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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-14
REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1

Post-Effective Amendment No.

COHEN & STEERS QUALITY INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

280 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10017

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT

| Title of Securities | Amount | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
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| Being Registered Common Shares, \$.001 par value | Being Registered* 74,852,248 shares | \$4.13 | \$309,139,784.24 | \$17,250** |

* Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. Based on the Registrant's net asset value per share at the close of business on June 26, 2009.

** Previously paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

COHEN & STEERS ADVANTAGE INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS PREMIUM INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS QUALITY INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS WORLDWIDE REALTY INCOME FUND, INC.

280 Park Avenue

New York, New York 10017

Special Joint Meeting of Stockholders to be held October 22, 2009

August 10, 2009

Dear Stockholder:

You are being asked to vote on a proposed transaction related to Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RLF), Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RPF), Cohen & Steers Worldwide Realty Income Fund, Inc. (RWF) and, collectively with RLF and RPF, the Acquired Funds and each an Acquired Fund) and Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RQI) and, collectively with the Acquired Funds, the Funds and each a Fund). Detailed information about the proposed transaction is contained in the enclosed materials.

The Boards of Directors of the Funds (the Boards) have called a special joint meeting of stockholders (the Meeting) for the Funds to be held on October 22, 2009, at InterContinental The Barclay New York, 111 East 48th Street, North Parlor Rooms I and II, New York, New York 10017 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time in order to vote on matters described in the attached Combined Proxy Statement/Prospectus, including a proposal to merge each Acquired Fund with and into RQI in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law (the Mergers and each, a Merger).

As a result of the Mergers, each full (and fractional) share of common stock of the Acquired Funds would convert into an equivalent dollar amount (to the nearest \$0.001) of full (and fractional) shares of common stock of RQI, based on the net asset value of each Fund. The currently issued and outstanding shares of common stock of RQI will remain issued and outstanding.

Each Fund is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company with common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The Funds have substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies. Each Fund focuses its investments in real estate companies and is managed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.

The Boards believe that combining the Funds could benefit stockholders of each Fund by providing the potential for portfolio management efficiencies, a lower operating expense ratio and enhanced market liquidity for RQI s shares of common stock. The stockholders of RLF, RPF and RWF will vote separately on the Merger involving their Fund. The stockholders of RQI will vote separately on each Merger. **The Boards recommend that you vote FOR the proposed Merger involving your Fund.**

Stockholders of RQI also are being asked to approve an amendment to RQI s charter to increase the number of shares of RQI s authorized common stock, which would allow RQI to issue its shares of common stock to the Acquired Funds stockholders to consummate all of the Mergers. **The Board of RQI recommends that the stockholders of RQI vote FOR this amendment to RQI s charter.**

In addition, stockholders of RQI also are being asked to approve certain changes to the fundamental investment policies of RQI to convert certain fundamental investment restrictions, including limits on the Fund s ability to invest in (i) debt securities issued or guaranteed by real estate companies, (ii) preferred stock or debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated securities of comparable quality and (iii) other investment companies pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, to non-fundamental investment restrictions. **The Board of RQI recommends that the stockholders of RQI vote FOR each change to the fundamental investment policies of RQI.**

Your vote is very important to us regardless of the number of shares you own. Whether or not you plan to attend the Meeting in person, please read the Combined Proxy Statement/Prospectus and cast your vote promptly. To vote, simply date, sign and return the proxy card in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or follow the instructions on the proxy card for voting by touch-tone telephone or on the Internet.

It is important that your vote be received no later than the time of the Meeting.

Sincerely,

Adam M. Derechin

President of the Funds

COHEN & STEERS ADVANTAGE INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS PREMIUM INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS QUALITY INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS WORLDWIDE REALTY INCOME FUND, INC.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR STOCKHOLDERS

The enclosed Combined Proxy Statement/Prospectus (the **Proxy/Prospectus**) describes a proposal to merge Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc. (**RLF**), Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc. (**RPF**) and Cohen & Steers Worldwide Realty Income Fund, Inc. (**RWF**) and, collectively with RLF and RPF, the **Acquired Funds** and each an **Acquired Fund**) with and into Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. (**RQI**) and, collectively with the **Acquired Funds**, the **Funds** and each a **Fund**), in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law (the **Mergers**), plus a related proposal relating to an amendment to RQI's charter to increase the number of shares of RQI's authorized common stock, which would allow RQI to issue its shares of common stock to the **Acquired Funds** stockholders to consummate all of the **Mergers**. In addition, RQI's stockholders are being asked to vote on changes to certain fundamental investment policies of RQI.

