all times when a short position is open the Fund owns an equal amount of such securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable for an equivalent amount of such securities. No more than 10% of the value of the Fund’s net assets taken at market may at any one time be held as collateral for such sales.

**Repurchase Agreements.** The Fund may invest temporary cash balances in repurchase agreements without limit. A repurchase agreement involves a sale of securities to the Fund, with the concurrent agreement of the seller (a member bank of the Federal Reserve System or a securities dealer which the Adviser believes to be financially sound) to repurchase the securities at the same price plus an amount equal to an agreed-upon interest rate, within a specified time, usually less than one week, but, on occasion, at a later time. The Fund will make payment for such securities only upon physical delivery or evidence of book-entry transfer to the account of the custodian or a bank acting as agent for the Fund. Repurchase agreements may also be viewed as loans made by the Fund which are collateralized by the securities subject to repurchase. The value of the underlying securities will be at least equal at all times to the total amount of the repurchase obligation, including the interest factor. In the event of a bankruptcy or other default of a seller of a repurchase agreement to which the Fund is a party, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the underlying securities and losses, including: (a) a possible decline in the value of the underlying securities during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto; (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period; and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

**Convertible Debt Securities.** The Fund may invest in convertible debt securities, which are debt obligations convertible at a stated exchange rate or formula into common stock or other equity securities of or owned by the issuer. Convertible securities rank senior to common stocks in an issuer’s capital structure and consequently may be of higher quality and entail less risk than the issuer’s common stock.

As with all debt securities, the market values of convertible securities tend to increase when interest rates decline and, conversely, tend to decline when interest rates increase. However, when the market price of the equity security into which the security may be converted exceeds the conversion price on the bond, the convertible debt securities generally trade in line with the underlying equity security.

**U.S. Government Securities.** Some U.S. government securities, such as U.S. Treasury bills, Treasury notes and Treasury bonds, which differ only in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance, are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States. Others are supported by: (i) the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, such as securities of the Federal Home Loan Banks; (ii) the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase the agency's obligations, such as securities of the Federal National Mortgage Association; or (iii) only the credit of the issuer. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support in the future to U.S. government agencies, authorities or instrumentalities that are not supported by the full faith and credit of the United States.

**Warrants.** The Fund may invest in warrants, which are securities permitting, but not obligating, their holder to subscribe for other securities. Warrants do not carry with them the right to dividends or voting rights with respect to the securities that they entitle their holders to purchase, and they do not represent any rights in the assets of the issuer.

**Preferred Shares.** The Fund may invest in preferred shares of beneficial interest of trust instruments. Preferred shares are equity securities, but they have many characteristics of fixed income securities, such as a fixed dividend payment rate and/or a liquidity preference over the issuer's common shares. However, because preferred shares are equity securities, they may be more susceptible to risks traditionally associated with equity investments than the Fund's fixed income securities.

### **Fundamental Policies.**

(i) The Fund may not issue senior securities except evidences of indebtedness permitted under clause (ii) below.

(ii) The Fund may not borrow money in excess of 10% of the value of its assets and then only as a temporary measure to meet unusually heavy redemption requests or for other extraordinary or emergency purposes. Securities will not be purchased while borrowings are outstanding. No assets of the Fund may be pledged, mortgaged or otherwise encumbered, transferred or assigned to secure a debt except in connection with the Fund's entering into interest rate futures contracts and then only to the extent of one-third of its assets.

(iii) The Fund may not engage in the underwriting of securities except to the extent that the Fund may be deemed an underwriter as to restricted securities under the Securities Act of 1933 in selling portfolio securities.

(iv) The Fund may not invest 25% or more of its assets in securities of issuers in any one industry.

(v) The Fund may not purchase securities of other investment companies or invest in real estate, mortgages or illiquid securities of real estate investment trusts although the Fund may purchase securities of issuers which engage in real estate operations.

(vi) The Fund may not lend money except in connection with the purchase of debt obligations or by investment in repurchase agreements, provided that repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days when taken together with other illiquid investments do not exceed 10% of the Fund's

assets. The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers and institutional investors if as a result thereof the aggregate value of all securities loaned does not exceed 33⅓% of the total assets of the Fund.

(vii) The Fund may not engage in short sales, except to the extent that it owns other securities convertible into or exchangeable for an equivalent amount of such securities. Such transactions may only occur for the purpose of protecting a profit or in attempting to minimize a loss with respect to convertible securities. No more than 10% of the value of the Fund's net assets taken at market may at any one time be held as collateral for such sales.

(viii) The Fund may not purchase or sell any put or call options or any combination thereof, except that the Fund may (a) purchase, hold and sell options on contracts for the future delivery of debt securities and warrants where the grantor of the warrants is the issuer of the underlying securities, and (b) write and sell covered call option contracts on securities owned by the Fund. The Fund may also purchase call options for the purpose of terminating its outstanding obligations with respect to securities upon which covered call option contracts have been written (i.e., "closing purchase transactions").

(ix) The Fund may not invest more than 5% of its total assets in the securities of any one issuer or purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities, or any other class of securities, of any one issuer. For purposes of this restriction, all outstanding debt securities of an issuer are considered as one class, and all preferred stock of an issuer is considered as one class. This restriction does not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

(x) The Fund may not invest more than 5% of its total assets in securities of issuers having a record, together with their predecessors, of less than three years of continuous operation. This restriction does not apply to any obligation issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

(xi) The Fund may not purchase securities for the purpose of exercising control over another company.

(xii) The Fund may not invest more than 2% of the value of its total assets in warrants (valued at the lower of cost or market), except that warrants attached to other securities are not subject to these limitations.

(xiii) The Fund may not invest in commodities or commodity contracts except that the Fund may enter into interest rate futures contracts.

(xiv) The Fund may not purchase the securities of any issuer if, to the knowledge of the Fund, those officers and directors of the Fund and of the Adviser, who each owns more than 0.5% of the outstanding securities of such issuer, together own more than 5% of such securities.

(xv) The Fund may not purchase securities on margin except that it may make margin deposits in connection with interest rate futures contracts subject to restriction (xvii) below or participate on a joint or a joint and several basis in any trading account in securities.

(xvi) The Fund may not purchase oil, gas or other mineral type development programs or leases, except that the Fund may invest in the securities of companies which invest in or sponsor such programs.

(xvii) The Fund may not enter into an interest rate futures contract if, as a result thereof, (i) the then current aggregate futures market prices of financial instruments required to be delivered under open futures contract sales plus the then current aggregate purchase prices of financial instruments required to be purchased under open futures contract purchases would exceed 30% of the Fund's total assets (taken at market value at the time of entering into the contract) or (ii) more than 5% of the Fund's total assets (taken at market value at the time of entering into the contract) would be committed to margin on such futures contracts plus premiums on options on futures contracts.

(xviii) The primary investment objective of the Fund is to maximize current income. Capital appreciation is a secondary objective.

If a percentage restriction used in this Statement of Additional Information or the Prospectus is adhered to at the time of investment, a later change in percentage resulting from changes in values or assets will not be considered a violation of the restriction (other than investment in illiquid securities and the limitation on borrowing). For purposes of industry classifications, the Fund follows the industry classifications in The Value Line Investment Survey.

