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Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund | Institutional Class (SEKSX)  
Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund | Class A (IKSTX)



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As the 2021 fiscal year came to a close, the municipal bond market was functioning extremely well, even with the presence of inflation caused by accommodative federal monetary and fiscal policies, as well as supply and demand imbalances. Overall, municipal bond investors continued to experience relatively flat returns as interest rates drifted higher and prices moved slightly lower through the end of September.

The Fed historically controls short-term interest rates, and it continued its “accommodative stance” throughout fiscal 2021. However, long-term interest rates and the yield curve are more typically determined by economic sentiment. During the 1st calendar Quarter, the yield on the 10Yr US Treasury (UST) increased by 82 bps (from 0.92% to 1.74%) due to much-improved economic recovery metrics, as well as prevailing inflation implications. During that period, the 2Yr to 10Yr UST yield spread “steepened” from 81 bps to 158 bps. In the 2nd calendar Quarter, where positive economic news appeared more subdued and inflation concerns seemed to wane, the result was an opposite move in rates, where the yield on the 10Y UST dropped by 29 bps - from 1.74% to 1.45% from April through June. Finally, in the 3rd and final quarter of the fiscal year, with supply chain issues and higher prices more prevalent, interest rates slowly edged higher, though not quite to the levels during the spring. The yield on the 10Yr UST stood at 1.53% on September 30th.

As you may recall, Congress approved the long-awaited \$900B stimulus package back in late December of 2020, with significant funds to aid individuals, households and small businesses. However, this plan was devoid of state, local, and/or tribal aid for which many economists and market professionals had been pressing Congress as part of an economic stimulus plan. Nevertheless, in mid-March of this year, Congress passed the 6th phase of Covid-19 fiscal stimulus, the American Rescue Plan, providing a “game-changing” \$1.9T in funds which did finally include state, local, and tribal financial reinforcements. In addition to the almost completely unencumbered \$350B of direct municipal fiscal support, there was another \$300B in healthcare, mass transit, housing, and higher education funds included in the bill.

Ironically, up until that point, activity in the municipal market had been relatively immune to the lack of direct municipal aid throughout the pandemic, resulting in continued positive liquidity and overall functionality of municipal bond trading activity. Thus, the addition of these stimulus funds caused market economists and municipal credit analysts to upgrade their outlooks for many credit sectors, some even talking about a “golden age” for municipal credit. Because of this overall positive outlook, the municipal bond market was driven less by credit issues, and more by overall supply and demand dynamics.

To that point, YTD issuance was \$355B, almost identical to the same period last year. Municipal bond demand, however, continued to outpace supply across the country. Kansas was a state where the primary new issue market (approximately \$3.9B in new issuance through September) was very well-received, resulting in a secondary market that saw equally solid demand though with less inventory from which to choose. Case in point was the month of September, where investors saw the largest amount of bond maturities and calls for all of 2021, setting up even more demand for the final months of the year. Overall, three out of every four new bond issues were tax-exempt compared to taxable, and approx. 2/3 of new deals were “new money,” with about 1/3 being issued to refund outstanding debt.

On the economic front, the state experienced sizable Covid-driven challenges to employment, growth, and revenues, though as of November 2020, the state unemployment rate stood at 5.6%, versus a national average of 6.7%. Another positive note for that period was that state tax collections for both November and December 2020 exceeded estimates. Total tax collections were up \$64.5M, or +9.1%, for December with \$770.2M collected, a +1.8% increase from the same month of last fiscal year.

Additionally, the state benefited nicely from the positive trends in 2H21. Total Nonfarm Employment in May of this year was +5.25% higher YOY, and the Unemployment rate stood at just 3.5% in May, which was almost as low as pre-pandemic levels. Additionally, the state collected \$8.9B in general tax revenue for the 2021 budget year (ending June 30), which was approximately \$750M more than expected or a 9.3% surplus. Most of that tax revenue was due to investors realizing capital gains in investments. In August, Kansas’ total tax revenues were \$629M or 22% more than estimated.

According to U.S. News & World Report, Kansas ranks 7th nationally in terms of Infrastructure (renewable energy participation, low commute times, and good roads). However, a report published by the Pew Charitable Trusts ranked Kansas 46th nationally in terms of personal income growth from 3Q19 to 3Q20. Obviously, personal income is crucial to states as a measurement of economic trends, helping to predict tax revenue and to plan overall spending. Even though personal income at the national level was higher over that time period (+2.7% for Kansas vs +5.9% state average), the low state ranking has led the state senate and Governor Laura Kelly to focus on these trends, and to pass and sign bi-partisan bills addressing the state’s overall economy, with the main goal of attracting new businesses and additional revenues to the state.

Along those lines, there were some positive reports announced in 2021. Of note was a \$2.1B Federal Grant from the US Commerce Department for the Aerospace Research Facilities at Wichita State University, followed by a \$7.3M award from the Federal Aviation Administration. Twenty-four expansion and modernization improvement projects, totaling more than \$776M in investments, would be made to the state highway system while Kansas’ largest electric company, Evergy, with over 1M customers, expects to make its first big investments in solar energy over the next three years. While this “green initiative” will no doubt have its supporters and detractors across the state, we believe a solar power initiative, new wind energy sites, and the retirement of a number of coal power plants, will likely change the footprint of energy-generating capacity over the next several decades. Funding of these projects may involve both taxable and tax-exempt financing in the coming years.

Throughout the majority of 2021, Kansas municipal bonds remained fairly valued in the context of the overall municipal marketplace. For the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, assets fell slightly from \$189M at the start of the year to \$184M by the end of September. In August, the rating agencies (S&P and Moody's) affirmed the credit rating for the state of Kansas, meaning that the state's credit rating and debt outlook remain the same as it when it was last rated in 2020. The structure of the Fund stayed relatively constant throughout fiscal 2021. The Fund had an average Credit Rating of AA-, an Average Coupon of 4.07%, and a Yield to Maturity of 1.89%. The Fund remains 100% Kansas municipal bonds without any exposure to bonds subject to Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

The Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund focuses on preservation of capital while producing cash flows that are fully exempt from federal taxes and Kansas state tax. The Fund continues to seek premium coupon general obligation (GO) and essential service revenue bonds in the investment grade category. Representative bond issues in the Fund include Kansas Department of Transportation Revenue, Butler County KS School District, Seward County KS School District, Wichita KS Water & Sewer Authority, and Topeka Utility Revenue. The Fund's largest sector allocations are to School Districts (42%), General Obligations (20%), Utility Revenues (13%), Transportation (10%), and General Revenue (9%).

The Fund's average maturity is 9.6 years, which is in-line with its recent duration trend. The Fund holds 193 different bond issues with over 78% of those rated AA or better. The Institutional Share Class (I shares) returned +1.30% over the past 12 months ending September 30, 2021. Over this same period, the Bloomberg Barclays 7 Year U.S. Municipal Bond Index, the Fund's primary benchmark, returned +1.40% while the Lipper Other State Intermediate Municipal Bond Index returned 1.08%. The Fund is Kansas-specific in nature, while the Indexes are non-state specific (General Market or Other State Focus). Over a 3-year time horizon, the Institutional shares returned an average of +4.06 % (annualized), compared to the Bloomberg Barclays Index at 4.65% (annualized) and the Lipper Index at 3.71% (annualized).

The Fund did not employ any derivative investments during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

Carret Asset Management, LLC

## Glossary of Terms

**Coupon** is the rate of interest, payable annually.

**Yield to Maturity** is calculated by assuming that interest payments will be made until the final maturity date, at which point the principal will be repaid by the issuer. Yield to maturity is essentially the discount rate at which the present value of future payments (investment income and return of principal) equals the price of the security.

**Call features** exists when/if a bond is subject to payment of the principal amount (and accrued interest) prior to the stated maturity date, with or without payment of a call premium. Bonds can be callable under several different circumstances, including at the option of the issuer, or on a mandatory or extraordinary basis.

**Average Maturity** is the weighted average of the effective maturity dates of the fixed-income securities in the Fund's holdings. A bond's effective maturity takes into account the possibility that it may be called by the issuer before its stated maturity date. In this case, the bond trades as though it had a shorter maturity than its stated maturity.

**Duration** is a measure of the responsiveness of a bond's price to interest rate changes for bonds with an embedded option.

**SEC 30-day Yield** represents the yield that must be earned on a fully taxable investment to equal the yield of the Fund on an after-tax basis at a specified tax rate. If the comparison were instead to investments that generate qualified dividend income, which is taxable at a rate lower than an individual's ordinary graduated tax rate, the Fund's Taxable-Equivalent yield would be lower. The Taxable-equivalent yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula and is based on the maximum offer price per share.

**Taxable-Equivalent Yield** is the pretax yield that a taxable bond needs for its yield to equal that of a tax-free municipal bond. The Taxable Equivalent Yield is calculated using a 46.50% Combined Federal, Kansas State, and Medicare Surcharge Tax Rate. Investors should consider their own tax rate when investing in municipal bonds.

