

# THE VALUE LINE TAX EXEMPT FUND, INC.

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## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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This Statement of Additional Information is not a prospectus and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus of The Value Line Tax Exempt Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”), dated July 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

**Classification.** The Fund is a series of an open-end, diversified management investment company incorporated in Maryland in 1983 as The Value Line Tax Exempt Fund, Inc. The Fund reserves the right to create additional series of portfolios although there are no present plans to do so. 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 Strategy.** Under normal conditions, at least 80% of the Fund's assets are invested in securities the income of which is exempt from regular federal income taxation and will not subject non-corporate shareholders to the alternative minimum tax. Typically, the municipal bonds in which the Fund invests will be rated at the time of purchase within the four highest grades assigned by Moody's (Aaa, Aa, A and Baa) or S&P (AAA, AA, A and BBB) or, if not rated, will be obligations of issuers of equivalent creditworthiness, in the opinion of the Adviser. Those bonds rated Baa or BBB may have more speculative characteristics and changes in economic conditions or other circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments than is the case for higher grade bonds. These bonds include both secured and unsecured debt obligations and, as a group, possess a fairly high degree of dependability of interest payments although certain of these bonds may have speculative characteristics. Expected weighted average maturity is between 7 and 20 years. Portfolio securities may be sold without regard to the length of time that they have been held in order to take advantage of new investment opportunities or yield differentials, or because the Adviser desires to preserve gains or limit losses due to changing economic conditions. High portfolio turnover may result in correspondingly greater transaction costs.

The Fund may also invest in variable rate demand instruments and industrial development bonds and other securities, which pay interest from revenues of projects with similar characteristics. The Fund may also invest in commercial paper, U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements or other taxable short-term money market instruments when the Adviser deems such investments consistent with the Fund's investment objectives.

Yields of municipal securities depend upon a number of factors, including the financial condition of the issuer, economic conditions, money and capital market conditions, the volume of municipal securities available, conditions within the municipal securities market, the slope of the yield curve, proposed and actual changes in tax laws, regulations and rules, and the maturity, rating, and size of individual offerings. Market values of municipal securities will vary inversely in relation to their yields. The magnitude of changes in market values in response to changes in market rates of interest typically varies in proportion to maturity of the obligations.

### Miscellaneous Principal and Non-Principal Investment Practices

**Variable Rate Demand Instruments.** Variable rate demand instruments are tax-exempt municipal obligations that provide for a periodic adjustment in the interest rate paid on the instrument according to changes in interest rates generally. These instruments permit the Fund to demand payment of the unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest upon a specified number of days' notice to the issuer or its agent. The demand feature may be backed by a bank letter of credit or guarantee issued with respect to such instrument. The Fund intends to exercise the demand only (1) upon a default under the terms of the municipal obligation, (2) as needed to provide liquidity to the Fund, or (3) to maintain a high quality investment portfolio. The issuer of a variable rate demand instrument may have a corresponding right to prepay at its discretion the outstanding principal of the instrument plus accrued interest upon notice

comparable to that required for the holder to demand payment. The variable rate demand instruments that the Fund may purchase are payable on demand on not more than seven calendar days' notice. The terms of the instruments provide that interest rates are adjustable at intervals ranging from daily up to six months, and the adjustments are based upon the prime rate of a bank or other appropriate interest rate adjustment index as provided in the respective instruments.

**When-Issued Securities.** Municipal securities may be purchased or sold on a delayed-delivery basis or on a when-issued basis. These transactions arise when the Fund buys or sells securities with payment and delivery taking place in the future, to secure what is considered to be an advantageous price and yield to the Fund. No payment is made until delivery is due, often a month or more after the purchase. When the Fund engages in when-issued and delayed-delivery transactions, certain risks are involved. The Fund relies on the buyer or seller, as the case may be, to consummate the transaction. Failure of the buyer or seller to do so may result in the Fund failing to obtain a price considered to be advantageous. The securities are subject to market fluctuations and no interest accrues to the purchaser during this period. At the time the Fund commits to purchase municipal securities on a delayed-delivery basis or a when-issued basis, it will record the transaction and reflect the value of the municipal securities in determining the net asset value of the appropriate portfolio. A separate account for the Fund consisting of cash or liquid securities equal to the amount of the when-issued commitments will be established at the Fund's custodian bank. For the purpose of determining the adequacy of the securities in the account, the deposited securities will be valued at market. If the market value of the deposited securities declines, additional cash or securities will be placed in the account on a daily basis so that the market value of the account will equal the amount of such commitments by the Fund.

