# CARRET KANSAS TAX-EXEMPT BOND FUND

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Principal Amount		Value (Note 2)	
MUNICIPAL BONDS (99.03%)				
ducation (40.37%) <sup>(a)</sup>				
Allen County Unified School District No. 257, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
3.000%, 09/01/2043	\$	2,415,000 \$	2,001,582	
Barton Community College, Certificate Participation Bonds				
4.000%, 12/01/2032		555,000	558,29:	
4.000%, 12/01/2034		250,000	250,982	
Bourbon County Unified School District No. 234-Fort Scott, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		255.000	255.52	
5.000%, 09/01/2025		355,000	355,52	
Bourbon County Unified School District No. 234-Fort Scott, Certificate Participation Bonds		400,000	405,95	
4.000%, 09/01/2037  Butler County Unified School District No. 206 Remington, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		400,000	403,93	
3.000%, 09/01/2034		1,000,000	922,70	
3.000%, 09/01/2035		510,000	466,21	
Butler County Unified School District No. 375 Circle, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		310,000	700,21	
3.000%, 09/01/2035		750,000	687,77	
Butler County Unified School District No. 385 Andover, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		750,000	001,11	
4.000%, 09/01/2030		690,000	701,94	
4.000%, 09/01/2031		500,000	507,46	
Butler County Unified School District No. 490 El Dorado, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		,	, .	
4.000%, 09/01/2034		1,000,000	1,008,44	
4.000%, 09/01/2036		500,000	503,46	
Denton Independent School District, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 08/15/2034		750,000	781,37	
Douglas County Unified School District No. 497 Lawrence, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,500,000	1,516,29	
4.000%, 09/01/2033		500,000	500,10	
Ellis County Unified School District No. 489 Hays, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2042		535,000	569,98	
Finney County Unified School District No. 457 Garden City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,500,000	1,517,25	
5.000%, 09/01/2027		800,000	827,27	
Ford County Unified School District No. 443 Dodge City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		1 150 000	1 175 (0	
4.000%, 03/01/2030  Final Lin County Unified School District No. 280 Wellswille, County Unified Pards		1,150,000	1,175,68	
Franklin County Unified School District No. 289 Wellsville, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 4.000%, 09/01/2030		645,000	674,21	
Franklin County Unified School District No. 290 Ottawa, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		043,000	0/4,21	
5.000%, 09/01/2032		150,000	151,90	
Geary County Unified School District No. 475, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		150,000	131,70	
3.000%, 09/01/2033		1,000,000	936,66	
Hernando County School District, Certificate Participation Bonds		1,000,000	750,00	
5.000%, 07/01/2031		685,000	704,08	
Jefferson County School District R-1, Certificate Participation Bonds		******	. 5 1,002	
5.000%, 12/15/2027		500,000	509,34	
3.00070, 12.13/2027		200,000	509,541	