## Bond Rating Disclosure

Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: S&P, Moody's or Fitch. Additional information about ratings can be found, respectively, at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com), [www.moody.com](http://www.moody.com) and [www.fitchratings.com](http://www.fitchratings.com). Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings categories used by S&P and Fitch; BB, B, CCC/CC/C and D are below investment grade ratings categories used by S&P and Fitch. Aaa, Aa, A and Baa are investment grade ratings categories used by Moody's; Ba, B, Caa/Ca and C are below investment grade ratings categories used by Moody's. Bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are given an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities. Holdings designated Not Publicly Rated are not rated by these national rating agencies.

**Average Annual Total Returns** (as of September 30, 2021)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception*
Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund - Institutional Class	1.30%	2.51%	3.01%	4.46%
Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund – Class A (NAV)	1.05%	2.20%	2.65%	3.11%
Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund – Class A (MOP)	-3.29%	1.31%	2.21%	2.88%
Bloomberg Barclays US Municipal Bond: 7 Year (6-8) Index <sup>(a)</sup>	1.40%	2.83%	3.27%	2.65%

*The performance data quoted above represents past performance. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Investment return and value of the Fund shares will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold or redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance may be lower or higher than performance data quoted. Fund performance current to the most recent month-end is available by calling (833) 287-7933.*

\* The Fund commenced operations on May 22, 2007. The Predecessor Fund, American Independence Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, managed by Manifold Fund Advisors, LLC, was reorganized into the American Independence Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund on September 24, 2018. Manifold Partners, LLC was the Fund's investment adviser from September 24, 2018 through September 13, 2019, with Carret Asset Management, LLC serving as sub-adviser. Effective September 13, 2019, Manifold Partners, LLC ceased providing investment advisory services to the Fund and Carret Asset Management, LLC became the Fund's investment adviser. Fund performance prior to September 24, 2018 is reflective of the past performance of the Predecessor Fund. The Institutional Class of the Predecessor Fund commenced operations on December 10, 1990. Class A of the Predecessor Fund commenced operations on August 6, 2002.

<sup>(a)</sup> The Bloomberg Barclays 7-Year US Municipal Bond Index is a total return performance benchmark for the investment-grade, geographically unrestricted 7-year tax-exempt bond market, consisting of municipal bonds with maturities of 6 to 8 years.

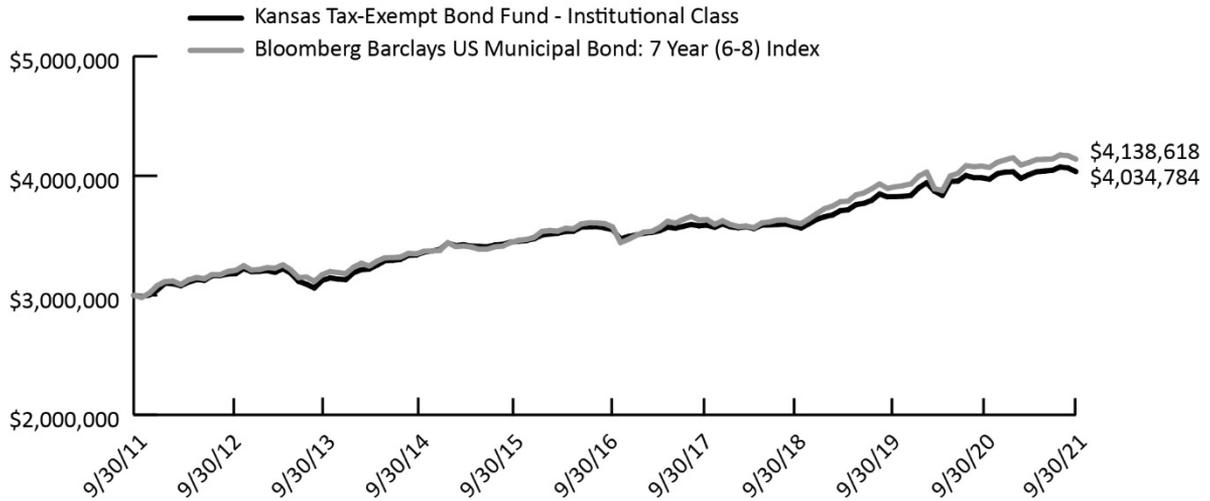
*Indices are not actively managed and do not reflect deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.*

*The returns shown above do not reflect the deduction of taxes a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares.*

*Maximum Offering Price (MOP) for Class A shares includes the Fund's maximum sales charge of 4.25%. Performance shown at NAV does not include these sales charges and would have been lower had it been taken into account.*

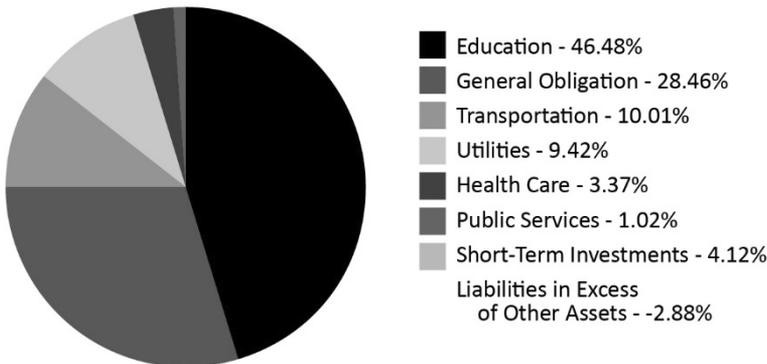
*The total annual operating expenses and total annual operating expenses after fee waivers and/or reimbursement for the Fund's Institutional Class and Class A shares (as reported in the January 28, 2021 Prospectus) are 0.57% and 0.48% and 0.86% and 0.73%, respectively. The Fund's investment adviser has contractually agreed to limit expenses through January 31, 2022.*

**Performance of \$3,000,000 Initial Investment** (as of September 30, 2021)



The graph shown above represents historical performance of a hypothetical investment of \$3,000,000 in the Institutional Class. Due to differing expenses, performance of Class A will vary. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Returns do not reflect the deduction of fees, sales charges, or taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

**Portfolio Diversification** (% of Net Assets as of September 30, 2021)



September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

**Examples.** As a shareholder of the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, (2) ongoing costs, including management fees, distribution and service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. The following examples are intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 invested on April 1, 2021 and held through September 30, 2021.

**Actual Expenses.** The first line under each class in the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading “Expenses Paid During Period April 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.” to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

**Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes.** The second line under each class in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund’s actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund’s actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other mutual funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing Fund costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as redemption fees. Therefore, the second line under each class in the table below is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value April 1, 2021	Ending Account Value September 30, 2021	Expense Ratio <sup>(a)</sup>	Expenses Paid During Period April 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021 <sup>(b)</sup>
<b>Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund</b>				
<b>Institutional Class</b>				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,006.40	0.48%	\$ 2.41
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,022.66	0.48%	\$ 2.43
<b>Class A</b>				
Actual	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,005.20	0.73%	\$ 3.67
Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,021.41	0.73%	\$ 3.70

<sup>(a)</sup> The Fund's expense ratios have been annualized based on the Fund's most recent fiscal half-year expenses after any applicable waivers and reimbursements.

<sup>(b)</sup> Expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio shown above for the applicable class, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year (183), divided by 365.

	Principal Amount	Value (Note 2)
<b>MUNICIPAL BONDS (98.76%)</b>		
<b>Education (46.48%)(a)</b>		
Allen County Unified School District No. 257, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2043	\$ 2,415,000	\$ 2,549,884
Barton Community College, Certificate Participation Bonds 4.000%, 12/01/2032	555,000	619,421
4.000%, 12/01/2034	250,000	279,051
Bourbon County Unified School District No. 234-Fort Scott, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 5.000%, 09/01/2025	355,000	401,196
Butler County Unified School District No. 206 Remington, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2034	1,000,000	1,041,102
3.000%, 09/01/2035	510,000	530,276
Butler County Unified School District No. 375 Circle, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2035	750,000	843,762
Butler County Unified School District No. 385 Andover, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2030	690,000	803,566
4.000%, 09/01/2031	500,000	578,419
5.000%, 09/01/2032	2,750,000	3,433,221
5.000%, 09/01/2034	2,000,000	2,496,888
Butler County Unified School District No. 490 El Dorado, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2034	1,000,000	1,136,985
4.000%, 09/01/2036	500,000	565,554
Douglas County Unified School District No. 497 Lawrence, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2031	1,500,000	1,735,256
4.000%, 09/01/2033	500,000	546,838
Finney County Unified School District No. 457 Garden City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2031	1,500,000	1,708,149
5.000%, 09/01/2027	800,000	966,552
Ford County Unified School District No. 443 Dodge City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 03/01/2030	1,150,000	1,348,389
4.000%, 03/01/2034	1,000,000	1,172,512
Franklin County Unified School District No. 289 Wellsville, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2030	645,000	788,608
Franklin County Unified School District No. 290 Ottawa, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2040	250,000	284,136
5.000%, 09/01/2031	1,715,000	2,015,507
5.000%, 09/01/2032	150,000	176,283
5.000%, 09/01/2033	1,000,000	1,175,223
Geary County Unified School District No. 475, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2033	1,000,000	1,134,842
4.000%, 09/01/2038	2,000,000	2,273,084
4.000%, 09/01/2043	1,000,000	1,136,542
Johnson & Miami Counties Unified School District No. 230 Spring Hills, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2031	400,000	461,256
4.000%, 09/01/2033	1,000,000	1,135,205
4.000%, 09/01/2035	1,000,000	1,131,612
5.000%, 09/01/2030	1,970,000	2,393,948
Johnson County Unified School District No. 229 Blue Valley, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 10/01/2032	1,155,000	1,308,895
Johnson County Unified School District No. 232 De Soto, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2031	1,165,000	1,380,734
4.000%, 09/01/2032	1,745,000	2,058,733
Johnson County Unified School District No. 233 Olathe, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 2.000%, 09/01/2030	750,000	784,893
4.000%, 09/01/2031	1,000,000	1,146,502
4.000%, 09/01/2033	905,000	1,024,988
4.000%, 09/01/2035	790,000	899,517