The policies set forth above may not be changed without the affirmative vote of the majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund which means the lesser of (1) the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Fund or (2) 67% of the shares present if more than 50% of the shares are present at a meeting in person or by proxy.

## MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed by the Fund's officers under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The following table sets forth information on each Trustee and officer of the Fund. Each Trustee serves until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

<u>Name, Address and Year of Birth</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupations During the Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</u>
<b>Interested Trustee*</b>				
Thomas T. Sarkany 1946	Trustee	Since 2008	Mutual Fund Marketing Director of EULAV Securities, Inc. (formerly, Value Line Securities, Inc.) (the "Distributor"); Secretary of Value Line, Inc. since November 2009 and Director since February 2010.	** Value Line Inc.
<b>Non-Interested Trustees</b>				
Joyce E. Heinzerling 500 East 77th Street New York, NY 10162 1956	Trustee	Since 2008	President, Meridian Fund Advisers LLC. (consultants) since April 2009; General Counsel, Archery Capital LLC (private investment fund), until April 2009.	Burnham Investors Trust, since 2004 (4 funds).**
Francis C. Oakley 54 Scott Hill Road Williamstown, MA 01267 1931	Trustee	Since 2000	Professor of History, Williams College, 1961 to 2002, Professor Emeritus since 2002, President Emeritus since 1994 and President, 1985–1994; Chairman (1993–1997) and Interim President (2002–2003) of the America Council of Learned Societies; Trustee since 1997 and Chairman of the Board since 2005, National Humanities Center.	**
David H. Porter 5 Birch Run Drive Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 1935	Trustee	Since 1997	Professor, Skidmore College since 2008; Visiting Professor of Classics, Williams College, 1999–2008; President Emeritus, Skidmore College since 1999 and President, 1987–1998.	**
Paul Craig Roberts 169 Pompano St. Panama City Beach, FL 32413 1939	Trustee	Since 1986	Chairman, Institute for Political Economy.	**
Nancy-Beth Sheerr 1409 Beaumont Drive Gladwyne, PA 19035 1949	Trustee	Since 1996	Senior Financial Advisor, Veritable, L.P. (investment advisor)	**
Daniel S. Vandivort 59 Indian Head Road Riverside, CT 06878 1954	Trustee (Chair of Board of Trustees since March 2010)	Since 2008	President, Chief Investment Officer, Weiss, Peck and Greer/Robeco Investment Management 2005–2007; Managing Director, Weiss, Peck and Greer, 1995–2005.	**
<b>Officers</b>				
Mitchell E. Appel 1970	President	Since 2008	President of each of the 14 Value Line Funds since June 2008; Chief Financial Officer of Value Line since April 2008 and from September 2005 to November 2007 and Treasurer from June 2005 to September 2005; Director since February 2010; Chief Financial Officer of XTF Asset Management from November 2007 to April 2008; Chief Financial Officer of Circle Trust Company from 2003 through May 2005; Chief Financial Officer of the Distributor since April 2008 and President since February 2009; President of the Adviser since February 2009.	

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Howard A. Brecher 1953	Vice President and Secretary	Since 2008	Vice President and Secretary of each of the 14 Value Line Funds since 2008; Vice President and Secretary of Value Line until November 2009; Director of Value Line; Acting Chairman and Acting CEO of Value Line since November 2009; Secretary and Treasurer of the Adviser since February 2009; Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, General Counsel and a Director of Arnold Bernhard & Co., Inc.
Michael Wagner 1950	Chief Compliance Officer	Since 2009	Chief Compliance Officer of each of the 14 Value Line Funds since June 2009; President of Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC (formerly Fund Compliance Services, LLC (2006-present) and Senior Vice President (2004-2006); President (2004-2006) and Chief Operations Officer (2003-2006) of Gemini Fund Services, LLC; Director of Constellation Trust Company until 2008.
Emily D. Washington 1979	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Since 2008	Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) of each of the 14 Value Line Funds since 2008; Associate Director of Mutual Fund Accounting at Value Line until 2008.

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Mr. Sarkany is an “interested person” as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 by virtue of his position with the Distributor.

\*\* Each Trustee serves as a director or trustee of each of the 14 Value Line Funds.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address for each of the above is 220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017.

*Committees.* The non-interested Trustees of the Fund serve as members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees. The principal function of the Audit Committee consists of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting policies of the Fund and meeting with the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm to review the range of their activities and to discuss the Fund’s system of internal accounting controls. The Audit Committee also meets with the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm in executive session at each meeting of the Audit Committee. There were four meetings of the Audit Committee during the last fiscal year. There is a Valuation Committee consisting of Thomas T. Sarkany and Joyce E. Heinzerling (or one other non-interested Trustee if she is not available). There were three meetings of the Valuation Committee during the last fiscal year. The Valuation Committee reviews any actions taken by the Pricing Committee which consists of certain officers and employees of the Fund and the Adviser, in accordance with the valuation procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees.

There is also a combined Nominating/Governance Committee consisting of the non-interested Trustees, the purpose of which is to review and nominate candidates to serve as non-interested Trustees and supervise Fund governance matters. The Nominating/Governance Committee generally will not consider nominees recommended by shareholders. The Nominating/Governance Committee met three times during the last fiscal year.

*Board Structure.* The Board is comprised of seven Trustees, six of whom (85%) are not “interested persons” (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund (the “Independent Trustees”). The Board has appointed Mr. Vandivort (an Independent Trustee) as its Chair and Mr. Appel (the President of the Adviser) as its Chief Executive Officer. The Board has established three standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Nominating/Governance Committee and the Valuation Committee. The Audit Committee and the Nominating/Governance Committee are chaired by, and composed entirely of, Independent Trustees. The Valuation Committee is composed of an Independent Trustee and an interested Trustee. See “Committees” above for a further description of the composition, duties and responsibilities of these committees.

The Trustees and the members of the Board’s committees annually evaluate the performance of the Board and the committees, which evaluation includes considering the effectiveness of the Board’s committee structure. The Board believes that its leadership structure, including an Independent Trustee as the Chair, is appropriate in light of the asset size of the Fund and the other Value Line mutual funds, the number of Value Line mutual funds, and the nature of the Funds’ business, and is consistent with industry best practices. In particular, the Board believes that having a super-majority of Independent Trustees is appropriate and in the best interests of Fund shareholders.

*Risk Oversight.* As part of its responsibilities for oversight of the Fund, the Board oversees risk management of the Fund’s investment program and business affairs. The Board performs its oversight responsibilities as part of its Board and Committee activities. The Independent Trustees also regularly meet outside the presence of management and have engaged independent legal counsel to assist them in performing their oversight responsibilities. The Board has delegated to the Audit Committee oversight responsibility of the integrity of the Fund’s financial statements, the Fund’s compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to the financial statements, the independent auditor’s qualifications and independence, the Fund’s internal controls over financial reporting, the Fund’s disclosure controls and procedures and the Fund’s code of business conduct and ethics pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Audit Committee reports areas of concern, if any, to the Board for discussion and action.

The Board, including the Independent Trustees, has approved the Fund’s compliance program and appointed the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer, who is responsible for testing the compliance procedures of the Fund and certain of its service providers. Senior management and the Chief Compliance Officer report at least quarterly to the Board regarding compliance matters relating to the Fund, and the Chief Compliance Officer annually assesses (and reports to the Board regarding) the operation of the Fund’s compliance program. The Independent Trustees generally meet at least quarterly with the Chief Compliance Officer outside the presence of management.