While we encourage you to read the full text of the enclosed Proxy/Prospectus, the following is a brief overview of the proposed **Mergers**. Please refer to the more complete information contained elsewhere in the Proxy/Prospectus about the **Mergers**.

COMMON QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGERS

Q. WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A. The Board of Directors of each Fund (the **Board** and collectively, the **Boards**) has approved a Merger, subject to approval by the Fund's stockholders, in which each **Acquired Fund** would merge with and into RQI in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law. If the **Funds** stockholders approve the **Mergers**, stockholders of the **Acquired Funds** would become stockholders of RQI. The stockholders of RLF, RPF and RWF will vote separately on the Merger involving their Fund. The stockholders of RQI will vote separately on each Merger. If approved by the relevant **Funds** stockholders, the consummation of the **Mergers** of each of RLF and RPF with and into RQI are not conditioned on the approval of the stockholders of any other **Acquired Fund**. However, the consummation of the Merger of RWF with and into RQI is conditioned on the approval of the Merger of either RLF or RPF with and into RQI.

Q. WHAT OTHER MATTERS ARE BEING VOTED ON?

A. In a separate vote, stockholders of RQI are being asked to vote on an amendment to RQI's charter to increase the number of shares of RQI's authorized common stock. This proposed charter amendment would allow RQI to issue its shares of common stock to the **Acquired Funds** stockholders to consummate all of the **Mergers**. In addition, stockholders of RQI are being asked to vote on changes to certain fundamental investment policies of RQI.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF RQI S STOCKHOLDERS DO NOT APPROVE PROPOSAL 2 RELATING TO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF RQI S AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK?

If Proposal 2 is not approved, but the proposals approving the Mergers are approved, RQI will not have sufficient authorized but unissued capital stock to issue to all of the Acquired Funds stockholders and will

not be able to consummate all of the Mergers. Should this occur, the Funds' Boards reserve the right to consummate the Mergers of only one or two of the Acquired Funds with and into RQI and will publicly announce prior to the Closing Date which Mergers will be consummated. In addition, if Proposal 2 is not approved but certain Mergers proceed, in the future RQI may not have a sufficient amount of authorized stock remaining to continue to issue to stockholders of the combined Fund in connection with RQI's dividend reinvestment plan.

Q. HOW WILL THE MERGERS AFFECT ME?

A. For each Merger, if approved, the relevant Acquired Fund will be merged with and into RQI in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law. The Acquired Fund's assets and liabilities will be combined with the assets and liabilities of RQI, and stockholders of the Acquired Fund will become stockholders of RQI. As a result of the Mergers, each full (and fractional) share of common stock of the Acquired Funds would convert into an equivalent dollar amount (to the nearest \$0.001) of full (and fractional) shares of common stock of RQI, based on the net asset value of each Fund. The currently issued and outstanding shares of common stock of RQI will remain issued and outstanding.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MERGERS ARE NOT APPROVED?

A. As noted above, a Merger will not be consummated unless that Merger is approved by the stockholders of RQI and the relevant Acquired Fund. The Mergers of RLF and RPF with and into RQI are not conditioned on the approval of any other Merger. However, the Merger of RWF with and into RQI will not be consummated, notwithstanding approval by the stockholders of RWF and RQI, unless the Merger of either RLF or RPF with and into RQI is approved. If a Merger is not approved, the affected Acquired Fund will continue as a separate investment company, and the Board of that Acquired Fund will separately consider such alternatives as it determines to be in the best interests of stockholders, including re-proposing the Merger.