		Principal Amount		Value (Note 2)	
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Johnson & Miami Counties Unified School District No. 230 Spring Hills, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2031	\$	400,000	\$	406,38	
4.000%, 09/01/2033		1,000,000		1,003,76	
4.000%, 09/01/2035		1,000,000		1,002,32	
5.000%, 09/01/2030		1,000,000		1,032,94	
Johnson County Unified School District No. 229 Blue Valley, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 10/01/2040		1,500,000		1,519,86	
Johnson County Unified School District No. 232 De Soto, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,165,000		1,195,4	
Johnson County Unified School District No. 233 Olathe, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
2.000%, 09/01/2030		750,000		667,0	
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,000,000		1,009,20	
Johnson County Unified School District No. 512 Shawnee Mission, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 10/01/2035		425,000		432,5	
5.000%, 10/01/2041		500,000		552,5	
Kansas City Kansas Community College Auxiliary Enterprise System, Revenue Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2032		140,000		142,5	
4.000%, 09/01/2033		100,000		101,1	
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds					
2.000%, 05/01/2031		630,000		546,3	
2.000%, 06/01/2032		1,000,000		835,7	
2.000%, 05/01/2033		800,000		657,8	
3.000%, 05/01/2030		450,000		440,9	
3.500%, 05/01/2033		500,000		487,6	
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 453, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2036		1,000,000		1,016,8	
Leavenworth County Unified School District No. 464, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2034		675,000		681,7	
4.000%, 09/01/2036		465,000		465,9	
Lyon County Unified School District No. 253 Emporia, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 09/01/2030		325,000		331,2	
Miami County Unified School District No. 416 Louisburg, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
3.000%, 09/01/2035		500,000		458,3	
Oklahoma County Elementary School District No. 29 Oakdale, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
4.000%, 05/01/2026		500,000		506,2	
Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds					
5.000%, 08/15/2046		750,000		764,4	
Riley County Unified School District No. 378 Riley, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds					
3.000%, 09/01/2039		925,000		809,4	
Riley County Unified School District No. 383 Manhattan-Ogden, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		1 220 000		1.061.5	
5.000%, 09/01/2028		1,220,000		1,261,7	
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 260 Derby, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		0.45.000		000	
3.500%, 10/01/2036		845,000		823,4	
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 264 Clearwater, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		<b>520.000</b>		<b>520.1</b>	
4.000%, 09/01/2029		530,000		538,1	
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 266 Maize, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		7.50.000		750.5	
4.000%, 09/01/2032		750,000		758,7	
Sedgwick County Unified School District No. 267 Renwick, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		250.000		251	
4.000%, 11/01/2033		350,000		354,6	
4.000%, 11/01/2034		425,000		430,1	
4.000%, 11/01/2035		635,000		642,3	

		Principal Amount		
Education (continued) Seward County Unified School District No. 480 Liberal, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
Seward County Offined School District No. 400 Liberar, General Obligation Offininted Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2028	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,024,051
4.000%, 09/01/2032		500,000		511,968
Spring Independent School District, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 08/15/2025		750,000		759,170
University of Kansas Hospital Authority, Revenue Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2028		250,000		252,556
5.000%, 09/01/2030		350,000		353,236
5.000%, 09/01/2031		500,000		504,383
Washburn University/Topeka, Revenue Bonds				
5.000%, 07/01/2035		500,000		503,234
West Clermont Local School District, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		400.000		106.160
4.000%, 12/01/2032		400,000		406,463
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 202 Turner, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		1 225 000		1.260.240
4.000%, 09/01/2038		1,225,000		1,260,349
4.000%, 09/01/2039		400,000		411,543
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 203 Piper, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2038		1,000,000		1,051,138
Wyandotte County Unified School District No. 500 Kansas City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		<b>5</b> 00 000		<b>71</b> 6 00 <b>2</b>
5.000%, 09/01/2030		500,000	_	516,883
otal Education			_	47,667,187
eneral Obligation (36.20%) <sup>(a)</sup>				
Abilene Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds				
4.000%, 12/01/2029		325,000		331,082
4.000%, 12/01/2031		445,000		452,048
Ashland Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2035		720,000		720,393
City of Arkansas City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		1 000 000		<b>77</b> (00)
2.000%, 08/01/2035		1,000,000		776,986
City of Brooklyn Center MN, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		<b>5</b> 00 000		510 551
5.000%, 02/01/2026		500,000		510,551
City of Garden City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		050.000		020 222
3.000%, 11/01/2028		950,000		929,233
City of Goddard, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		500,000		500.000
4.000%, 12/01/2027		500,000		509,898
City of Lawrence, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		445,000		440.014
4.000%, 09/01/2031		445,000		449,814
City of Leawood, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		200,000		215 201
4.000%, 09/01/2029		300,000		315,381
City of Lenexa, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds 3.000%, 09/01/2033		1,560,000		1 409 740
		1,300,000		1,498,749
City of Maize, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		375 000		376,668
4.000%, 10/01/2038 City of Manhattan, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		375,000		370,008
3.500%, 06/15/2027		885,000		882,929
4.000%, 11/01/2031		400,000		412,250
5.000%, 11/01/2025		570,000		579,133
City of Olathe, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		370,000		319,133
3.000%, 10/01/2033		1,000,000		940,880
4.000%, 10/01/2028		1,315,000		1,337,716
T,000/0, 10/01/4040		1,515,000		1,557,710