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	Principal Amount		Value (Note 2)
<b>Education (continued)</b>			
4.000%, 09/01/2036	\$	480,000	\$ 546,542
Johnson County Unified School District No. 512 Shawnee Mission, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.000%, 10/01/2039		2,000,000	2,218,465
4.000%, 10/01/2035		425,000	519,639
5.000%, 10/01/2032		1,000,000	1,181,105
Kansas City Kansas Community College Auxiliary Enterprise System, Revenue Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2032		140,000	164,451
4.000%, 09/01/2033		100,000	117,061
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds			
2.000%, 05/01/2031		630,000	653,009
2.000%, 06/01/2032		1,000,000	1,001,709
2.000%, 05/01/2033		800,000	819,682
3.000%, 05/01/2030		450,000	464,464
4.000%, 03/01/2028		610,000	653,848
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 453, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2036		1,000,000	1,166,842
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 458, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
5.000%, 09/01/2037		1,165,000	1,454,438
5.000%, 09/01/2038		1,000,000	1,248,444
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 464, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2034		675,000	769,102
4.000%, 09/01/2036		465,000	527,717
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 469, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2030		900,000	930,572
Lyon County Unified School District No. 253 Emporia, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.000%, 09/01/2044		1,000,000	1,056,794
4.000%, 09/01/2030		325,000	379,707
Miami County Unified School District No. 416 Louisburg, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.000%, 09/01/2035		500,000	543,606
Montgomery County Unified School District No. 446 Independence, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
5.000%, 09/01/2030		1,715,000	2,079,434
Riley County Unified School District No. 378 Riley, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.000%, 09/01/2039		925,000	969,147
Riley County Unified School District No. 383 Manhattan-Ogden, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
5.000%, 09/01/2028		1,220,000	1,469,814
Saline County Unified School District No. 305 Salina, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2034		440,000	523,893
Scott County Unified School District No. 466 Scott City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2037		1,000,000	1,136,542
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 260 Derby, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.500%, 10/01/2036		845,000	912,931
5.000%, 10/01/2029		340,000	356,439
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 262 Valley Center, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2030		500,000	552,914
5.000%, 09/01/2033		750,000	851,058
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 264 Clearwater, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2029		530,000	607,701
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 265 Goddard, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
5.000%, 10/01/2024		370,000	421,040
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 266 Maize, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 09/01/2032		750,000	871,147
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 267 Renwick, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 11/01/2033		350,000	402,030
4.000%, 11/01/2034		425,000	487,557
4.000%, 11/01/2035		635,000	728,286
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 268 Cheney, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
3.000%, 09/01/2029		615,000	645,126

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<b>Education (continued)</b>		
Seward County Unified School District No. 480 Liberal, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
4.000%, 09/01/2028	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,162,726
4.000%, 09/01/2032	500,000	570,632
5.000%, 09/01/2029	2,390,000	2,808,783
Sumner County Unified School District No. 353 Wellington, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2026	230,000	250,832
University of Kansas Hospital Authority, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2028	250,000	291,813
5.000%, 09/01/2030	350,000	407,507
5.000%, 09/01/2031	500,000	581,521
Washburn University/Topeka, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 07/01/2041	330,000	358,763
5.000%, 07/01/2035	500,000	569,018
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 202 Turner, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
4.000%, 09/01/2038	1,225,000	1,365,117
4.000%, 09/01/2039	400,000	444,704
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 203 Piper, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2038	1,000,000	1,234,674
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 500 Kansas City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2030	500,000	599,175
<b>Total Education</b>		<b>85,545,050</b>
<b>General Obligation (28.46%)<sup>(a)</sup></b>		
Abilene Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 12/01/2029	325,000	380,674
4.000%, 12/01/2031	445,000	513,289
Ashland Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2035	720,000	759,559
City of Arkansas City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
2.000%, 08/01/2035	1,000,000	1,012,100
City of Concordia, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
2.000%, 11/01/2038	350,000	360,921
2.000%, 11/01/2039	355,000	364,108
2.000%, 11/01/2040	365,000	372,463
City of Dodge City, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 06/01/2024	230,000	251,544
City of Garden City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
3.000%, 11/01/2028	950,000	1,059,964
City of Haysville, Certificate Participation Bonds		
4.125%, 11/01/2032	460,000	481,322
City of Lawrence, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
4.000%, 09/01/2030	470,000	539,710
4.000%, 09/01/2031	445,000	510,193
City of Manhattan, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
4.000%, 11/01/2031	400,000	483,983
5.000%, 11/01/2025	570,000	672,772
5.000%, 11/01/2029	800,000	1,037,212
City of Merriam, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
5.000%, 10/01/2027	1,670,000	2,086,008
City of Olathe, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
3.000%, 10/01/2033	1,000,000	1,117,206
4.000%, 10/01/2028	1,315,000	1,521,634
City of Overland Park, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		
4.000%, 09/01/2030	2,230,000	2,767,386
4.000%, 09/01/2037	475,000	585,010
4.000%, 09/01/2038	475,000	582,917
4.000%, 09/01/2039	350,000	427,925

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	Principal Amount		Value (Note 2)
<b>General Obligation (continued)</b>			
City of Park City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 5.375%, 12/01/2025	\$	5,000	\$ 5,020
City of Salina, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 10/01/2033		620,000	655,610
3.000%, 10/01/2036		680,000	714,850
City of Shawnee, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 12/01/2027		425,000	470,674
City of Spring Hill, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2029		810,000	950,758
City of Wichita, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 2.000%, 06/01/2035		400,000	405,935
3.000%, 06/01/2029		515,000	575,941
3.000%, 10/01/2030		720,000	788,048
3.000%, 06/01/2032		1,000,000	1,114,851
4.000%, 12/01/2029		250,000	253,134
4.000%, 06/01/2030		820,000	952,682
5.000%, 12/01/2025		500,000	592,844
County of Clay, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 10/01/2036		750,000	831,399
County of Geary, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2030		415,000	472,695
County of Johnson, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2030		400,000	410,344
4.000%, 09/01/2028		1,125,000	1,272,358
County of Linn, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 07/01/2032		505,000	597,110
County of Saline, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2029		765,000	934,088
Johnson County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2029		650,000	745,294
4.000%, 09/01/2030		500,000	571,572
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,500,000	1,711,234
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds 2.000%, 11/01/2033		950,000	966,004
2.000%, 11/01/2034		975,000	984,707
4.000%, 11/01/2030		800,000	933,529
4.000%, 11/01/2031		1,100,000	1,279,405
5.000%, 04/01/2026		1,485,000	1,588,562
5.000%, 09/01/2026		630,000	759,172
5.000%, 04/01/2030		655,000	698,958
5.000%, 04/01/2034		2,000,000	2,132,820
Overland Park Transportation Development District, Revenue Bonds 5.900%, 04/01/2032		725,000	725,283
Saline County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds 2.000%, 09/01/2033		200,000	202,871
2.000%, 09/01/2034		225,000	227,127
2.000%, 09/01/2035		220,000	220,585
Unified Government of Greeley County, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 12/01/2029		250,000	286,075
4.000%, 12/01/2032		100,000	114,430
Wyandotte County-Kansas City Unified Government, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 2.000%, 08/01/2033		1,000,000	1,017,015
4.000%, 08/01/2029		685,000	801,104
4.000%, 08/01/2030		2,105,000	2,484,760
4.000%, 08/01/2031		930,000	956,105
4.000%, 08/01/2032		1,000,000	1,192,915
5.000%, 08/01/2025		815,000	953,583