Q. WHY ARE THE MERGERS BEING RECOMMENDED?

A. The Boards believe that combining the Funds could benefit stockholders of each Fund by providing the potential for portfolio management efficiencies, a lower operating expense ratio and enhanced market liquidity for RQI's shares of common stock.

Q. ARE THE FUNDS' INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES SIMILAR?

A. The Funds have substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies. Each Fund focuses its investments in real estate companies and is managed by Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the "Investment Manager").

Q. HOW WILL THE MERGERS AFFECT FUND FEES AND EXPENSES?

A. The total annual operating expense ratio of the combined Fund after the Mergers is expected to be lower than the current total annual operating expense ratio of each Fund, because the fixed expenses of the combined Fund following the Mergers will be spread over a larger asset base. The Board of each Fund believes that administrative expenses of a larger combined Fund comprised of the assets of one or more of the Acquired Funds combined with RQI's assets would be less than the aggregate current expenses of the Funds operating separately, resulting in a lower total annual operating expense ratio for the combined Fund.

Under each Fund's investment management agreement, RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI pay the Investment Manager a management fee at an annual rate of 0.85%, 0.80%, 0.95% and 0.85%, respectively, of the Fund's average daily managed assets. Following the Mergers, RQI's management fee will stay the same.

Q. WILL I HAVE TO PAY ANY U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAXES AS A RESULT OF THE MERGERS?

A. Each Merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Assuming that the Merger of your Fund qualifies for such treatment, you will not recognize a gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the Merger. As a condition to the closing of each Merger, the relevant Funds will each receive an opinion of counsel substantially to the effect that the Merger will qualify for such treatment. Opinions of counsel are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or the courts. You should talk to your tax advisor about any state, local and other tax consequences of the Merger of your Fund. See Proposal 1 Information About the Proposed Mergers Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences.

Q. WHO WILL PAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MERGERS?

A. The expenses incurred in the Mergers will be paid by each Fund in proportion to its net assets.

Q. HOW DOES THE BOARD RECOMMEND THAT I VOTE ON THE PROPOSALS?

A. The Board of each Fund, including the Directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Funds, recommends that you vote **FOR** the Merger with respect to your Fund. In addition, the Board of RQI recommends that stockholders of RQI vote **FOR** the amendment to RQI's charter to increase the number of shares of RQI's authorized common stock, which would allow RQI to issue its shares of common stock to the Acquired Funds' stockholders to consummate all of the Mergers. As noted above, if this proposal is not approved, but the proposals approving the Mergers are approved, RQI will not have sufficient authorized but unissued capital stock to issue to all of the Acquired Funds' stockholders and will not be able to consummate all of the Mergers.

The Board of RQI also recommends that stockholders of RQI vote **FOR** the conversion of certain of RQI's investment policies from fundamental to non-fundamental policies. The conversions will not result in changes to the Fund's investment strategies, but will provide the Investment Manager with additional portfolio management flexibility in the future.

Q. WHEN ARE THE MERGERS EXPECTED TO HAPPEN?

A. Each Merger, if approved by the relevant Funds' stockholders, is expected to occur on or about December 18, 2009, but in any case before December 31, 2009. If all of the Mergers are approved, it is expected that they will occur on or about the same date.

Q. WHO CAN VOTE ON THE PROPOSALS?

A. If you owned shares of one or more of the Funds at the close of business on July 30, 2009, you are entitled to vote those shares, even if you are no longer a common stockholder of your Fund. The Fund of which you are a stockholder is named on the proxy card included with the Proxy/Prospectus. If you owned shares in more than one Fund as of July 30, 2009, you may receive more than one proxy card. You may only vote on the proposals involving your Fund(s).

Q. I AM AN INVESTOR WHO HOLDS A SMALL NUMBER OF SHARES. WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

A. Your vote makes a difference. If many stockholders just like you do not vote their proxies, the Funds may not receive enough votes to go forward with the Meeting.

Q. HOW CAN I VOTE?

- A. In addition to voting by mail by returning the enclosed proxy card(s), you may also authorize your vote by either touch-tone telephone or online via the Internet, as follows:

To vote by touch-tone telephone:

- (1) Read the Proxy/Prospectus and have your proxy card at hand.
- (2) Call the toll-free number that appears on your proxy card.
- (3) Enter the control number set out on the proxy card and follow the simple instructions.