**Lending Securities.** The Fund may lend limited amounts of its portfolio securities to broker-dealers or institutional investors which the Adviser deems qualified, but only when the borrower agrees to maintain cash collateral with the Fund equal at all times to at least 100% of the value of the loaned securities and accrued interest. The Fund will continue to receive interest on the loaned securities and will invest the cash collateral in readily marketable short-term obligations of high quality, thereby earning additional interest. Interest on loaned municipal securities received by the borrower and paid over to the Fund will not be exempt from federal income taxes when distributed by the Fund. The Fund will not lend securities if, as a result, the aggregate of such loans in each Portfolio would exceed 10% of the value of that Portfolio's total assets. The Fund may terminate such loans at any time. The Fund will retain the right to call the loaned securities upon notice and will call loaned voting securities in anticipation of any important or material matter to be voted on by stockholders.

**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 value of the underlying securities will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the repurchase agreement. 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. It is expected that repurchase agreements will give rise to income which will not qualify as tax-exempt income when distributed by the Fund.

While the Fund has no plans to do so during the current year, it may enter into reverse repurchase agreements, which involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment.

## **Municipal Securities**

Municipal securities are debt issues of governmental bodies, other than the U.S. government, within the United States, including securities issued by or on behalf of states, territories, and possessions of the United States, by the District of Columbia, and by political subdivisions and their duly constituted agencies and instrumentalities. The interest on these issues generally is not includable in “gross income” for regular federal income tax purposes, subject, however, to many exceptions and limitations. The purpose of these issues is to obtain funds for various public uses, including the construction, repair, or improvement of various public facilities, such as airports, bridges, highways, housing, hospitals, mass transit, schools, streets, waterworks and sewage systems.

The two principal classifications of municipal bonds are “general obligation” and “revenue” bonds. General obligation bonds are secured by the issuer’s pledge of its full faith, credit and taxing power for the payment of interest and principal. Revenue bonds are payable only from the revenues derived from a particular facility or class of facilities or, in some cases, from the revenues from a special excise tax or other specific source, but not from general tax revenues. Revenue bonds include tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds that generally do not have the pledge of the credit of the issuer but are supported by revenues from a taxable corporation that operates a facility that was financed by the funds from the bond issue, and the pledge, if any, of real and personal property so financed as security for such payment. There are also a variety of hybrid and special types of municipal securities that have characteristics of both general obligation and revenue bonds.

Municipal notes are short-term obligations issued to obtain temporary funds for states, cities, municipalities and municipal agencies. These notes include tax, revenue and bond anticipation notes that provide temporary funds until the anticipated taxes, revenues, or bond proceeds, respectively, are received by the issuer. Other municipal notes include construction loan notes and short-term discount notes. Certain project notes, issued by a state or local housing authority, are secured by the full faith and credit of the United States. Municipal commercial paper consists of very short-term negotiable notes, which provide seasonal working capital needs or interim construction financing. The commercial paper and tax and revenue anticipation notes are paid from general revenues or may be refinanced with long-term debt.

Legislation to restrict or eliminate the federal income tax exemption for interest on municipal securities has, from time to time, been introduced before Congress. If such a proposal were enacted, the availability of municipal securities for investment by the Fund could be adversely affected. In such event, the Fund would re-evaluate its investment objectives and strategies and submit possible changes in the structure of the Fund for the consideration of the shareholders.

## Fundamental Policies

(i) The Fund may not borrow money, except from banks on a temporary basis or via entering into reverse repurchase agreements for extraordinary or emergency purposes or to facilitate redemptions and in amounts not exceeding 10% of the total assets of the Fund, or mortgage, pledge or hypothecate the assets of the Fund except as may be necessary in connection with such borrowings. Securities will not be purchased while borrowings are outstanding.

(ii) 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.

(iii) The Fund may not invest 25% or more of its assets in securities of issuers conducting their principal business activities in any one industry. (For purposes of applying the limitation set forth in this restriction, securities of the U.S. government, its agencies, or instrumentalities, and securities backed by the credit of a governmental entity are not considered to represent industries. However, obligations backed only by the assets and revenues of non-governmental issuers may for this purpose be deemed to be issued by such non-governmental issuers and the 25% limitation would apply to such obligations. It is nonetheless possible that the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in a broader economic sector of the market for municipal obligations, such as revenue obligations of hospitals and other health care facilities or electrical utility revenue obligations.)