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	Principal Amount	Value (Note 2)
<b>General Obligation (continued)</b>		
Wyandotte County-Kansas City Unified Government, Revenue Bonds		
4.875%, 10/01/2028	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,067
5.000%, 12/01/2023	570,000	618,839
<b>Total General Obligation</b>		<u>52,388,257</u>
<b>Health Care (3.37%)</b>		
City of Manhattan, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 11/15/2029	680,000	716,061
City of Olathe, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 09/01/2030	295,000	295,508
City of Wichita, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 11/15/2029	1,570,000	1,578,574
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 11/15/2032	1,500,000	1,543,670
5.000%, 11/15/2034	350,000	360,079
Lyon County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 12/01/2035	1,335,000	1,561,963
Pawnee County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 02/15/2031	145,000	146,448
<b>Total Health Care</b>		<u>6,202,303</u>
<b>Public Services (1.02%)</b>		
Johnson County Park & Recreation District, Certificate Participation Bonds		
3.000%, 09/01/2028	1,165,000	1,289,610
3.000%, 09/01/2029	535,000	588,584
<b>Total Public Services</b>		<u>1,878,194</u>
<b>Transportation (10.01%)</b>		
Kansas Turnpike Authority, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2031	630,000	813,461
5.000%, 09/01/2032	500,000	644,548
5.000%, 09/01/2036	1,000,000	1,277,341
5.000%, 09/01/2037	1,000,000	1,273,888
5.000%, 09/01/2038	1,150,000	1,461,726
State of Kansas Department of Transportation, Revenue Bonds		
5.000%, 09/01/2028	1,500,000	1,864,442
5.000%, 09/01/2029	1,000,000	1,167,310
5.000%, 09/01/2031	3,020,000	3,717,429
5.000%, 09/01/2032	500,000	614,043
5.000%, 09/01/2033	1,445,000	1,683,631
5.000%, 09/01/2034	3,260,000	3,908,943
<b>Total Transportation</b>		<u>18,426,762</u>
<b>Utilities (9.42%)</b>		
City of Lawrence Water & Sewage System, Revenue Bonds		
4.000%, 11/01/2038	1,000,000	1,110,969
City of McPherson Water System, Revenue Bonds		
2.000%, 10/01/2038	440,000	438,658
City of Olathe Water & Sewer System, Revenue Bonds		
2.000%, 07/01/2034	540,000	549,720
2.000%, 07/01/2035	550,000	557,135
3.000%, 07/01/2030	675,000	739,222
3.000%, 07/01/2031	555,000	604,186
3.000%, 07/01/2032	745,000	806,852
3.000%, 07/01/2033	755,000	815,745
4.000%, 07/01/2024	250,000	270,660

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	Principal Amount	Value (Note 2)
<b>Utilities (continued)</b>		
City of Topeka Combined Utility, Revenue Bonds 2.000%, 08/01/2043	\$ 1,070,000	\$ 1,003,489
City of Wichita Water & Sewer Utility, Revenue Bonds 3.000%, 10/01/2029	1,180,000	1,292,451
3.375%, 10/01/2039	1,000,000	1,100,086
5.000%, 10/01/2025	1,000,000	1,000,000
5.000%, 10/01/2028	2,650,000	2,650,000
Kansas Power Pool, Revenue Bonds 5.000%, 12/01/2023	200,000	211,125
5.000%, 12/01/2028	700,000	815,856
Wyandotte County-Kansas City Unified Government Utility System, Revenue Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2035	250,000	275,053
3.000%, 09/01/2040	250,000	270,201
5.000%, 09/01/2031	1,350,000	1,583,429
5.000%, 09/01/2032	1,090,000	1,137,762
5.000%, 09/01/2033	100,000	116,010
<b>Total Utilities</b>		<u>17,348,609</u>
<b>TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS</b> <b>(Cost \$173,328,563)</b>		<u>181,789,175</u>
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value (Note 2)</b>
<b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (4.12%)</b>		
<b>Money Market Fund (4.12%)</b>		
First American Treasury Obligations Fund (0.010%, 7-Day Yield)	7,574,040	\$ 7,574,040
<b>Total Money Market Fund</b>		<u>7,574,040</u>
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b> <b>(Cost \$7,574,040)</b>		<u>7,574,040</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (102.88%)</b> <b>(Cost \$180,902,603)</b>		<u>\$ 189,363,215</u>
<b>LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS (-2.88%)</b>		(5,297,452)
<b>NET ASSETS (100.00%)</b>		<u>\$ 184,065,763</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> To the extent the Fund invests more heavily in particular sectors of the economy, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors. When sector categorization is broken down by industry, no industry exceeds the 25% maximum specified in the Statement of Additional Information.

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<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Investments, at value (Cost \$180,902,603)	\$ 189,363,215
Receivable for investments sold	1,240
Receivable for shares sold	92,205
Dividends and interest receivable	1,309,419
Other assets	21,011
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>190,787,090</u>

<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Distributions payable	267,785
Payable for administration and transfer agent fees	49,313
Payable for investments purchased	6,325,902
Payable for shares redeemed	5,150
Payable to adviser	38,627
Payable for distribution fees	788
Payable for printing fees	3,158
Payable for professional fees	15,654
Payable for trustees' fees and expenses	3,843
Payable to Chief Compliance Officer fees	3,034
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	8,073
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>6,721,327</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 184,065,763</u>

<b>NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:</b>	
Paid-in capital (Note 5)	\$ 175,378,139
Total distributable earnings	8,687,624
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 184,065,763</u>

**PRICING OF SHARES****Institutional Class:**

Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share	\$ 11.10
Net Assets	\$ 180,252,961
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	16,236,780

**Class A :**

Net Asset Value, offering and redemption price per share	\$ 11.10
Net Assets	\$ 3,812,802
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding	343,405
Maximum offering price per share <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 11.60

<sup>(a)</sup> Net Asset Value/100% minus maximum sales charge of net asset value, 4.25% for the Fund, adjusted to the nearest cent.

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<b>INVESTMENT INCOME:</b>	
Dividends	\$ 414
Interest	4,311,932
Total Investment Income	<u>4,312,346</u>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Investment advisory fees (Note 6)	560,871
Administration fees	263,883
Distribution fees	
Class A	10,166
Custody fees	13,595
Legal fees	13,313
Audit and tax fees	17,744
Transfer agent fees	56,671
Trustees' fees and expenses	20,456
Registration and filing fees	36,711
Printing fees	7,839
Chief Compliance Officer fees	36,022
Insurance fees	7,046
Other expenses	10,846
Total Expenses	<u>1,055,163</u>
Less fees waived/reimbursed by investment adviser (Note 6)	
Institutional Class	(141,747)
Class A	(5,803)
Total fees waived/reimbursed by investment adviser	<u>(147,550)</u>
Net Expenses	907,613
<b>NET INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<u>3,404,733</u>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS:</b>	
Net realized gain/(loss) on:	
Investments	145,848
Net realized gain	<u>145,848</u>
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on:	
Investments	(1,133,686)
Net change	<u>(1,133,686)</u>
<b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS</b>	<u>(987,838)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 2,416,895</u>

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	For the Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Year Ended September 30, 2020
<b>OPERATIONS:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 3,404,733	\$ 3,920,096
Net realized gain on investments	145,848	14,257
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) on investments	(1,133,686)	3,225,657
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	<u>2,416,895</u>	<u>7,160,010</u>
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>		
Institutional Class	(3,345,813)	(4,208,978)
Class A	(64,242)	(91,196)
Total distributions	<u>(3,410,055)</u>	<u>(4,300,174)</u>
<b>BENEFICIAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS (Note 5):</b>		
Institutional Class		
Shares sold	26,301,217	28,276,279
Dividends reinvested	158,569	428,853
Shares redeemed	(24,058,508)	(32,071,924)
Net increase/(decrease) from beneficial share transactions	<u>2,401,278</u>	<u>(3,366,792)</u>
Class A		
Shares sold	31,729	288,378
Dividends reinvested	50,632	72,657
Shares redeemed	(504,900)	(328,033)
Net increase/(decrease) from beneficial share transactions	<u>(422,539)</u>	<u>33,002</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets	<u>985,579</u>	<u>(473,954)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
Beginning of year	183,080,184	183,554,138
End of year	<u>\$ 184,065,763</u>	<u>\$ 183,080,184</u>

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## Institutional Class

For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Periods Presented

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Year Ended September 30, 2020	For the Year Ended September 30, 2019	For the Period Ended September 30, 2018 <sup>(a)</sup>	For the Year Ended October 31, 2017	For the Year Ended October 31, 2016
<b>NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 11.16	\$ 10.97	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.88	\$ 11.09	\$ 11.11
<b>INCOME/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS:</b>						
Net investment income <sup>(b)</sup>	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.27	0.32	0.33
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(0.06)	0.21	0.42	(0.29)	(0.21)	(0.02)
Total from investment operations	0.14	0.45	0.70	(0.02)	0.11	0.31
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>						
From net investment income	(0.20)	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.27)	(0.32)	(0.33)
From net realized gains on investments	0.00 <sup>(c)</sup>	(0.02)	(0.04)	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.32)	(0.27)	(0.32)	(0.33)
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSET VALUE</b>	(0.06)	0.19	0.38	(0.29)	(0.21)	(0.02)
<b>NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.16	\$ 10.97	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.88	\$ 11.09
<b>TOTAL RETURN<sup>(d)</sup></b>	1.30%	4.17%	6.77%	(0.15%)	1.04%	2.80%
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$180,253	\$178,827	\$179,409	\$133,235	\$167,374	\$190,780
<b>RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS</b>						
Operating expenses excluding reimbursement/waiver	0.56%	0.57%	0.55%	0.75% <sup>(e)</sup>	0.61%	0.60%
Operating expenses including reimbursement/waiver	0.48%	0.48%	0.48%	0.56% <sup>(e)</sup>	0.48%	0.48%
Net investment income including reimbursement/waiver	1.83%	2.17%	2.62%	2.80% <sup>(e)</sup>	2.95%	2.94%
<b>PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE<sup>(f)</sup></b>	8%	16%	12%	14%	9%	10%

<sup>(a)</sup> Effective September 24, 2018, the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund merged with and into a clone series of ALPS Series Trust. In connection with the merger, the fiscal year-end changed from October 31 to September 30.