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General Obligation (continued)				
City of Overland Park, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2037	\$	475,000	\$	492,724
4.000%, 09/01/2038		475,000		490,626
4.000%, 09/01/2039		350,000		361,028
City of Paola, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2030		535,000		581,014
City of Park City, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.375%, 12/01/2025		5,000		5,008
City of Salina, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
3.000%, 10/01/2033		620,000		577,587
3.000%, 10/01/2036		680,000		616,249
City of Shawnee, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 12/01/2027		425,000		425,405
City of Spring Hill, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2029		810,000		828,922
City of Wamego, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
5.000%, 03/01/2027		500,000		508,453
City of Wichita, Revenue Bonds				
5.000%, 09/01/2030		1,000,000		1,047,806
City of Wichita, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
2.000%, 06/01/2035		400,000		316,946
3.000%, 10/01/2030		720,000		695,724
4.000%, 06/01/2030		820,000		834,929
4.000%, 06/01/2035		750,000		771,880
County of Anderson, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
3.000%, 08/01/2033		750,000		710,370
County of Geary, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		44.5.000		440.006
4.000%, 09/01/2030		415,000		418,996
County of Johnson, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds				
4.000%, 09/01/2028		1,125,000		1,131,256
4.000%, 09/01/2035		1,525,000		1,537,908
County of Linn, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		#0# 000		#1.4.400
4.000%, 07/01/2032		505,000		514,422
County of Saline, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds		7.5.000		705.047
4.000%, 09/01/2029		765,000		795,047
Johnson County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds		700,000		771 104
3.000%, 09/01/2030		790,000		771,104
4.000%, 09/01/2029		650,000		658,493
4.000%, 09/01/2030		500,000		505,839
4.000%, 09/01/2031		1,500,000		1,517,524
Kansas Development Finance Authority, Revenue Bonds 2.000%, 11/01/2033		950,000		782,234
				783,522
2.000%, 11/01/2034 4.000%, 11/01/2030		975,000 800,000		813,158
4.000%, 11/01/2030		1,100,000		1.116.201
4.000%, 11/01/2031 5.000%, 05/01/2042		1,500,000		1,652,230
Loudoun County Economic Development Authority, Revenue Bonds		1,500,000		1,032,230
5.000%, 12/01/2025		520,000		529,315
New York City Transitional Finance Authority Future Tax Secured, Revenue Bonds		320,000		529,515
5.000%, 11/01/2026		410.000		424,324
5.00070, 11/01/2020		710,000		727,324