(iv) The Fund may not purchase equity securities, securities convertible into equity securities or invest in real estate, although the Fund may invest in municipal securities secured by real estate or interests therein.

(v) The Fund may not lend money except as provided under "Lending Securities" or 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.

(vi) The Fund may not engage in short sales, purchases on margin or participate on a joint or a joint and several basis in any trading account in securities.

(vii) The Fund may not write, purchase or sell puts (except for standby commitments), calls or combinations thereof or purchase interests in oil, gas or other mineral exploration or development programs or leases.

(viii) 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 publicly issued debt obligations of any issuer or invest in companies for the purpose of exercising control. This restriction does not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities.

(ix) 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.

(x) 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.

(xi) The Fund may not invest in commodities or commodity contracts.

(xii) 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.

(xiii) The Fund may not purchase or invest in restricted securities or securities which at the time of investment are not readily marketable or invest in repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days if, as a result of such investment, more than 15% of the Fund's assets would then be invested in such securities.

(xiv) The Fund's assets will be invested so that at least 80% of the annual income of the Fund will be exempt from regular federal income taxation and will not subject non-corporate shareholders to the alternative minimum tax.

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 except for restrictions (i) and (xiii). 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 Directors. The following table sets forth information on each Director and officer of the Fund. Each Director 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 Director</u>
<b>Interested Director*</b>				
Thomas T. Sarkany 1946	Director	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 a Director since February 2010.	** Value Line, Inc.
<b>Non-Interested Directors</b>				
Joyce E. Heinzerling 500 East 77th Street New York, NY 10162 1956	Director	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	Director	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	Director	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	Director	Since 1984	Chairman, Institute for Political Economy.	**
Nancy-Beth Sheerr 1409 Beaumont Drive Gladwyne, PA 19035 1949	Director	Since 1996	Senior Financial Advisor, Veritable, L.P. (investment advisor).	**
Daniel S. Vandivort 59 Indian Head Road Riverside, CT 06878 1954	Director (Chair of the Board of Directors 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	President (April 2006 - present) and Chief Operating Officer (September 2004 - March 2006) of Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC; President and Chief Operating Officer, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (April 2004 - March 2006); 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.

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

\*\* Each Director 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 Directors of the Fund serve as members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. 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 Directors 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 Directors. There is also a combined Nominating/Governance Committee consisting of the non-interested Directors the purpose of which is to review and nominate candidates to serve as non-interested Directors 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 Directors, six of whom (85%) are not “interested persons” (as that term is defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund (the “Independent Directors”). The Board has appointed Mr. Vandivort (an Independent Director) 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 Directors. The Valuation Committee is composed of an Independent Director and an interested Director. See “Committees” above for a further description of the composition, duties and responsibilities of these committees.

The Directors 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 Director 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 Directors 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 Directors 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 Directors, 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 Directors generally meet at least quarterly with the Chief Compliance Officer outside the presence of management.

*Qualifications and Experience of Directors.* The Board believes that each Director’s experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of the other Directors lead to the conclusion that each Director should serve in such capacity. Among other attributes common to all Directors 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 Director’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 Director 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 Director that support the conclusion that each person is qualified to serve as a Director.

Ms. Heinzerling has served as an Independent Director on the Board since 2008. Her relevant experience includes being the principal 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 Director 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 Director 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 Director on the Board since 1984. 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 Director 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 Director 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 Director 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 Directors by the Fund and the thirteen other Value Line Funds of which each of the Directors was a director or trustee for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2010. Directors 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 Directors.

<u>Name of Person</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	1,621	45,000
Francis C. Oakley	2,053	57,000
David H. Porter	1,621	45,000
Paul Craig Roberts	1,621	45,000
Nancy-Beth Sheerr	1,621	45,000
Daniel S. Vandivort	1,765	49,000

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

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Services in All of the Value Line Funds</u>
<b>Interested Director</b>		
Thomas T. Sarkany	\$ -0-	Over \$100,000
<b>Non-Interested Directors</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 March 31, 2010, no person owned of record or, to the knowledge of the Fund, owned beneficially, 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Fund. The adviser and its affiliates and officers and Directors of the Fund as a group owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund.

None of the non-interested Directors, 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.

### **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 Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 Directors. 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 Directors. The Fund does not release portfolio holdings information to any person for compensation.

The Board of Directors 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 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 B. 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 of 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets. During its fiscal years ended on the last day of February 2008, 2009 and 2010, the Fund paid or accrued to the Adviser advisory fees of \$508,765, \$442,352 and \$423,393, respectively.