<sup>(b)</sup> Per share amounts are based upon average shares outstanding, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>(c)</sup> Less than \$0.005 per share.

<sup>(d)</sup> Assumes an initial investment on the business day before the first day of the fiscal period, with all dividends and distributions reinvested in additional shares on the reinvestment date, and redemption at the net asset value calculated on the last business day of the fiscal period. Total returns are for the period indicated and have not been annualized. Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been waived during the period. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>(e)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(f)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate for periods less than one full year have not been annualized.

## Class A

For a Share Outstanding Throughout the Periods Presented

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Year Ended September 30, 2020	For the Year Ended September 30, 2019	For the Period Ended September 30, 2018 <sup>(a)(b)</sup>	For the Year Ended October 31, 2017	For the Year Ended October 31, 2016
<b>NET ASSET VALUE, BEGINNING OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 11.16	\$ 10.97	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.88	\$ 11.09	\$ 11.11
<b>INCOME/(LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS:</b>						
Net investment income <sup>(c)</sup>	0.18	0.21	0.26	0.24	0.28	0.29
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	(0.06)	0.21	0.42	(0.29)	(0.21)	(0.02)
Total from investment operations	0.12	0.42	0.68	(0.05)	0.07	0.27
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS:</b>						
From net investment income	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.29)
From net realized gains on investments	0.00 <sup>(d)</sup>	(0.02)	(0.04)	—	—	—
Total Distributions	(0.18)	(0.23)	(0.30)	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.29)
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSET VALUE</b>	(0.06)	0.19	0.38	(0.29)	(0.21)	(0.02)
<b>NET ASSET VALUE, END OF PERIOD</b>	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.16	\$ 10.97	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.88	\$ 11.09
<b>TOTAL RETURN<sup>(e)</sup></b>	1.05%	3.91%	6.50%	(0.51%)	0.65%	2.41%
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in 000s)	\$ 3,813	\$ 4,253	\$ 4,145	\$ 4,748	\$ 11,462	\$ 11,509
<b>RATIOS TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS</b>						
Operating expenses excluding reimbursement/waiver	0.87%	0.86%	0.88%	1.25% <sup>(f)</sup>	1.11%	1.10%
Operating expenses including reimbursement/waiver	0.73%	0.73%	0.73%	0.94% <sup>(f)</sup>	0.87%	0.87%
Net investment income including reimbursement/waiver	1.58%	1.92%	2.40%	2.43% <sup>(f)</sup>	2.56%	2.55%
<b>PORTFOLIO TURNOVER RATE<sup>(g)</sup></b>	8%	16%	12%	14%	9%	10%

<sup>(a)</sup> Effective September 24, 2018, the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund merged with and into a clone series of ALPS Series Trust. In connection with the merger, the fiscal year-end changed from October 31 to September 30.

<sup>(b)</sup> Class C shares were merged into Class A on September 24, 2018. The amounts presented represent the results of the Class A shares for the periods prior to the merger and the results of the combined share class for the period subsequent to the merger.

<sup>(c)</sup> Per share amounts are based upon average shares outstanding, unless otherwise noted.

<sup>(d)</sup> Less than \$0.005 per share.

<sup>(e)</sup> Assumes an initial investment on the business day before the first day of the fiscal period, with all dividends and distributions reinvested in additional shares on the reinvestment date, and redemption at the net asset value calculated on the last business day of the fiscal period. Total returns are for the period indicated and have not been annualized. Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been waived during the period. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

<sup>(f)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(g)</sup> Portfolio turnover rate for periods less than one full year have not been annualized.

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## 1. ORGANIZATION

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ALPS Series Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust, is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("1940 Act"). The Trust consists of multiple separate portfolios or series. This annual report describes the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund (the "Fund" or "Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund") formally known as the American Independence Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund. On September 13, 2019, Carret Asset Management, LLC (the "Adviser" or "Carret") became the adviser to the Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund, changing the Fund's name from American Independence to Carret. The Fund's investment objective is to preserve capital while producing current income for the investor that is exempt from both federal and Kansas state income taxes. The Fund is considered non-diversified and may invest a greater portion of assets in securities of individual issuers than a diversified fund. As a result, changes in the market value of a single investment could cause greater fluctuations in share price than would occur in a diversified fund. The Fund currently offers Institutional Class Shares and Class A Shares. Each share class has identical rights to earnings, assets and voting privileges, except for class specific expenses and exclusive rights to vote on matters affecting only individual classes. The Board of Trustees (the "Board") may establish additional funds and classes of shares at any time in the future without shareholder approval.

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## 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The accompanying financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for investment companies ("U.S. GAAP"). The Fund is considered an investment company under U.S. GAAP and follows the accounting and reporting guidance applicable to investment companies in the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") *Accounting Standards Codification* Topic 946. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in preparation of its financial statements.

**Investment Valuation:** The Fund generally values its securities based on market prices determined at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, on each day the NYSE is open for trading.

The market price for debt obligations is generally the price supplied by an independent third-party pricing service approved by the Board, which may use a matrix, formula or other objective method that takes into consideration quotations from dealers, market transactions in comparable investments, market indices and yield curves. If vendors are unable to supply a price, or if the price supplied is deemed to be unreliable, the market price may be determined using quotations received from one or more broker-dealers that make a market in the security.

Redeemable securities issued by open-end registered investment companies are valued at the investment company's applicable net asset value ("NAV"). Money market funds, representing short-term investments, are valued at their NAV.

When such prices or quotations are not available, or when the Fair Value Committee appointed by the Board believes that they are unreliable, securities may be priced using fair value procedures approved by the Board.

**Fair Value Measurements:** The Fund discloses the classification of its fair value measurements following a three-tier hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments as of the end of the reporting period. When inputs used fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with these investments. These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments, unrestricted assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access at the measurement date;

Level 2 – Quoted prices which are not active, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable (either directly or indirectly); and

Level 3 – Significant unobservable prices or inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments) where there is little or no market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2021:

Investments in Securities at Value*	Level 1 - Quoted and Unadjusted Prices	Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Municipal Bonds	\$ -	\$ 181,789,175	\$ -	\$ 181,789,175
Short Term Investments	7,574,040	-	-	7,574,040
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,574,040</b>	<b>\$ 181,789,175</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 189,363,215</b>

\* For a detailed Sector breakdown, see the accompanying Portfolio of Investments.

There were no Level 3 securities held in the Fund at September 30, 2021.

**Securities Purchased on a When-Issued Basis:** The Fund may purchase securities on a "when-issued" basis. When-issued securities are securities purchased for delivery beyond the normal settlement date at a stated price and/or yield, thereby involving the risk that the price and/or yield obtained may be more or less than those available in the market when delivery takes place. At the time the Fund makes the commitment to purchase a security on a when-issued basis, the Fund records the transaction and reflects the value of the security in determining net asset value. Normally, the settlement date occurs within one month of the purchase. No payment is made by the Fund and no interest accrues to the Fund during the period between purchase and settlement.

**Cash & Cash Equivalents:** The Fund considers its investment in a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured interest bearing account to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost plus any accrued interest. The Fund maintains cash balances, which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Fund maintains these balances with a high-quality financial institution.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:** The Fund places its cash with a banking institution, which is insured by FDIC. The FDIC limit is \$250,000. At various times throughout the year, the amount on deposit may exceed the FDIC limit and subject the Fund to a credit risk. The Fund does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual risk associated with investment activities.

The Fund invests primarily in debt obligations issued by the State of Kansas and its respective political subdivisions, agencies and public authorities. The Fund is more susceptible to economic and political factors adversely affecting issuers of Kansas specific municipal securities than are municipal bond funds that are not concentrated in these issuers to the same extent.

**Trust Expenses:** Some expenses of the Trust can be directly attributed to a fund. Expenses that cannot be directly attributed to a fund are apportioned among all funds in the Trust based on average net assets of each fund, including Trustees' fees and expenses.

**Fund Expenses:** Some expenses can be directly attributed to the Fund and are apportioned among the classes based on average net assets of each class.

**Class Expenses:** Expenses that are specific to a class of shares are charged directly to that share class. Fees provided under the distribution (Rule 12b-1) and/or shareholder service plans for a particular class of each Fund are charged to the operations of such class.

**Federal Income Taxes:** The Fund complies with the requirements under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and intends to distribute substantially all of its net taxable income and net capital gains, if any, each year so that it will not be subject to excise tax on undistributed income and gains. The Fund is not subject to income taxes to the extent such distributions are made.

As of and during the year ended September 30, 2021, the Fund did not have a liability for any unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. The Fund files U.S. federal, state and local income tax returns as required. The Fund's tax returns are subject to examination by the relevant tax authorities until expiration of the applicable statute of limitations, which is generally three years after the filing of the tax return for federal purposes and four years for most state returns. The Fund's administrator has analyzed the Fund's tax positions taken on federal and state income tax returns for all open tax years and has concluded that as of September 30, 2021, no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements related to these tax positions.