*Qualifications and Experience of Trustees.* The Board believes that each Trustee’s experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Trustees lead to the conclusion that each Trustee should serve in such capacity. Among other attributes common to all Trustees are their ability to review critically, evaluate, question and discuss information

provided to them, to interact effectively with the Adviser, other service providers, counsel and the independent registered public accounting firm, to exercise effective business judgment in the performance of their duties, and to represent the interests of all the shareholders. A Trustee's ability to perform his duties effectively may have been attained through his educational background or professional training; business, consulting or academic leadership positions; experience from service as a Trustee of the Fund, or in various roles at public companies, private entities or other organizations; and/or other life experiences. In addition to these shared characteristics, set forth below is a brief discussion of the specific qualifications, attributes or skills of each Trustee that support the conclusion that each person is qualified to serve as a Trustee.

Ms. Heinzerling has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 2008. Her relevant experience includes being the president of a regulatory consulting company, former general counsel to an investment adviser and a director of an unaffiliated mutual fund family.

Dr. Oakley has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 2000. His relevant experience includes being the former president of a college with endowment fund oversight responsibility and serving in other leadership positions and serving on other boards.

Dr. Porter has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 1997. His relevant experience includes being the former president of a college with endowment fund oversight responsibility and serving in other leadership positions and serving on other boards.

Dr. Roberts has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 1986. His relevant experience includes being an economist and a former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and a nationally syndicated columnist.

Mr. Sarkany has served as an interested Trustee on the Board since 2008. His relevant experience includes being the director of marketing at the Distributor and a former trustee of another mutual fund group.

Ms. Sheerr has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 1996. Her relevant experience includes being a senior financial adviser of an investment adviser and serving on other boards, including as chairman, with endowment fund oversight responsibility.

Mr. Vandivort has served as an Independent Trustee on the Board since 2008. His relevant experience includes being the former president and chief investment officer of an investment adviser and former chairman of a mutual fund group.

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of Trustees by the Fund and the thirteen other Value Line Funds of which each of the Trustees was a director or trustee for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2010. Trustees who are officers or employees of the Adviser do not receive any compensation from the Fund or any of the Value Line Funds. The Fund has no retirement or pension plan for its Trustees.

<u>Name of Persons</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From Fund</u>	<u>Total Compensation From Fund and Fund Complex (14 Funds)</u>
<b>Interested Director</b>		
Thomas T. Sarkany	\$-0-	\$ -0-
<b>Non-Interested Directors</b>		
Joyce E. Heinzerling	654	45,000
Francis C. Oakley	829	57,000
David H. Porter	654	45,000
Paul Craig Roberts	654	45,000
Nancy-Beth Sheerr	654	45,000
Daniel S. Vandivort	712	49,000

The following table illustrates the dollar range of any equity securities beneficially owned by each Trustee in the Fund and in all of the Value Line Funds as of December 31, 2009:

<u>Name of Trustee</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All of the Value Line Funds</u>
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
Thomas T. Sarkany	\$-0-	Over \$100,000
<b>Non-Interested Trustees</b>		
Joyce E. Heinzerling*	\$-0-	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Francis C. Oakley	\$1 – \$10,000	\$10,001 – \$50,000
David H. Porter	\$1 – \$10,000	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Paul Craig Roberts	\$-0-	Over \$100,000
Nancy-Beth Sheerr	\$1 – \$10,000	\$10,001 – \$50,000
Daniel S. Vandivort*	\$-0-	\$10,001 – \$50,000

As of April 30, 2010, no person owned of record or, to the knowledge of the Fund, owned beneficially, 5% or more of the outstanding stock of the Fund except Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., 101 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, CA 94104, which owned 1,473,756 shares or approximately 19% of the shares outstanding, National Financial Services Co., 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10281, which owned 905,172 shares (11.8%) and Ameritrade, Inc., P. O. Box 2226, Omaha, NE 68103, which owned 533,727 shares (7%). The Adviser and its affiliates and officers and Trustees of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares.

None of the non-interested Trustees, and his or her immediate family members, own any shares in Value Line or a subsidiary of Value Line or a person (other than a registered investment company) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser or the Distributor.

## **Proxy Voting Policies**

As a shareholder of the companies in which the Fund invests, the Fund receives proxies to vote at those companies' annual or special meetings. The Board of Trustees has adopted Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures ("Proxy Voting Policies") pursuant to which the Adviser votes shares owned by the Fund. The Adviser endeavors to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities in accordance with its best judgment as to the advancement of the Fund's investment objective. The general principles of the Proxy Voting Policies reflect the Adviser's basic investment criterion that good company management is shareholder focused and should generally be supported. The Fund generally supports management on routine matters and supports management proposals that are in the interests of shareholders. The Board of the Fund reviews the Proxy Voting Policies periodically.

Subject to the Board's oversight, the Adviser has final authority and fiduciary responsibility for voting proxies received by the Fund; however, the Adviser has delegated the implementation of the Fund's Proxy Voting Policies to RiskMetrics Group ("RMG"), a proxy voting service that is not affiliated with the Adviser or the Fund. In addition, RMG will make a recommendation to the Adviser consistent with the Proxy Voting Policies with respect to each proxy that the Fund receives. The Adviser generally anticipates that it will follow the recommendations of RMG.

The following is a summary of the manner in which the Adviser would normally expect to vote on certain matters that typically are included in the proxies that the Fund receives each year; however, the Fund's vote may vary depending upon the actual circumstances presented.

### ***Election of Directors, Corporate Governance and Routine Matters***

- Generally, the Fund supports the company's nominees to serve as directors.
- The Fund generally supports management on routine corporate matters and matters relating to corporate governance. For example, the Adviser generally expects to support management on the following matters:
  - Increases in the number of authorized shares of or issuances of common stock or other equity securities;
  - Provisions of the corporate charter addressing indemnification of directors and officers;
  - Stock repurchase plans; and
  - The selection of independent accountants.
- The types of matters on corporate governance that the Adviser would expect to vote against include:
  - The issuance of preferred shares where the board of directors has complete freedom as to the terms of the preferred;
  - The adoption of a classified board;
  - The adoption of poison pill plans or similar anti-takeover measures; and
  - The authorization of a class of shares not held by the Fund with superior voting rights.

## ***Compensation Arrangements and Stock Option Plans***

The Fund normally votes with management regarding compensation arrangements and the establishment of stock option plans. The Adviser believes, if its view of management is favorable enough that the Fund has invested in the company, that arrangements that align the interests of management and shareholders are beneficial to long-term performance. However, some arrangements or plans have features that the Fund would oppose. For example, the Fund would normally vote against an option plan that has the potential to unreasonably dilute the interests of existing shareholders, permits equity overhang that exceeds certain levels or that allows for the repricing of outstanding options.

## ***Social Policy Based Proposals***

Generally, the Adviser will vote in accordance with management recommendations on proposals addressing social or political issues that the Adviser believes do not affect the goal of maximizing the return on funds under management.