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 agents, 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 \$2.4 billion as of March 31, 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 \$66,900 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**

Liane Rosenberg 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 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.** Liane Rosenberg is primarily or jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of three Value Line mutual funds with combined total assets at December 31, 2009 of approximately \$226 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.** Liane Rosenberg 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 February 28, 2010, fees of \$211,696 were accrued to the Distributor under the Plan. During the fiscal year, the Distributor paid \$34,743 to other broker-dealers and incurred \$13,452 in advertising and other marketing expenses. The fees payable to the Distributor under the Plan are payable without regard to actual expenses incurred. Effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, the Distributor contractually agreed to waive the Fund's Rule 12b-1 fee. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2010, the fees waived amounted to \$211,696. The Adviser has agreed to extend the contractual fee waiver through June 30, 2011. There is 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 the Directors 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 Directors, including the non-interested Directors. The Plan is terminable at any time by vote of the Directors or by vote of a majority of the shares of the Fund. Pursuant to the Plan, a new Director who is not an "interested person" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) must be nominated by existing Directors 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 Directors 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 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, the Adviser and/or their affiliates 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 February 28, 2010, the Distributor may make payments out of its own assets to the following financial intermediaries whose fees exceed the Fund's payment, if any, pursuant to the Plan.

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

Financial intermediaries may have been added or removed from the list above since February 28, 2010.

**Portfolio Turnover.** The Fund's annual portfolio turnover exceeded 100% in each of the last five years. A rate of portfolio turnover of 100% would occur if all of the Fund's portfolio were replaced in a period of one year. To the extent that the Fund engages in short-term trading in attempting to achieve its objectives, it may increase portfolio turnover and incur higher brokerage commissions and other expenses than might otherwise be the case. 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 the Fund's common stock, \$.01 par value, has one vote with fractional shares voting proportionately. Shares of each Portfolio have equal voting rights and preferences as to conversion, exchange, retirement or any other feature. Shares have no preemptive rights, are freely transferable, are entitled to dividends as declared by the Directors and, if the Fund were liquidated, would receive the net assets of the Fund.

## 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<sup>®</sup>, 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.

**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.

If the Board of Directors determines that it is in the best interests of the Fund, the Fund may redeem, upon prior written notice at net asset value, all shareholder accounts which due to redemptions fall below \$500 in net asset value. In such event, an investor will have 30 days to increase the shares in his account to the minimum level.

## **TAXES**

The Fund is treated as a separate entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and 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 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.

In accordance with its investment objective, the Fund invests its assets in a manner that will provide as large a portion of tax-exempt income as is consistent with the protection of shareholders' capital. The Fund may from time to time invest a portion of its assets in short-term taxable obligations and may engage in transactions generating gain or income that is not tax-exempt, e.g., purchase non-municipal securities, sell or lend portfolio securities, enter into repurchase agreements, dispose of rights to when-issued securities prior to issuance, enter into options or futures transactions, or acquire any debt obligation at a market discount.

The Code permits tax-exempt interest received by the Fund to flow through as tax-exempt "exempt-interest dividends" to the Fund's shareholders, provided that the Fund qualifies as a regulated investment company and at least 50% of the value of the Fund's total assets at the close of each quarter of its taxable year consists of tax-exempt obligations, i.e., obligations described in Section 103(a) of the Code. That part of a Fund's net investment income which is attributable to interest from tax-exempt obligations and which is distributed to shareholders will be designated by the Fund as an "exempt-interest dividend" under the Code. Exempt-interest dividends are excluded from a shareholder's gross income for regular federal income tax purposes under the Code but are nevertheless required to be reported on the shareholder's U.S. federal income tax return.

Except as noted in the following sentence, exempt-interest dividends derived from interest on certain "private activity bonds" will be items of tax preference that are subject to U.S. federal alternative minimum tax for individuals or entities that are subject to such tax, and all exempt-interest dividends may result in or increase a corporate shareholder's liability for the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax. However, under recently enacted provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009, interest on principal activity bonds will not be a tax preference item or be included in a corporation's adjusted current earnings (used in computing a corporation's alternative minimum tax) with respect to bonds issued during 2009 and 2010, including refunding bonds issued during that period to refund bonds issued after 2003 and before 2009. The portion of any dividend paid by the Fund which represents income derived from private activity bonds held by the Fund may not retain its tax-exempt status in the hands of a shareholder who is a "substantial user" of facility financed by such bonds or a related person.