**Investment Transactions and Investment Income:** Investment transactions are accounted for on the date the investments are purchased or sold (trade date basis for financial reporting purposes). Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are reported on an identified cost basis. Interest income, which includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, is accrued and recorded as earned based on the effective yield method. Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date. All of the realized and unrealized gains and losses and net investment income are allocated daily to each class in proportion to its average daily net assets.

**Distributions to Shareholders:** Distributions from net investment income for the Fund are declared daily and paid monthly. Distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are distributed at least annually. Income dividend distributions are derived from interest and other income the Fund receives from its investments, including short-term capital gains. Long-term capital gain distributions are derived from gains realized when the Fund sells a security it has owned for more than one year. A Fund may make additional distributions and dividends at other times if its investment adviser has determined that so may be necessary for the Fund to avoid or reduce taxes. Net investment income/(loss) and net realized gain/(loss) may differ for financial statement and tax purposes.

**COVID-19 Risk:** An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in December 2019 and has now spread internationally. This coronavirus has resulted in closing borders, enhanced health screenings, partial population vaccination, healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, government sponsored fiscal stimulus programs, various moratoria on the applicability of certain laws and regulations, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus, (and the variants of such virus) and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could affect the economies of many nations, individual companies, their securities (including equity and debt), and the market in general in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time. In addition, the impact of infectious diseases in developing or emerging market countries may be greater due to less established health care systems. Health crises caused by the recent coronavirus outbreak may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social, financial, and economic risks in certain countries. The impact of the outbreak may last for an extended period of time.

### 3. TAX BASIS INFORMATION

**Tax Basis of Distributions to Shareholders:** The character of distributions made during the period from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from its ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes. Also, due to the timing of dividend distributions, the fiscal year in which amounts are distributed may differ from the fiscal year in which the income or realized gain were recorded by the Fund. The amounts and characteristics of tax basis distributions are estimated at the time of distribution and composition of distributable earnings/(accumulated losses) are finalized at fiscal year-end.

The tax character of distributions paid by the Fund for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, respectively were as follows:

	Ordinary Income	Tax-Exempt Income	Long-Term Capital Gains
Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	\$ 7,205	\$ 3,396,986	\$ 5,864
	Ordinary Income	Tax-Exempt Income	Long-Term Capital Gains
Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	\$ 47,931	\$ 3,871,299	\$ 380,944

**Unrealized Appreciation and Depreciation on Investments:** As of September 30, 2021, the aggregate cost of investments, gross unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and net unrealized appreciation for Federal tax purposes were as follows:

	Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	
Gross unrealized appreciation (excess of value over tax cost)	\$	8,781,219
Gross unrealized depreciation (excess of tax cost over value)		(320,607)
Net appreciation (depreciation) of foreign currency and derivatives		-
Net unrealized appreciation	\$	8,460,612
Cost of investments for income tax purposes	\$	180,902,603

**Reclassifications:** As of September 30, 2021, permanent differences in book and tax accounting were reclassified. The following reclassifications, which had no impact on results of operations or net assets, were recorded to reflect tax character:

	Paid-in Capital	Total Distributable Earnings
Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	\$ (94)	\$ 94

**Components of Distributable Earnings:** At September 30, 2021, components of distributable earnings were as follows:

	Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	
Undistributed ordinary income	\$	1,554
Tax-Exempt Undistributed Income		347,463
Accumulated capital gains		145,779
Net unrealized appreciation		8,460,612
Other cumulative effect of timing differences <sup>(a)</sup>		(267,785)
Total	\$	8,687,623

<sup>(a)</sup> Related to distributions payable at year end.

#### 4. SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of securities, excluding short-term securities, during the year ended September 30, 2021, were as follows:

	Purchases of Securities	Proceeds from Sales of Securities
Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	\$ 22,301,123	\$ 14,556,311

#### 5. BENEFICIAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

The capitalization of the Trust consists of an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest with no par value per share. Holders of the shares of the Fund have one vote for each share held and a proportionate fraction of a vote for each fractional share. All shares issued and outstanding are fully paid and are transferable and redeemable at the option of the shareholder. Shares have no pre-emptive rights. Neither the Fund nor any of their creditors have the right to require shareholders to pay any additional amounts solely because the shareholder owns the shares.

Transactions in common shares were as follows:

	For the Year Ended September 30, 2021	For the Year Ended September 30, 2020
<b>Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund</b>		
<b>Institutional Class</b>		
Shares sold	2,350,154	2,553,184
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions to shareholders	14,189	39,093
Shares redeemed	(2,155,561)	(2,923,375)
Net increase/(decrease) in shares outstanding	<u>208,782</u>	<u>(331,098)</u>
<b>Class A</b>		
Shares sold	2,833	26,220
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions to shareholders	4,531	6,578
Shares redeemed	(45,094)	(29,595)
Net increase/(decrease) in shares outstanding	<u>(37,730)</u>	<u>3,203</u>

Control is defined by the 1940 Act as the beneficial ownership, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, of more than 25% of the voting securities of a company. Approximately 93% of the shares outstanding of the Fund are owned by one omnibus account.

## 6. MANAGEMENT AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

**Investment Advisory:** Carret Asset Management, LLC, serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser, subject to the authority of the Board, is responsible for the overall management and administration of the Fund's business affairs. The Adviser manages the investments of the Fund in accordance with the Fund's investment objective, policies and limitations, and investment guidelines established jointly by the Adviser and the Board.

Pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement ("Advisory Agreement") with the Adviser, the Fund pays the Adviser an annual management fee of 0.30% based on the Fund's average daily net assets. The management fee is paid on a monthly basis. The current term of the Advisory Agreement is one year. And the Board may extend the Advisory Agreement for additional one-year terms by approval at an in-person meeting called for the purpose of considering such matters. The Board and shareholders of the Fund may terminate the Advisory Agreement upon 60 days' prior written notice. The Adviser may terminate the Advisory Agreement upon 120 days' prior written notice.

Pursuant to a fee waiver letter agreement ("Fee Waiver Agreement"), the Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the amount of the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses, exclusive of interest, dividend expense on short sales/interest expense, taxes, brokerage commissions, other investment related costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, distribution service fees (i.e., Rule 12b-1 fees), shareholder service fees, and extraordinary expenses, such as litigation and other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of business to 0.48% of the Fund's average daily net assets for Institutional Class shares and Class A shares. The Fee Waiver Agreement is in effect through January 31, 2022. The Adviser will be permitted to recover, on a class-by-class basis, expenses it has borne through the Fee Waiver Agreement only to the extent that the Fund's expenses in later periods do not exceed the lesser of: (1) the contractual expense limit in effect at the time the Adviser waives or limits the expenses; or (2) the contractual expense limit in effect at the time the Adviser seeks to recover the expenses; provided, however, that the Fund will not be obligated to reimburse any such expenses borne by the Adviser more than three years after the date on which the fee or expense was waived or limited or assumed and paid by the Adviser, as calculated on a monthly basis. The Adviser may not discontinue this waiver without the approval by the Board.

As of September 30, 2021, the balances of recoupable expenses for the Fund were as follows:

Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund	Expiring in 2022	Expiring in 2023	Expiring in 2024	Total
Institutional Class	\$ 8,850	\$ 162,771	\$ 141,747	\$ 313,368
Class A	440	5,702	5,803	11,945

Previously waived fees by Manifold Partners LLC (Advisor prior to September 13, 2019) amounting to \$105,073 are not subject to recoupment by Carret.

**Administrator:** ALPS Fund Services, Inc. ("ALPS") (an affiliate of ALPS Distributors, Inc.) serves as administrator to the Fund. The Fund has agreed to pay expenses incurred in connection with its administrative activities. Pursuant to the Administration, Bookkeeping and Pricing Services Agreement with the Trust, ALPS will provide operational services to the Fund including, but not limited to, fund accounting and fund administration, and will generally assist in the Fund's operations. The Fund's administration fee is accrued on a daily basis and paid monthly. The officers of the Trust are

employees of ALPS. Administration fees paid by the Fund for the year ended September 30, 2021, are disclosed in the Statement of Operations. ALPS is reimbursed by the Fund for certain out of pocket expenses.

**Transfer Agent:** ALPS serves as transfer agent for the Fund under a Transfer Agency and Services Agreement with the Trust. Under this agreement, ALPS is paid an annual fee for services performed on behalf of the Fund plus fees for open accounts and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

**Compliance Services:** ALPS provides Chief Compliance Officer services to the Fund to monitor and test the policies and procedures of the Fund in conjunction with requirements under Rule 38a-1 of the 1940 Act pursuant to a Chief Compliance Officer Services Agreement with the Trust. Under this agreement, ALPS is paid an annual fee for services performed on behalf of the Fund and is reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

**Distribution:** ALPS Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor") (an affiliate of ALPS) acts as the principal underwriter of the Fund's shares pursuant to a Distribution Agreement with the Trust. Shares of the Fund are offered on a continuous basis through the Distributor, as agent of the Fund. The Distributor is not obligated to sell any particular amount of shares of the Fund and is not entitled to any compensation for its services as the Fund's principal underwriter pursuant to the Distribution Agreement.