If the Adviser believes that a conflict of interest exists with respect to its exercise of any proxy received by the Fund, the Adviser will report the potential conflict to a Proxy Voting Committee consisting of members of the Adviser's staff. A conflict of interest may arise, for example, if the company to which the proxy relates is a client of the Adviser or one of its affiliates or if the Adviser or one of its affiliates has a material business relationship with that company. The Adviser's Proxy Voting Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Adviser complies with its fiduciary obligations in voting proxies. If a proxy is referred to the Proxy Voting Committee, the Proxy Voting Committee evaluates whether a potential conflict exists and, if there is such a conflict, determines how the proxy should be voted in accordance with the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

Every August, the Fund will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission information regarding the voting of proxies by the Fund for the 12-month period ending the preceding June 30th. Shareholders will be able to view such filings on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov> or at the Fund's website at <http://www.vlfunds.com>.

Shareholders may also obtain a copy of the Proxy Voting Policies by contacting the Fund at the address and/or phone number on the cover page of this Statement of Additional Information.

## ***Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings***

The Fund's policy is to provide portfolio holdings information to all investors on an equal basis and in a manner that is not expected to interfere with the Fund's investment strategies. To that end, the Fund provides general portfolio holdings information to shareholders in its annual and semi-annual reports, which reports are also filed with the SEC. In addition, with respect to fiscal quarter ends for which there is no shareholder report, the Fund files with the SEC a Form N-Q. Each of these shareholder reports or filings provides full period end portfolio holdings and are filed or mailed to shareholders within 60 days of the period end.

In addition, the Distributor may produce for marketing purposes Fund fact sheets, which would include the Fund's top ten holdings and other information regarding the Fund's portfolio. These fact sheets would be prepared as soon as possible after the end of the fiscal quarter but would not be released until after the Fund has filed with the SEC its annual, semi-annual or quarterly report.

**Ongoing Relationships.** Officers of the Fund who are also officers of the Adviser currently authorize the distribution of portfolio holdings information other than that stated above to (i) the Fund's service providers and (ii) investment company rating agencies, such as Morningstar, Standard and Poor's, Lipper, Thomson Financial, Value Line Publishing and Bloomberg pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Fund's service providers are its accountants, custodian, counsel, pricing services (Interactive Data Corporation) and proxy voting service, which may need to know the Fund's portfolio holdings in order to provide their services to the Fund. Information is provided to such firms without a time lag. Investment company rating agencies require the portfolio holdings information more frequently than the Fund otherwise discloses portfolio holdings in order to obtain their ratings. This information is normally provided as soon as possible after the period end, which may be month end or quarter end. The Adviser believes that obtaining a rating from such rating agencies, and providing the portfolio holdings information to them, is in the best interest of shareholders. While the Fund does not have written confidentiality agreements from any rating agency or service provider and may be subject to potential risks, the information is provided with the understanding based on duties of confidentiality arising under law or contract that it only may be used for the purpose provided and should not be used to trade on such information or communicated to others.

**Non-Ongoing Relationships.** Except for rating agencies and service providers, non-public portfolio holdings disclosure may only be made if the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer determines that (i) there are legitimate business purposes for the Fund in making the selective disclosure and (ii) adequate safeguards to protect the interest of the Fund and its shareholders have been implemented. These safeguards include requiring written undertakings regarding confidentiality, use of the information for specific purposes and prohibition against trading on that information. To the extent that an officer of the Fund determines that there is a potential conflict of interest, with respect to the disclosure of information that is not publicly available, between the interests of Fund shareholders, on the one hand, and those of the Adviser, the Distributor or any affiliated person of the Fund, the Adviser or the Distributor on the other hand, the officer must inform the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer of such potential conflict. The Chief Compliance Officer is responsible for determining whether any such disclosure is reasonable under the circumstances and shall report any potential conflict of interest and any selective disclosure of portfolio holdings (other than to rating agencies and service providers) to the Fund's Board of Trustees. The Fund does not release portfolio holdings information to any person for compensation.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has approved the Fund's portfolio holdings disclosure policy and may require the Adviser to provide reports on its implementation from time to time including a review of any potential conflicts of interest in the disclosure made by the Adviser in accordance with the policy or the exceptions permitted under the policy. It may also require that the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer monitor compliance with this policy.

## **INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES**

On June 30, 2008, Value Line, the Fund's former investment adviser, reorganized its investment management division into EULAV Asset Management, LLC, a newly formed wholly-owned subsidiary located at 220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017. As part of the reorganization, the Fund's investment advisory agreement, dated August 10, 1988, was transferred from Value Line to EULAV and EULAV replaced Value Line as the Fund's investment adviser.

Arnold Bernhard & Co., Inc., 220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, a holding company, owns approximately 86% of the outstanding shares of Value Line's common stock. Jean Bernhard Buttner,

former Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Value Line, owns all of the voting stock of Arnold Bernhard & Co., Inc.

The investment advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser, dated August 10, 1988, provides for a monthly advisory fee at an annual rate equal to 0.75% on the first \$100 million of the Fund's average daily net assets and 0.50% of such net assets in excess thereof. During the fiscal years ended January 31, 2008, 2009 and 2010, the Fund paid or accrued to the Adviser advisory fees of \$264,579, \$219,501 and \$263,476, respectively. Effective June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009, the Adviser contractually agreed to waive the portion of the Fund's advisory fee equal to 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Effective June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, the Adviser contractually agreed to waive the portion of the advisory fee equal to 0.30% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The fees waived amounted to \$141,109, \$117,067 and \$115,354 for the fiscal years ended January 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010, respectively. Effective June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011, the Adviser contractually agreed to waive the portion of the advisory fee equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets. There can be no assurance that the Adviser will extend the contractual fee waiver beyond May 31, 2011.

The investment advisory agreement provides that the Adviser shall render investment advisory and other services to the Fund including, at its expense, all administrative services, office space and the services of all officers and employees of the Fund. The Fund pays all other expenses not assumed by the Adviser including taxes, interest, brokerage commissions, insurance premiums, fees and expenses of the custodian and shareholder servicing agent, legal and accounting fees, fees and expenses in connection with qualification under federal and state securities laws and costs of shareholder reports and proxy materials. The Fund has agreed that it will use the words "Value Line" in its name only so long as Value Line or a subsidiary serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The agreement will terminate upon its "assignment" (as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940).

The Adviser currently acts as investment adviser to 13 other investment companies constituting The Value Line Family of Funds and furnishes investment counseling services to private and institutional accounts resulting in combined assets under management of approximately \$2.3 billion as of April 30, 2010.

Certain of the Adviser's clients may have investment objectives similar to the Fund and certain investments may be appropriate for the Fund and for other clients advised by the Adviser. From time to time, a particular security may be bought or sold for only one client or in different amounts and at different times for more than one but less than all such clients. In addition, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients when one or more other clients are selling such security, or purchases or sales of the same security may be made for two or more clients at the same time. In such event, such transactions, to the extent practicable, will be averaged as to price and allocated as to amount in proportion to the amount of each order. In some cases, this procedure could have a detrimental effect on the price or amount of the securities purchased or sold by the Fund. In other cases, however, it is believed that the ability of the Fund to participate, to the extent permitted by law, in volume transactions will produce better results for the Fund.

The Adviser and/or its affiliates, officers, directors, and employees may from time to time own securities which are also held in the portfolio of the Fund. The Fund, the Adviser and the Distributor have adopted a Code of Ethics under Rule 17j-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 which permits personnel subject to the Code of Ethics to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Code of Ethics requires that such personnel submit reports of security transactions for their respective accounts and restricts trading in various situations in order to avoid possible conflicts of interest.