Interest on indebtedness incurred (directly or indirectly) by a shareholder to purchase or carry shares of the Fund generally will not be deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Shareholders receiving social security or certain railroad retirement benefits may be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a portion of such benefits as a result of receiving investment income, including exempt-interest dividends and other distributions from the Fund.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, all dividends from the Fund, other than exempt-interest dividends, are taxed as described below 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 (if any) are taxable as ordinary income, and 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. The computation of net capital gains takes into account any capital loss carryforward of the Fund.

Distributions to shareholders from the Fund's investment company taxable income generally will not qualify for the 15% maximum U.S. federal income tax rate on qualified dividend income. For taxable years beginning before January 1, 2011, capital gain dividends distributed by the Fund, however, generally will qualify for the 15% maximum rate. A shareholder should also be aware that the benefits of the favorable tax rate applicable to 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.

The Fund does not anticipate that any distributions will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporate shareholders.

A shareholder may realize a capital gain or 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 tax basis in the shares and the length of time the shares have been held. 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 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 redemption 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 recognized by a shareholder upon the redemption, exchange or other disposition of shares with a tax holding period of six months or less will be disallowed to the extent of any exempt-interest dividends paid with respect to such shares, and any portion of such loss that exceeds the amount disallowed will be treated as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any amounts treated as distributions of long-term capital gain 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 a greater amount over a combination of years), the shareholder must file with the IRS 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.

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 assets of the Fund. Consequently, subsequent distributions by the Fund with respect to these shares from such appreciation 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.

Investments in the Fund generally would not be suitable for non-taxable entities, such as tax-exempt institutions, qualified retirement plans, H.R. 10 plans and individual retirement accounts since such investors would not gain any additional federal tax benefit from receiving tax-exempt income.

Under the Code, dividends declared by the Fund in October, November and December of any calendar year, and payable to shareholders of record in such month, shall be deemed to have been received by the shareholder on December 31 of such calendar year even when 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.

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 and net tax-exempt 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 securities under disadvantageous circumstances to generate cash, or may have to borrow the cash, to satisfy distribution requirements.

Options written or purchased by the Fund 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. 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, 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 securities or to borrow to obtain the necessary cash. Losses on certain options 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) 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, 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.

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 tax 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-8BEN 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 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 and local taxes to an investment in the Fund.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Fund's financial statements for the year ended February 28, 2010, including the financial highlights for each of the five fiscal years in the period ended February 28, 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.

## SECURITY RATINGS

### Ratings of Municipal Securities

**Moody's Investors Service, Inc.** **Aaa**—the “best quality”. **Aa**—“high quality by all standards”, but margins of protection or other elements make long-term risks appear somewhat larger than Aaa rated municipal bonds. **A**—“upper medium grade obligations”. Security for principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future. **Baa**—“medium grade”; neither highly protected nor poorly secured; interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present, but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time; lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact may have speculative characteristics as well.

**Standard & Poor's Rating Service.** **AAA**—“obligations of the highest quality”. **AA**— issues with investment characteristics “only slightly less marked than those of the prime quality issues.” **A**—“the third strongest capacity for payment of debt service”. Principal and interest payments on bonds in this category are regarded as safe. It differs from the two higher ratings because, with respect to general obligations bonds, there is some weakness which, under certain adverse circumstances, might impair the ability of the issuer to meet debt obligations at some future date. With respect to revenue bonds, debt service coverage is good, but not exceptional, and stability of the pledged revenues could show some variations because of increased competition or economic influences in revenues. **BBB**—the lowest “investment grade” security rating. The difference between A and BBB ratings is that the latter shows more than one fundamental weakness, or one very substantial fundamental weakness. With respect to revenue bonds, debt coverage is only fair. Stability of the pledged revenues could show substantial variations, with the revenue flow possibly being subject to erosion over time.

### Ratings of Municipal Notes

**Moody's Investors Service, Inc.** **MIG-1:** the best quality. **MIG-2:** high quality, with margins for protection ample although not so large as in the preceding group. **MIG-3:** favorable quality, with all security elements accounted for, but lacking the undeniable strength of the preceding grades. Market access for refinancing, in particular, is likely to be less well established.

**Standard & Poor's Corporation.** **SP-1:** Very strong capacity to pay principal and interest. **SP-2:** Satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest.

### Ratings of Commercial Paper

**Moody's Investors Service, Inc.** **PRIME-1:** highest quality; **PRIME-2:** higher quality.

**Standard & Poor's Corporation.** **A-1:** A very strong degree of safety. **A-2:** Strong degree of safety.