	Principal Amount	Value (Note 2)	
General Obligation (continued)	•		
Saline County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds			
2.000%, 09/01/2033	\$ 200,000 \$	165,324	
2.000%, 09/01/2034	225,000	181,556	
2.000%, 09/01/2035	220,000	173,273	
State of Ohio, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
4.000%, 03/01/2026	500,000	506,280	
State of Wisconsin, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
5.000%, 05/01/2026	500,000	513,923	
Town of Watertown MA, General Obligation Limited Bonds			
5.000%, 06/15/2026	500,000	516,198	
Wyandotte County-Kansas City Unified Government, General Obligation Unlimited Bonds			
2.000%, 08/01/2033	1,000,000	825,315	
4.000%, 08/01/2029	685,000	696,673	
4.000%, 08/01/2030	2,105,000	2,151,239	
4.000%, 08/01/2031	930,000	930,349	
4.000%, 08/01/2032	1,000,000	1,022,231	
5.000%, 08/01/2025	815,000	823,755	
Total General Obligation		42,746,071	
Health Care (1.15%)			
Lyon County Public Building Commission, Revenue Bonds			
5.000%, 12/01/2035	1,335,000	1,364,422	
Public Services (1.41%)			
Johnson County Park & Recreation District, Certificate Participation Bonds			
3.000%, 09/01/2028	1,165,000	1,144,088	
3.000%, 09/01/2029	535,000	522,184	
Total Public Services		1,666,272	
Transportation (11.39%)			
Kansas Turnpike Authority, Revenue Bonds			
5.000%, 09/01/2031	630,000	683,371	
5.000%, 09/01/2032	500,000	541,702	
5.000%, 09/01/2036	1,000,000	1,069,102	
5.000%, 09/01/2037	1,000,000	1,066,817	
5.000%, 09/01/2038	1,150,000	1,223,277	
Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund Metropolitan Highway System, Revenue Bonds	, ,	, ,	
5.000%, 01/01/2025	750,000	750,000	
Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Revenue Bonds	,,,,,,,	7-0,000	
5.000%, 11/15/2030	750,000	768,884	
State of Kansas Department of Transportation, Revenue Bonds	730,000	700,001	
5.000%, 09/01/2028	1,500,000	1,574,033	
5.000%, 09/01/2031	3,020,000	3,162,572	
5.000%, 09/01/2032	500,000	523,096	
5.000%, 09/01/2034	2,000,000	2,085,892	
Total Transportation	2,000,000	13,448,746	
Utilities (8.51%)			
Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority, Inc., Revenue Bonds			
5.000%, 08/01/2027	500,000	517,455	
,	500,000	317,433	
City of Lawrence Water & Sewage System, Revenue Bonds 4.000%, 11/01/2032	1 100 000	1,225,722	
4.00070, 11/01/2032	1,180,000	1,223,722	

		Principal Amount		(Note 2)	
Utilities (continued)					
City of Lebanon Authority, Revenue Bonds					
4.000%, 12/15/2028	\$	550,000	\$	561,881	
4.000%, 12/13/2028 City of McPherson Water System, Revenue Bonds	\$	330,000	Þ	301,001	
2.000%, 10/01/2038		440,000		321,154	
City of Olathe Water & Sewer System, Revenue Bonds		770,000		321,134	
2.000%, 07/01/2034		540,000		437,537	
2.000%, 07/01/2035		550,000		434,938	
3.000%, 07/01/2030		675,000		649,885	
3.000%, 07/01/2031		555,000		527,388	
3.000%, 07/01/2032		745,000		695,146	
3.000%, 07/01/2033		755,000		698,283	
City of Wichita Water & Sewer Utility, Revenue Bonds		755,000		070,203	
3.000%, 10/01/2029		1,180,000		1,143,744	
3.375%, 10/01/2039		1,000,000		926,075	
Wyandotte County-Kansas City Unified Government Utility System, Revenue Bonds		1,000,000		720,073	
3.000%, 09/01/2035		250,000		225,108	
3.000%, 09/01/2040		250,000		209,185	
5.000%, 09/01/2031		1,350,000		1,370,938	
5.000%, 09/01/2033		100,000		100,843	
Total Utilities		100,000		10,045,282	
10th Chines				10,043,262	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS					
(Cost \$123,378,103)				116,937,980	
				Value	
		Shares		(Note 2)	
SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (0.44%)					
Money Market Fund (0.44%)					
First American Treasury Obligations Fund, Class X (4.395%, 7-Day Yield)		520,358	\$	520,358	
Total Money Market Fund				520,358	
TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS					
(Cost \$520,358)				520,358	
(Cost \$320,330)				320,338	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (99.47%)					
, ,			•	117,458,338	
(Cost \$123,898,461)			\$	117,430,330	
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(Cost \$123,898,461) OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES (0.53%)			<b>3</b>	626,449	

Value

<sup>(</sup>a) 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.

### Notes to Quarterly Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

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 quarterly 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 is diversified, and its primary 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 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.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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, Financial Services - Investment Companies. 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 valuation designee appointed by the Board believes that they are unreliable, securities may be priced using fair value procedures approved by the Board.