The Fund has entered into a distribution agreement with the Distributor whose address is 220 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, pursuant to which the Distributor acts as principal underwriter and distributor of the Fund for the sale and distribution of its shares. On May 5, 2009, the Distributor, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Value Line, changed its name from “Value Line Securities, Inc.” to “EULAV Securities, Inc.” No other changes were made to the Distributor’s organization, including its operations and personnel. For its services under the agreement, the Distributor is not entitled to receive any compensation, although it is entitled to receive fees under the Service and Distribution Plan, The Distributor also serves as distributor to the other Value Line funds.

State Street Bank and Trust Company (“State Street”) has been retained to provide certain bookkeeping, accounting and administrative services for the Fund. The Adviser pays State Street \$76,400 per annum for providing these services. State Street, whose address is 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110, also acts as the Fund’s custodian, transfer agent and dividend-paying agent. As custodian, State Street is responsible for safeguarding the Fund’s cash and securities, handling the receipt and delivery of securities and collecting interest and dividends on the Fund’s investments. As transfer agent and dividend-paying agent, State Street effects transfers of Fund shares by the registered owners and transmits payments for dividends and distributions declared by the Fund. Boston Financial Data Services, Inc., a State Street affiliate, whose address is 330 W. 9th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105, provides certain transfer agency functions to the Fund as an agent for State Street. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, whose address is 300 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017, acts as the Fund’s independent registered public accounting firm.

## **Portfolio Managers**

Bradley Brooks is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund’s portfolio.

**Compensation.** Each portfolio manager employed by the Adviser receives a fixed base salary. In addition, a manager may receive an annual bonus in the Adviser’s discretion. Salary and bonus are paid in cash. Base salary is normally reevaluated on an annual basis. Any bonus is completely discretionary and may be in excess of a manager’s base salary. The profitability of the Adviser and the after tax investment performance of the accounts that the portfolio manager is responsible for are factors in determining the manager’s overall compensation. The level of any bonus compensation may be influenced by the relative performance of the accounts managed by the portfolio manager or the financial performance of the Adviser. However, as noted, all bonus compensation is discretionary and the Adviser does not employ formulas with respect to either of these factors to compute a portfolio manager’s bonus. There are no differences in a portfolio manager’s compensation structure for managing mutual funds or private accounts.

**Other Accounts Managed.** Bradley Brooks is primarily or jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of three Value Line mutual funds with combined total assets at January 31, 2010 of approximately \$558 million and two private accounts with assets at January 31, 2010, of approximately \$3 million.

**Material Conflicts of Interest.** The Adviser’s portfolio managers typically manage more than one account. Portfolio managers make investment decisions for each account based on the investment objectives and policies of each such account. If the portfolio manager identifies an investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the Fund may not take full advantage of that opportunity because the opportunity may need to be allocated among more than one account. In addition, a portfolio manager may purchase or sell securities for one account and not another account. The Adviser’s private

accounts, like the Fund, pay an advisory fee based primarily upon the size of the accounts. None of the accounts pay performance-related fees. Investments are allocated among all of the Adviser's accounts in a manner which the Adviser deems to be fair and equitable.

**Ownership of Securities.** Bradley Brooks does not own any shares of the Fund.

### **SERVICE AND DISTRIBUTION PLAN**

The Service and Distribution Plan (12b-1 Plan) (the "Plan") is designed to finance the activities of the Distributor in advertising, marketing and distributing Fund shares and for servicing Fund shareholders at an annual rate of 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets. During the fiscal year ended January 31, 2010, fees of \$87,825 were accrued under the Plan. The Distributor paid \$68,206 to other broker-dealers and incurred \$3,744 in advertising and other marketing expenses. The fees payable to the Distributor under the Plan are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred. Effective June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010, the Distributor contractually agreed to waive a portion of the 12b-1 fee equal to 0.10%. For the fiscal year ended January 31, 2010, fees waived amounted to \$35,130. The Distributor has agreed to extend the contractual fee waiver through May 31, 2011. There can be no assurance that the Distributor will extend the contractual fee waiver beyond such date.

The principal services and expenses for which such compensation may be used include: compensation to employees or account executives and reimbursement of their expenses; overhead and telephone costs of such employees or account executives; printing of prospectuses or reports for prospective shareholders; advertising; preparation, printing and distribution of sales literature; and allowances to other broker-dealers. A report of the amounts expended under the Plan is submitted to and approved by the Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees, each quarter. Because of the Plan, long-term shareholders may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum sales charge permitted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority regarding investment companies.

As noted above, the Plan is a compensation plan, which means that the Distributor's fees under the Plan are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred by the Distributor. To the extent the revenue received by the Distributor pursuant to the Plan exceeds the Distributor's marketing expenses, the Distributor may earn a profit under the Plan.

The Plan is subject to annual approval by the Trustees, including the non-interested Trustees. The Plan is terminable at any time by vote of the Trustees or by vote of a majority of the shares of the Fund. Pursuant to the Plan, a new Trustee who is not an "interested person" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) must be nominated by existing Trustees who are not "interested persons".

Because amounts paid pursuant to the Plan are paid to the Distributor, the Distributor and its officers, directors and employees may be deemed to have a financial interest in the operation of the Plan. None of the non-interested Trustees has a financial interest in the operation of the Plan.

The Plan was adopted because of its anticipated benefits to the Fund. These anticipated benefits include: the ability to realize economies of scale as a result of increased promotion and distribution of the Fund's shares, an enhancement in the Fund's ability to maintain accounts and improve asset retention, increased stability of net assets for the Fund, increased stability in the Fund's investment positions, and greater flexibility in achieving investment objectives. The costs of any joint distribution activities between the Fund and other Value Line Funds will be allocated among the Funds in proportion to the number of their shareholders.

## Additional Dealer Compensation

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker, fund trading platform or other financial intermediary (collectively, “intermediaries”), your intermediary may receive various forms of compensation (which may come directly or indirectly from the Fund and other Value Line Mutual Funds) from the Distributor, the Adviser and/or their affiliates. Such payments may be based on a variety of factors, including sales of Fund shares through that intermediary or the value of shares held by investors through that intermediary. Compensation from the Distributor may vary among intermediaries. The types of payments an intermediary may receive include:

- Payments under the Plan which are asset based charges paid from the assets of the Fund;
- Payments by the Distributor out of its own assets. These payments are in addition to payments made under the Plan.

You should ask your intermediary for information about any payments it receives from the Distributor.

Brokerage firms and other intermediaries that sell Fund shares may make decisions about which investment options they will service and make available to their clients based on the payments these entities may be eligible to receive for their services. Therefore, payments to a brokerage firm or other intermediary may create potential conflicts of interest between that entity and its clients where that entity determines which investment options it will make available to those clients.

The maximum amount of compensation that may be paid to any intermediary under the Plan is 0.25% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. Generally, the maximum amount of additional compensation that the Distributor pays to any intermediary from its own assets is 0.15% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. However, to the extent the Distributor waives any fees it would have otherwise received under the Plan, the Distributor (and not the Fund) would pay the intermediaries out of its own assets any such amounts waived.

As of January 31, 2010, the Distributor may make payments out of its own assets to the following financial intermediaries whose fees exceed the Fund’s payment pursuant to the Plan.