The Fund has adopted a shareholder services plan ("Shareholder Services Plan") for its Class A Shares. Under the Shareholder Services Plan the Fund is authorized to pay banks and their affiliates and other institutions, including broker-dealers and Fund affiliates ("Participating Organizations"), an aggregate fee in an amount not to exceed on an annual basis 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Class A Shares to Participating Organizations as compensation for providing shareholder service activities, which do not include distribution services, pursuant to an agreement with a Participating Organization. Starting as of September 24, 2018, the Board authorized 0.00% to be paid on shareholder servicing fees.

The Fund has adopted a plan pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act (the "Plan") that allows its Class A shares to pay a distribution and service fee, as defined by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), from its assets for selling and distributing its shares. The Fund was permitted to pay distribution and service fees at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of its Class A share assets. Distribution fees paid by the Fund for the year ended September 30, 2021, are disclosed in the Statement of Operations.

## 7. TRUSTEES

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As of September 30, 2021, there were four Trustees, three of whom are not "interested persons" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Trust (the "Independent Trustees"). The Independent Trustees of the Trust and Interested Trustees who are not currently employed by the Adviser, ALPS or other service providers will receive a quarterly retainer of \$13,500, plus \$4,000 for each regular Board or Committee meeting attended and \$2,000 for each special telephonic or in-person Board or Committee meeting attended. Additionally, the Audit Committee Chair receives a quarterly retainer of \$1,250 and the Independent Chair receives a quarterly retainer of \$3,250. The Independent Trustees and Interested Trustees who are not currently employed by the Adviser, ALPS or other service providers are also reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to attendance at meetings. Officers of the Trust receive no salary or fees from the Trust. As discussed in Note 6, the Fund pays ALPS an annual fee for compliance services.

## 8. INDEMNIFICATIONS

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Under the Trust's organizational documents, its officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Trust enters into contracts with service providers that may contain general indemnification clauses which may permit indemnification to the extent permissible under applicable law. The Trust's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as such exposure would involve future claims that may be made against the Trust that have not yet occurred.

## 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

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Subsequent events after the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued. Management has determined that there were no subsequent events to report through the issuance of these financial statements.

To the Shareholders of Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund and  
Board of Trustees of ALPS Series Trust

**Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund (the “Fund”), a series of ALPS Series Trust, as of September 30, 2021, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the four periods in the period then ended (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of September 30, 2021, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the four periods in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Fund’s financial highlights for the years ended October 31, 2017, and prior, were audited by other auditors whose report dated December 28, 2017, expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial highlights.

**Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of September 30, 2021, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Fund’s auditor since 2018.



COHEN & COMPANY, LTD.  
Cleveland, Ohio  
November 29, 2021

On August 19, 2021, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of ALPS Series Trust (the “Trust”) met in person to discuss, among other things, the renewal and approval of the Investment Advisory Agreement between the Trust and Carret Asset Management, LLC (“Carret”) in accordance with Section 15(c) of the 1940 Act. The independent legal counsel advised the independent Trustees with respect to their responsibilities pertaining to the approval of advisory contracts.

In evaluating Carret and the fees charged under the Carret Agreement, the Trustees concluded that no single factor reviewed by the Trustees was identified by the Trustees to be determinative as the principal factor in whether to renew the Carret Agreement. Further, the Independent Trustees were advised by independent legal counsel throughout the process. The following summary does not identify all the matters considered by the Board but provides a summary of the principal matters the Board considered with respect to the Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund (the “Fund”):

**Nature, Extent and Quality of the Services:** The Trustees received and considered information regarding the nature, extent and quality of services provided to the Fund pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement. The Trustees reviewed certain background materials supplied by Carret, including Carret’s Form ADV.

The Trustees evaluated Carret’s history as an asset manager. They considered the quality of services provided by Carret to the Fund as the current adviser and previously as its sub-adviser. The Trustees discussed the research and decision-making processes utilized by Carret, including the methods adopted to seek to achieve compliance with the investment objective, policies, and restrictions of the Fund.

The Trustees considered the background and experience of Carret’s management team, including the qualifications, background, and responsibilities of the portfolio managers primarily responsible for the day-to-day portfolio management of the Fund. The Trustees reviewed the backgrounds of key investment personnel responsible for servicing the Fund and noted their education and diverse financial industry experience. The Trustees also considered the reputation of Carret and its ability to deliver all services required of an adviser. The Trustees considered the Adviser’s commitment to providing high quality service to the Fund, as observed by the Trustees in their interaction with Adviser personnel and confirmed by the officers of the Fund.

**Performance:** The Trustees discussed the Fund’s performance as compared to its benchmark and a third-party provided peer group. They noted that the Fund achieved positive returns in each of the periods presented with returns similar to that of the peer funds. They discussed that the Fund trailed the benchmark index over the 1-, 3-, and 5-year periods but outperformed since the Fund’s inception. The Trustees acknowledged Carret’s dedication to providing a portfolio limited primarily to Kansas municipal bonds, consistent with the mandate of the Fund’s strategy.

**The Adviser’s Profitability:** The Trustees received and considered information related to Carret’s profitability with respect to its relationship with the Fund. They noted that the Adviser reported a profit in each of the two previous years. The Trustees considered the level of profit earned by the Adviser and determined it was not excessive either in terms of a total dollar amount or as a percentage of gross revenue earned. The Trustees considered the impact of the expense limitation agreement with respect to the Adviser’s profits earned. The Trustees then reviewed and discussed Carret’s financial statements to analyze Carret’s financial condition and stability.

**Economies of Scale:** The Trustees considered whether economies of scale had been reached with respect to the Adviser’s management of the Fund. They recognized the benefits received by shareholders from the expense limitation agreement in place. They also considered that Fund shareholders benefit from the current scale of Carret’s advisory business, which affords opportunities in terms of execution, access to markets, and similar benefits of institutional investing, but that the Fund’s assets under management would likely not result in material additional economies of scale for Carret.

**Other Benefits to the Adviser:** The Trustees reviewed and considered any other incidental benefits derived by Carret from its relationship with the Fund, including research and other support services.

Having requested and reviewed such information from Carret as the Board believed to be reasonably necessary to evaluate the terms of the Carret Agreement, the Trustees, including all the Independent Trustees, concluded that the compensation of Carret was appropriate under the Carret Agreement and the renewal of the Carret Agreement was in the best interests of the Carret Fund and its shareholders.

September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

**1. PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND VOTING RECORD**

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, (i) by calling the Fund (toll-free) at 1-833-287-7933 or (ii) on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund (toll-free) at 1-833-287-7933 or (ii) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

**2. PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Fund's portfolio holdings are made available semi-annually in shareholder reports within 60 days after the close of the period for which the report is being made, as required by federal securities laws. The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third fiscal quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its reports on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund's portfolio holdings are also available upon request, without charge, by calling (toll-free) 1-833-287-7933 or by writing to Carret Asset Management at 320 Park Avenue, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10022.

**3. SHAREHOLDER PROXY RESULTS**

At a Special Meeting of Shareholders of the ALPS Series Trust, held on April 12, 2021, shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 1, 2021 voted to approve the following proposals:

Proposal 1: To elect Ward D. Armstrong to serve on the Board of Trustees until his resignation, retirement, death or removal or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Shares Voted In Favor	Shares Voted Against or Abstentions
162,259,659	244,729

Proposal 2: To elect Bradley J. Swenson to serve on the Board of Trustees until his resignation, retirement, death or removal or until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

Shares Voted In Favor	Shares Voted Against or Abstentions
162,281,980	222,408

**4. TAX DESIGNATIONS**

For the year ended September 30, 2021, pursuant to Section 852(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, American Independence Kansas Tax Exempt Bond Fund did designate \$5,864 as long-term capital gain dividends.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, 99.79% of the distributions from net investment income for American Independence Kansas Tax Exempt Bond Fund are exempt from federal income tax.

The ALPS Series Trust (the “Trust”) has established a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) to govern the Trust’s approach to managing liquidity risk for each fund in the series (each a “Fund”). The Program is overseen by the Liquidity Committee (the “Committee”), a committee comprised of representatives of the Trust and ALPS | SS&C. The Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has approved the designation of the Committee to oversee the Program.

The Program’s principal objectives include supporting each Fund’s compliance with limits on investments in illiquid assets and mitigating the risk that a Fund will be unable to meet its redemption obligations in a timely manner. The Program also includes a number of elements that support the management and assessment of liquidity risk, including, among others, an annual assessment of factors that influence a Fund’s liquidity the periodic classification and re-classification of the Fund’s investments into groupings that reflect the Committee’s assessment of their relative liquidity under both current market conditions and reasonably foreseeable stressed conditions, as well as minimum levels of highly liquid investments.

At a meeting that occurred on May 20, 2021, the Board received a report from the Committee that addressed the operation of the Program and assessed its adequacy and effectiveness of implementation. The report revealed that, during the period covered by the report, there were no liquidity events that impacted the Funds or their ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders. The report further discussed the liquidity classification methodology of each Fund, the effectiveness of the operation of certain Funds’ Highly Liquid Investment Minimum (“HLIM”) where applicable, and the liquidity classification of each Fund’s investments over the period. The report further noted that no material changes have been made to the Program since its implementation. The report provided to the Board included a conclusion that the Program appeared to be reasonably designed and operated effectively during the review period.