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 and are apportioned among classes based on average net assets of each class. 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.

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.

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.

Fixed-Income Securities Risk: Fixed-income securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (i.e., credit risk) and are subject to price volatility resulting from, among other things, interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (i.e., market risk). Generally, fixed-income securities will decrease in value if interest rates rise and will increase in value if interest rates decline. Securities with longer durations are likely to be more sensitive to changes in interest rates, generally making them more volatile than securities with shorter durations. Lower rated fixed-income securities have greater volatility because there is less certainty that principal and interest payments will be made as scheduled.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that the issuer of a debt security, including ETNs, will fail to repay principal and interest on the security when due. Credit risk is affected by the issuer's credit status and is generally higher for non-investment grade securities.

Duration Risk: Duration is a measure of the sensitivity of a security's price to changes in interest rates. The longer a security's duration, the more sensitive it will be to changes in interest rates. Similarly, a fund with longer average fund duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates and will experience more price volatility than a fund with shorter average fund duration. By way of example, the price of a bond fund with duration of five years would be expected to fall approximately 5% if interest rates rose by one percentage point.

Extension Risk: Extension risk is the risk that an issuer will exercise its right to pay principal on an obligation held by the Fund later than expected. This may happen during a period of rising interest rates. Under these circumstances, the value of the obligation will decrease, and the Fund will suffer from the inability to invest in higher yielding securities.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that a debt security's value will decline due to changes in market interest rates. Even though some interest-bearing securities offer a stable stream of income, their prices will still fluctuate with changes in interest rates. The Fund may be subject to greater risk of rising interest rates than would normally be the case due to the current period of historically low rates and the effect of potential government fiscal policy initiatives and resulting market reaction to those initiatives. When interest rates change, the values of longer-duration debt securities usually change more than the values of shorter-duration debt securities.

Prepayment Risk: Prepayment occurs when the issuer of a security can repay principal prior to the security's maturity. Securities subject to prepayment can offer less potential for gains during a declining interest rate environment and similar or greater potential for loss in a rising interest rate environment. In addition, the potential impact of prepayment features on the price of a debt security can be difficult to predict and result in greater volatility. This risk could affect the total return of the Fund.

Municipal Securities Risk: Municipal bonds are subject to the risk that litigation, legislation or other political events, local business or economic conditions or the bankruptcy of the issuer could have a significant effect on an issuer's ability to make payments of principal and/or interest. Municipal bonds can be significantly affected by political changes as well as uncertainties in the municipal market related to taxation, legislative changes or the rights of municipal security holders. Because many municipal securities are issued to finance similar projects, especially those relating to education, health care, transportation and utilities, conditions in those sectors can affect the overall municipal market. In addition, changes in the financial condition of an individual municipal insurer can affect the overall municipal market. Municipal bonds may include revenue bonds, which are generally backed by revenue from a specific project or tax. The issuer of a revenue bond makes interest and principal payments from revenues generated from a particular source or facility, such as a tax on particular property or revenues generated from municipal water or sewer utility or an airport. Revenue bonds generally are not backed by the full faith and credit and general taxing power of the issuer. The market for municipal bonds may be less liquid than for taxable bonds. There may be less information available on the financial condition of issuers of municipal securities than for public corporations.

- General Obligation Bonds: Timely payments depend on the issuer's credit quality, ability to raise tax revenues, and ability to maintain an adequate tax base.
- Revenue Bonds: Payments depend on the money earned by the particular facility or class of facilities, or the amount of revenues derived from another source.

State Specific Risk: State specific risk is the chance that the Fund, because it invests primarily in securities issued by Kansas and its municipalities, is more vulnerable to unfavorable developments in Kansas than funds that invest in municipal bonds of many different states. Kansas is home to 2.9 million residents, and its economy is reasonably diversified but still relies significantly on transportation equipment production, agriculture and food processing, as well as oil & gas production/processing. Adverse conditions affecting these industries could have a disproportionate effect on Kansas municipal securities.