National City Bank  
Pershing LLC  
National Financial Services LLC  
E\*TRADE  
T D Ameritrade, Inc.  
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.  
USAA Investment Management Co.  
SunGard Transaction Network  
MSCS Financial Services, Inc.  
The Vanguard Group

Financial intermediaries may have been added or removed from the list above since January 31, 2010.

## BROKERAGE ALLOCATION AND OTHER PRACTICES

Orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities are placed with brokers and dealers who, in the judgment of the Adviser, will obtain the best results for the Fund's portfolio taking into consideration such relevant factors as price, the ability of the broker to effect the transaction and the broker's facilities, reliability and financial responsibility. Commission rates, being a component of price, are considered together with such factors. Debt securities are traded principally in the over-the-counter market on a net basis through dealers acting for their own account and not as brokers. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Adviser is also authorized to place purchase or sale orders with brokers or dealers who may charge a commission in excess of that charged by other brokers or dealers if the amount of the commission charged is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided, viewed either in terms of that particular transaction or in relation to the Adviser's overall responsibilities with respect to the account as to which the Adviser exercises investment discretion. Such allocation will be in such amounts and in such proportion as the Adviser may determine. The information and services furnished to the Adviser include the furnishing of research reports and statistical compilations and computations and the providing of current quotations for securities. The services and information are furnished to the Adviser at no cost to it; no such services or information were furnished directly to the Fund, but certain of these services might have relieved the Fund of expenses which it would otherwise have had to pay. Such information and services are considered by the Adviser, and brokerage commissions are allocated in accordance with its assessment of such information and services, but only in a manner consistent with the placing of purchase and sale orders with brokers and/or dealers, which, in the judgment of the Adviser, are able to execute such orders as expeditiously as possible. Orders may also be placed with brokers or dealers who sell shares of the Fund or other funds for which the Adviser acts as investment adviser, but this fact, or the volume of such sales, is not a consideration in their selection.

During the fiscal years ended January 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010, the Fund paid brokerage commissions of \$645, \$1,203 and \$1,499, respectively. During the fiscal year ended January 31, 2010, all of the Fund's brokerage commissions were paid to brokers or dealers solely for their services in obtaining the best prices and executions.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund's portfolio turnover rate for recent fiscal years is shown under "Financial Highlights" in the Fund's Prospectus.

## CAPITAL STOCK

Each share of beneficial interest of the Fund, \$.01 par value, has one vote with fractional shares voting proportionately. Shares have no preemptive rights, are freely transferable, are entitled to dividends as declared by the Trustees and, if the Fund were liquidated, would receive the net assets of the Fund. As a Massachusetts business trust, the Fund's operations are governed by the Declaration of Trust, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the Secretary of the State of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Shareholders of a Massachusetts business trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable for the obligations of the trust. However, the Declaration contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Fund and provides for the indemnification of shareholders against all claims and liabilities to which shareholders may become subject by reason of being or having been a shareholder.

## PURCHASE, REDEMPTION AND PRICING OF SHARES

**Purchases:** Shares of the Fund are purchased at net asset value next calculated after receipt of a purchase order. Minimum orders are \$1,000 for an initial purchase and \$250 for each subsequent purchase. The Fund reserves the right to reduce or waive the minimum purchase requirements.

**Automatic Purchases:** The Fund offers a free service to its shareholders, Valu-Matic®, through which monthly investments of \$25 or more may be made automatically into the shareholder's Fund account. The required form to enroll in this program is available upon request from the Distributor.

**Retirement Plans:** Shares of the Fund may be purchased as the investment medium for various tax-sheltered retirement plans. Upon request, the Distributor will provide information regarding eligibility and permissible contributions. Because a retirement plan is designed to provide benefits in future years, it is important that the investment objectives of the Fund be consistent with the participant's retirement objectives. Premature withdrawals from a retirement plan may result in adverse tax consequences. For more complete information, contact Shareholder Services at 800-243-2729.

**Redemption:** The right of redemption may be suspended, or the date of payment postponed beyond the normal seven-day period, by the Fund under the following conditions authorized by the Investment Company Act of 1940: (1) For any period (a) during which the New York Stock Exchange is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closing, or (b) during which trading on the New York Stock Exchange is restricted; (2) For any period during which an emergency exists as a result of which (a) disposal by the Fund of securities owned by it is not reasonably practical, or (b) it is not reasonably practical for the Fund to determine the fair value of its net assets; or (3) For such other periods as the Securities and Exchange Commission may by order permit for the protection of the Fund's shareholders.

Redemptions are taxable transactions for shareholders that are subject to tax. The value of shares of the Fund on redemption may be more or less than the shareholder's cost, depending upon the market value of the Fund's assets at the time. Shareholders should note that if a loss has been realized on the sale of shares of the Fund, the loss may be disallowed for tax purposes if shares of the same Fund are purchased within (before or after) 30 days of the sale.

It is possible that conditions may exist in the future which would, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, make it undesirable for the Fund to pay for redemptions in cash. In such cases the Board may authorize payment to be made in portfolio securities or other property of the Fund. However, the Fund has obligated itself under the Investment Company Act of 1940 to redeem for cash all shares presented for redemption by any one shareholder up to \$250,000 (or 1% of the Fund's net assets if that is less) in any 90-day period. Securities delivered in payment of redemptions are valued at the same value assigned to them in computing the net asset value per share. Shareholders receiving such securities may incur brokerage costs on their sales.

**Calculation of Net Asset Value:** The net asset value of the Fund's shares for purposes of both purchases and redemptions is determined once daily as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) on each day that the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading except on days on which no orders to purchase, sell or redeem Fund shares have been received.

## TAXES

The Fund has elected to be treated, has qualified and intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). By so qualifying, and assuming the Fund meets the distribution requirements stated below, the Fund is not subject to federal income tax on its net investment income or net realized capital gains which are distributed to shareholders (whether or not reinvested in additional Fund shares). In order to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code, which qualification this discussion assumes, the Fund must, among other things, (i) derive at least 90% of its gross income for each taxable year from dividends, interest, payments with respect to securities loans, gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including gains from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and net income derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership (as defined in Section 851(h) of the Code) (the "90% income test") and (ii) diversify its holdings so that at the end of each quarter of each taxable year: (a) at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets is represented by (1) cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies, and (2) other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect to any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and to not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer and (b) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested in (1) the securities (other than U.S. government securities and securities of other regulated investment companies) of any one issuer, (2) the securities (other than securities of other regulated investment companies) of two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses, or (3) the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships.

If the Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and it distributes to its shareholders each taxable year an amount equal to or exceeding the sum of (i) 90% of its "investment company taxable income" as that term is defined in the Code (which includes, among other things, dividends, taxable interest, and the excess of any net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses, as reduced by certain deductible expenses) without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and (ii) 90% of the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest, if any, over certain disallowed deductions, the Fund generally will be relieved of U.S. federal income tax on any income of the Fund, including "net capital gain" (the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss), distributed to shareholders. However, if the Fund meets such distribution requirements, but chooses to retain some portion of its investment company taxable income or net capital gain, it generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates on the amount retained. The Fund intends to distribute at least annually all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt interest, and net capital gain. If for any taxable year the Fund did not qualify as a regulated investment company or did not satisfy the distribution requirement described above, it generally would be treated as a corporation subject to U.S. federal income tax and when the Fund's income is distributed, it would be subject to a further tax at the shareholder level.