FACTS	WHAT DOES THE FUND DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?	
<b>WHY?</b>	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.	
<b>WHAT?</b>	<p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Security number and account transactions</li> <li>• Account balances and transaction history</li> <li>• Wire transfer instructions</li> </ul>	
<b>HOW?</b>	All financial companies need to share customers’ personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers’ personal information, the reasons a Fund chooses to share, and whether you can limit this sharing.	
REASONS WE CAN SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION	DO THE FUNDS SHARE?	CAN YOU LIMIT THIS SHARING?
<p><b>For our everyday business purposes –</b> such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus</p>	Yes	No
<p><b>For our marketing purposes –</b> to offer our products and services to you</p>	No	We do not share.
<p><b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b></p>	No	We do not share.
<p><b>For our affiliates’ everyday business purposes –</b> information about your transactions and experiences</p>	Yes	No
<p><b>For our affiliates’ everyday business purposes –</b> information about your creditworthiness</p>	No	We do not share.
<p><b>For non-affiliates to market to you</b></p>	No	We do not share.
<b>QUESTIONS?</b>	Call 1-833-287-7933.	

WHO WE ARE	
<b>Who is providing this notice?</b>	Carret Kansas Tax-Exempt Bond Fund (the "Fund")
WHAT WE DO	
<b>How does the Fund protect my personal information?</b>	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.
<b>How does the Fund collect my personal information?</b>	We collect your personal information, for example, when you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• open an account</li> <li>• provide account information or give us your contact information</li> <li>• make a wire transfer or deposit money</li> </ul>
<b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>	Federal law gives you the right to limit only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes-information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>• affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>• sharing for non-affiliates to market to you</li> </ul> State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.
DEFINITIONS	
<b>Affiliates</b>	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
<b>Non-affiliates</b>	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Fund does not share with non-affiliates so they can market to you.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Joint marketing</b>	A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Fund does not jointly market.</i></li> </ul>
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION	
<b>California Residents</b>	If your account has a California home address, your personal information will not be disclosed to nonaffiliated third parties except as permitted by applicable California law, and we will limit sharing such personal information with our affiliates to comply with California privacy laws that apply to us.

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## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

Name, Birth Year & Address*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years***	Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee****	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past 5 Years***
<b>Ward D. Armstrong,</b> Birth year: 1954	Trustee and Chairman	Mr. Armstrong was appointed to the Board on May 27, 2016. Mr. Armstrong was appointed Chairman of the Board at the August 24, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees.	Mr. Armstrong is currently retired. From February 2010 to July 2015, he was Co-Founder and Managing Partner of NorthRock Partners, a private wealth advisory firm providing comprehensive wealth management and family office services to the high net-worth marketplace. Previously, he was Senior Vice President, Ameriprise Financial (1984 to 2007); Chairman of Ameriprise Trust Company (1996 to 2007) and President, American Express Institutional Asset Management (2002 to 2004). He has also served on several investment related Boards including Kenwood Capital Management, RiverSource Investments, American Express Asset Management International and was Chair of the Ordway Theatre Endowment Committee.	11	Mr. Armstrong is a Director of the Heartland Group, Inc. (3 funds).
<b>J. Wayne Hutchens,</b> Birth year: 1944	Trustee	Mr. Hutchens was elected to the Board on October 30, 2012.	Mr. Hutchens is currently retired. From 2000 to January 2020, he served as Trustee of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science and from May 2012 to February 2020, he served as Trustee of Children's Hospital Colorado. From April 2006 to December 2012, he served as President and CEO of the University of Colorado (CU) Foundation and from April 2009 to December 2012, he was Executive Director of the CU Real Estate Foundation. Mr. Hutchens is also Director of AMG National Trust Bank (June 2012 to present). Prior to these positions, Mr. Hutchens spent 29 years in the banking industry, retiring as Chairman of Chase Bank Colorado.	11	Mr. Hutchens is a Director of RiverNorth Opportunities Fund, Inc. (2013 to present), RiverNorth Opportunistic Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (2018 to present), RiverNorth/Doubleline Strategic Opportunity Fund, Inc. (2018 to present), RiverNorth Specialty Finance Corporation (2018 to present), RiverNorth Managed Duration Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (2019 to present), RiverNorth Flexible Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (2020 to present). He is an Advisory Board member of RiverNorth Funds (3 funds) (2020 to present).

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September 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

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<b>Patrick Seese,</b> Birth year: 1971	Trustee	Mr. Seese was elected to the Board on October 30, 2012.	Mr. Seese is an owner and a Managing Director of Integris Partners, a middle-market investment banking firm serving closely-held companies, financial sponsors and public companies (February 2008 to present). Prior to this, Mr. Seese was a Managing Director of Headwaters MB, a middle-market investing banking firm (December 2003 to February 2008). Prior to that, Mr. Seese worked in Credit Suisse First Boston's Mergers and Acquisitions Group and served as Head of Corporation Development, Katy Industries, a publicly traded industrial and consumer products company and at Deloitte & Touche LLP, where he began his career in 1994.	11	Mr. Seese is a Director of The Mile High Five Foundation (2013 to present) and SJ Panthers Foundation (2016 to present).
<b>Merrilyn J. Kosier,</b> Birth year: 1959	Trustee	Ms. Kosier was elected to the Board on November 17, 2021.	Ms. Kosier retired from Ariel Investments as Executive Vice President in 2019. During her tenure at Ariel Investments, she served as Chief Marketing Officer, Ariel Mutual Funds since 2007; Trustee for Ariel Investment Trust since 2003 and President of Ariel Distributors, LLC since 2002. From 2006 to present, she has served as Trustee at the Harris Theater For Music and Dance (not-for-profit organization) and is currently Executive Vice Chair.	11	Ms. Kosier is Board Director at the Arts Club of Chicago (2021 to present).

## INTERESTED TRUSTEE

Name, Birth Year & Address*	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served**	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years***	Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee****	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past 5 Years***
<b>Bradley J. Swenson,</b> Birth year: 1972	Trustee	Mr. Swenson was elected to the Board on April 12, 2021.	Mr. Swenson joined ALPS Fund Services, Inc. ("ALPS") in 2004 and had served as its President since June 2019 until June 2021. In this role, he served as an officer to certain other closed-end and open-end investment companies. He previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of ALPS (2015-2019). Mr. Swenson also previously served as Chief Compliance Officer to ALPS, its affiliated entities, and to certain ETF, closed-end and open-end investment companies (2004-2015).	11	None

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**OFFICERS**

Name, Birth Year & Address <sup>+</sup>	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>**</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years <sup>***</sup>
<b>Dawn Cotten</b> Birth year: 1977	President	Since June 2021	Ms. Cotten joined ALPS in 2009 and is currently Senior Vice President of Fund Administration and Relationship Management of ALPS. She has served in that role since January 2020. Prior to that, Ms. Cotten served as Senior Vice President (2017-2020) and Vice President of ALPS Relationship Management (2013-2017).
<b>Erich Rettinger</b> Birth year: 1985	Treasurer	Since August 2020	Mr. Rettinger joined ALPS in 2007 and is currently Vice President and Fund Controller of ALPS. He has served as Fund Controller of ALPS (since 2013) and Fund Accounting of ALPS (2013-2017). He also served as Assistant Treasurer of the Trust (May 2019-August 2020). Mr. Rettinger is also Treasurer of the Clough Long/Short Equity Fund, Clough Global Opportunities Fund, Clough Global Dividend and Income Fund and Clough Global Equity Fund. Mr. Rettinger is also Assistant Treasurer of the Stone Harbor Investment Funds.
<b>Patrick Rogers<sup>+</sup></b> Birth year: 1966	Secretary	Since November 2021	Mr. Rogers has served as Senior Legal Counsel of ALPS since September 2021 and previously served as Compliance Counsel for Mercer Advisors from 2018 to 2021 and Contract Attorney for CACI, Inc. from 2014 to 2018.
<b>Anne M. Berg</b> Birth year: 1973	Assistant Secretary	Since August 2018	Ms. Berg joined ALPS as Senior Investment Company Act Paralegal in February 2017. Prior to joining ALPS, she was a Senior Legal Manager at Janus Capital Management LLC (2000-2017).
<b>Lucas D. Foss</b> Birth year: 1977	Chief Compliance Officer	Since January 2018	Mr. Foss rejoined ALPS in November 2017 as Vice President and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer. Prior to his current role, Mr. Foss served as the Director of Compliance at Transamerica Asset Management (2015- 2017) and Deputy Chief Compliance Officer at ALPS (2012- 2015). Mr. Foss is also CCO of X-Square Balanced Fund, Goehring & Rozenchwajg Investment Funds, Broadstone Real Estate Access Fund, Inc., Clough Global Funds; Clough Funds Trust; SPDR <sup>®</sup> S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> ETF Trust, SPDR <sup>®</sup> Dow Jones <sup>®</sup> Industrial Average ETF Trust, SPDR <sup>®</sup> S&P MIDCAP 400 <sup>®</sup> ETF Trust and 1WS Credit Income Fund.

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