The Code requires each regulated investment company to pay a nondeductible 4% excise tax to the extent the company does not distribute, during each calendar year, 98% of its ordinary income, determined on a calendar year basis, and 98% of its capital gains in excess of capital losses, determined, in general, for a one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, plus certain undistributed amounts from previous years. The Fund anticipates that it will make sufficient timely distributions to avoid imposition of the excise tax.

Realized losses incurred after October 31, if so elected by the Fund, are deemed to arise on the first day of the following fiscal year. In addition, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Fund is

permitted to carry forward a net capital loss for any year to offset its capital gains, if any, for up to eight years following the year of the loss. To the extent subsequent capital gains are offset by such losses, they would not result in U.S. federal income tax liability to the Fund and are not expected to be distributed as such to shareholders.

For Federal income tax purposes, the Fund had a capital loss carryover at January 31, 2010, of \$8,498,848, of which \$5,624,767 will expire in 2011, \$911,547 in 2017 and \$1,962,534 in 2018. During the year ended January 31, 2010, \$20,653,696 of the Fund's capital loss carryforward expired.

Unless a shareholder elects otherwise, distributions from the Fund will be automatically invested in additional common shares of the Fund. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, such distributions generally will be taxable whether a shareholder takes them in cash or they are reinvested in additional shares of the Fund. In general, assuming that the Fund has sufficient earnings and profits, dividends from investment company taxable income are taxable either as ordinary income, or for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011, if so designated by the Fund and certain other conditions are met, as "qualified dividend income" taxable to individual shareholders at a maximum 15% U.S. federal income tax rate. Dividend income distributed to individual shareholders will qualify for such maximum 15% U.S. federal income tax rate to the extent that such dividends are attributable to "qualified dividend income" as that term is defined in Section 1(h)(11)(B) of the Code from the Fund's investment in common and preferred stock of U.S. companies and stock of certain foreign corporations, provided that certain holding period and other requirements are met by both the Fund and the shareholders. Since the Fund's income is derived primarily from sources that do not pay qualified dividend income, the dividends from the investment company taxable income of the Fund generally are not expected to qualify for taxation at the maximum 15% U.S. federal income tax rate available to individuals on qualified dividend income.

Distributions from net capital gain that are designated as capital gain dividends, if any, are taxable as long-term capital gains for U.S. federal income tax purposes without regard to the length of time the shareholder has held shares of the Fund. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011, capital gain dividends distributed by the Fund to individual shareholders generally will qualify for the maximum 15% U.S. federal income tax rate on long-term capital gains. A shareholder should also be aware that the benefits of the favorable tax rate on long-term capital gains and qualified dividend income may be impacted by the application of the alternative minimum tax to individual shareholders. Under current law, the maximum 15% U.S. federal income tax rate on qualified dividend income and long-term capital gains will cease to apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.

It is currently unclear whether Congress will extend the provisions relating to the favorable tax rates on qualified dividend income and long-term capital gains for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011. In the absence of any such extensions or other legislative changes, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, the maximum U.S. federal tax rate on long-term capital gains will rise to 20% and qualified dividend income will be taxable at ordinary income tax rates.

Distributions by the Fund in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of (and in reduction of) the shareholder's tax basis in its shares and any such amount in excess of that basis will be treated as gain from the sale of shares, as discussed below. The federal income tax status of all distributions will be reported to shareholders annually.

Recently enacted legislation imposes a new 3.8% Medicare tax on the net investment income of certain U.S. individuals, estates and trusts for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. For this purpose, "net investment income" generally includes taxable dividends and redemption proceeds from an investment in a mutual fund, such as the Fund.

At the time of an investor's purchase of Fund shares, a portion of the purchase price may be attributable to realized or unrealized appreciation in the Fund's portfolio or undistributed taxable income of the Fund. Consequently, subsequent distributions by the Fund with respect to these shares from such appreciation or income may be taxable to such investor even if the net asset value of the investor's shares is, as a result of the distributions, reduced below the investor's cost for such shares and the distributions economically represent a return of a portion of the investment. In particular, investors should be careful to consider the tax implications of buying shares just prior to a distribution. The price of shares purchased at that time (at the net asset value per share) may include the amount of the forthcoming distribution. Those purchasing just prior to a distribution will then receive, in effect, a return of capital upon the distribution which will nevertheless be taxable to them.

Under the Code, dividends declared by the Fund in October, November or December of any calendar year, and payable to shareholders of record in such a month, shall be deemed to have been received by such shareholder on December 31 of such calendar year if such dividend is actually paid in January of the following calendar year. In addition, certain other distributions made after the close of a taxable year of the Fund may be "spilled back" and treated as paid by the Fund (except for purposes of the 4% excise tax) during such taxable year. In such case, shareholders generally will be treated as having received such dividends in the taxable year in which the distributions were actually made.

The Fund may invest significantly in debt obligations that are in the lowest rating categories or are unrated, including debt obligations of issuers not currently paying interest or who are in default. Investment in debt obligations that are at risk of or in default present special tax issues for the Fund. Tax rules are not entirely clear about issues such as when the Fund may cease to accrue interest, original issue discount or market discount, when and to what extent deductions may be taken for bad debts or worthless securities, how payments received on obligations in default should be allocated between principal and income and whether exchanges of debt obligations in a workout context are taxable. These and other issues will be addressed by the Fund in order to seek to ensure that it distributes sufficient income to preserve its status as a regulated investment company and does not become subject to U.S. federal income or excise tax.

If the Fund invests in certain pay-in-kind securities, zero coupon securities or, in general, any other securities with original issue discount (or with market discount if the Fund elects to include market discount in income currently), the Fund must accrue income on such investments for each taxable year, which generally will be prior to the receipt of the corresponding cash payments. However, the Fund must distribute, at least annually, all or substantially all of its net investment income, including such accrued income, to shareholders to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code and avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes. Therefore, the Fund may have to dispose of its portfolio securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash, or may have to borrow the cash, to satisfy distribution requirements.

It is not expected that the Fund's dividends and distributions will qualify to any material extent for any dividends-received deduction that might otherwise be available for certain dividends received by shareholders that are corporations.

Options written or purchased by the Fund and futures contracts purchased on certain securities and indices may cause the Fund to recognize gains or losses from marking-to-market even though such options may not have lapsed, been closed out, or exercised or such futures contracts may not have been performed or closed out. The tax rules applicable to these contracts may affect the characterization of some capital gains and losses recognized by the Fund as long-term or short-term. Additionally, the Fund may be required to recognize gain if an option, futures contract, short sale, or other transaction that is not subject to the

mark-to-market rules is treated as a “constructive sale” of an “appreciated financial position” held by the Fund under Section 1259 of the Code. Any net mark-to-market gains and/or gains from constructive sales may also have to be distributed to satisfy the distribution requirements referred to above even though the Fund may receive no corresponding cash amounts, possibly requiring the Fund to dispose of portfolio securities or to borrow to obtain the necessary cash. Losses on certain options, futures and/or offsetting positions (portfolio securities or other positions with respect to which the Fund’s risk of loss is substantially diminished by one or more options or futures contracts) may also be deferred under the tax straddle rules of the Code, which may also affect the characterization of capital gains or losses from straddle positions and certain successor positions as long-term or short-term. Certain tax elections may be available that would enable the Fund to ameliorate some adverse effects of the tax rules described in this paragraph. The tax rules applicable to options, futures contracts, short sales, and straddles may affect the amount, timing and character of the Fund’s income and gains or losses and hence of its distributions to shareholders.

A shareholder may realize a capital gain or capital loss on the sale, exchange or redemption of shares of the Fund. The tax consequences of a sale, exchange or redemption depend upon several factors, including the shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the shares sold, exchanged or redeemed and the length of time the shares have been held. Initial basis in the shares will be the actual cost of those shares (net asset value of Fund shares on purchase or reinvestment date). Shareholders should consult their own tax advisers with reference to their individual circumstances to determine whether any particular transaction in the Fund’s shares is properly treated as a sale for tax purposes, as the following discussion assumes, and the tax treatment of any gains or losses recognized in such transactions. In general, if Fund shares are sold, redeemed or exchanged, the shareholder will recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the shareholder’s adjusted tax basis in the shares. Such gain or loss generally will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares were held for more than one year and otherwise generally will be treated as short-term capital gain or loss. In addition, commencing in 2013, capital gains recognized from redemptions of Fund shares generally will be included in the calculation of “net investment income” for purposes of the 3.8% Medicare tax applicable to certain U.S. individuals, estates and trusts.

Any loss realized by shareholders upon the sale, redemption or exchange of shares within six months of the date of their purchase will generally be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of net long-term capital gains with respect to such shares. Moreover, a loss on a sale, exchange or redemption of Fund shares will be disallowed to the extent that shares of the Fund are purchased (including through the reinvestment of dividends) within 30 days before or after the shares are sold, exchanged or redeemed. Individual shareholders may generally deduct in any year only \$3,000 of capital losses that are not offset by capital gains and remaining losses may be carried over to future years. Corporations may generally deduct capital losses only against capital gains with certain carrybacks and carryovers allowable for excess losses.

Under Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to Fund shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder, or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, in any single taxable year (or greater amounts over a combination of years), the shareholder must file with the Internal Revenue Service a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Shareholders who own portfolio securities directly are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement but, under current guidance, shareholders of regulated investment companies are not excepted. A shareholder who fails to make the required disclosure to the IRS may be subject to substantial penalties. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether or not the taxpayer’s treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult with their tax advisers to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

Shareholders that are exempt from U.S. federal income tax, such as retirement plans that are qualified under Section 401 of the Code, generally are not subject to U.S. federal income tax on Fund dividends or distributions or on sales or exchanges of Fund shares unless the acquisition of the Fund shares was debt-financed. A plan participant whose retirement plan invests in the Fund generally is not taxed on Fund dividends or distributions received by the plan or on sales or exchanges of Fund shares by the plan for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, subject to certain limited exceptions, distributions to plan participants from a retirement plan account generally are taxable as ordinary income and different tax treatment, including penalties on certain excess contributions and deferrals, certain pre-retirement and post-retirement distributions and certain prohibited transactions, is accorded to accounts maintained as qualified retirement plans. Shareholders and plan participants should consult their tax advisers for more information.

For shareholders who fail to furnish to the Fund their social security or taxpayer identification numbers and certain related information or who fail to certify that they are not subject to back-up withholding, dividends, distributions of capital gains and redemption proceeds paid by the Fund will be subject to a U.S. federal "backup withholding" requirement. In addition, the Fund may be required to backup withhold if it receives notice from the IRS or a broker that the number provided is incorrect or backup withholding is applicable as a result of previous underreporting of interest or dividend income. If the withholding provisions are applicable, any such dividends or capital gain distributions to these shareholders, whether taken in cash or reinvested in additional shares, and any redemption proceeds will be reduced by the amounts required to be withheld. The backup withholding tax rate is 28% for amounts paid by the Fund through December 31, 2010 and currently is scheduled to rise to 31% for amounts paid by the Fund after such date.

The foregoing discussion relates solely to U.S. federal income tax laws as applicable to shareholders who are U.S. persons (i.e., U.S. citizens or residents, domestic corporations and partnerships, and certain trusts and estates) and hold their shares as capital assets and is not intended to be a complete discussion of all federal tax consequences. Except as otherwise provided, this discussion does not address the special tax rules that may be applicable to particular types of investors, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, securities dealers or tax-exempt or tax-deferred plans, accounts or entities. Shareholders who are not U.S. persons may be subject to a non-resident alien U.S. withholding tax at the rate of 30% or at a lower treaty rate on amounts treated as ordinary dividends from the Fund (other than certain dividends derived from short-term capital gains and qualified interest income of the Fund currently only for certain taxable years of the Fund commencing prior to January 1, 2010, provided that the Fund chose to make a specific designation relating to such dividends) and, unless an effective IRS Form W-8 BEN or other authorized certificate is on file, to backup withholding at the rate of 28% on certain other payments from the Fund. Recently enacted legislation will impose a 30% withholding tax on payments (including dividends and gross redemption proceeds) paid by the Fund after December 31, 2012 to (i) certain foreign financial institutions unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. account holders and (ii) certain other foreign entities unless they certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners. Under certain circumstances, a foreign shareholder may be eligible for refunds or credits of such taxes. Shareholders are advised to consult with their tax advisers concerning the application of federal, state, local and foreign taxes to an investment in the Fund.

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Fund's financial statements for the year ended January 31, 2010, including the financial highlights for each of the five fiscal years in the period ended January 31, 2010, appearing in the 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders and the report thereon of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, appearing therein, are incorporated by reference in this Statement of Additional Information.

## DESCRIPTION OF RATINGS

### Description of Value Line Financial Strength Ratings

Value Line ranks the companies followed by The Value Line Investment Survey (Standard Edition or the Small and Mid-Cap Edition), into nine categories as follows:

**A++** Greatest relative financial strength. Companies among the very strongest of the approximately 3,500 followed by The Value Line Investment Survey.

**A+** Excellent relative financial strength. Companies with very high financial strength, but not quite the highest among the Value Line 3,500.

**A** High-grade relative financial strength.

**B++** Above average relative financial strength among the Value Line 3,500.

**B+** Very good relative financial strength; approximately average among the companies in the Value Line 3,500.

**B** Good relative financial strength, although somewhat below the average of all 3,500 Value Line companies.

**C++** Below average relative financial strength.

**C+** Significantly below average relative financial strength.

**C** Weakest relative financial strength.

The Value Line ratings are based upon an analysis of a number of financial variables including the size and stability of a company's profit stream, the level and consistency of the returns on capital and equity, the amount of financial leverage (including both short-and long-term debt), the level of cash on the balance sheet, the profile of the industry, or industries in which the company participates, the company's tax rate and the stock's price stability.

### Description of Standard & Poor's Ratings

#### **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.

## **BB, B, CCC, CC, and C**

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 subordinated debt or preferred stock obligation rated 'C' is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The 'C' rating may be used to cover a situation where a bankruptcy petition has been filed or similar action taken, but payments on this obligation are being continued. A 'C' also will be assigned to a preferred stock issue in arrears on dividends or sinking fund payments, but that is currently paying.

## **D**

An obligation rated 'D' is in payment default.

## **Description of Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Ratings**

### **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.