To vote by Internet:

- (1) Read the Proxy/Prospectus and have your proxy card at hand.
- (2) Go to the website that appears on your proxy card.
- (3) Enter the control number set out on the proxy card and follow the simple instructions.

Q. WHOM DO I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

- A. If you need more information or have any questions on how to cast your vote, please call Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., the Funds proxy solicitor, at 866-615-7265.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. PLEASE VOTE PROMPTLY TO AVOID THE EXPENSE OF

ADDITIONAL SOLICITATION.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held on October 22, 2009

Please take notice that a Special Joint Meeting of Stockholders (the Meeting) of each of the above-referenced funds will be held on October 22, 2009 at InterContinental The Barclay New York, 111 East 48th Street, North Parlor Rooms I and II, New York, New York 10017 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time, for the following purposes, all of which are described in the accompanying combined Proxy Statement/Prospectus:

- PROPOSAL 1: To approve the merger of Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RLF), Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RPF) and Cohen & Steers Worldwide Realty Income Fund, Inc. (RWF) and, collectively with RLF and RPF, the Acquired Funds) with and into Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RQI) and, collectively with the Acquired Funds, the Funds and each a Fund) in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law (*stockholders of each Fund voting with respect to their Fund*);
- PROPOSAL 2: To approve an amendment to RQI s charter to increase the number of authorized shares of RQI s capital stock (*RQI stockholders voting*); and
- PROPOSAL 3: To approve the following fundamental policy changes for RQI:
- A. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from investing more than 10% of its managed assets in debt securities issued or guaranteed by real estate companies;
 - B. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from investing more than 20% of its managed assets in preferred stock or debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated securities of comparable quality; and
 - C. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from acquiring or retaining securities of any investment company, except up to the limits permitted by Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or any exemption or acquired as part of a merger.

(RQI stockholders voting on each of Proposals 3A-3C separately)

The appointed proxies will vote in their discretion on any other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Stockholders of the Funds of record at the close of business on July 30, 2009 are entitled to vote at the Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

By order of the Boards of Directors,

Francis C. Poli
Secretary of the Funds

August , 2009

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

We invite you to utilize the convenience of Internet voting at the site indicated on the enclosed proxy card(s). While at that site you will be able to enroll in our electronic delivery program so you receive future mailings relating to annual meetings as quickly as possible and will help the Fund(s) save costs. Or you may indicate your voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card, sign and date it, and return it in the envelope provided, which needs no postage if mailed in the United States. In order to save the Fund(s) any additional expense of further solicitation, please vote your proxy promptly.

PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS

August , 2009

PROXY STATEMENT FOR:

COHEN & STEERS ADVANTAGE INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS PREMIUM INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS QUALITY INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

COHEN & STEERS WORLDWIDE REALTY INCOME FUND, INC.

PROSPECTUS FOR:

COHEN & STEERS QUALITY INCOME REALTY FUND, INC.

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This combined Proxy Statement and Prospectus (the Proxy/Prospectus) is being furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Boards of Directors (each, a Board, and collectively, the Boards) of Cohen & Steers Advantage Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RLF), Cohen & Steers Premium Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RPF) and Cohen & Steers Worldwide Realty Income Fund, Inc. (RWF) and, collectively with RLF and RPF, the Acquired Funds and each an Acquired Fund) and Cohen & Steers Quality Income Realty Fund, Inc. (RQI) and, collectively with the Acquired Funds, the Funds and each a Fund) for a Joint Special Meeting of Stockholders of each Fund (the Meeting). The Meeting will be held on October 22, 2009 at InterContinental The Barclay New York, 111 East 48th Street, North Parlor Rooms I and II, New York, New York 10017 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern time. At the Meeting, stockholders of the Funds will be asked to consider and act upon the following:

- PROPOSAL 1: To approve the merger of RLF, RPF and RWF with and into RQI in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law (MGCL) (stockholders of each Fund voting with respect to their Fund);
- PROPOSAL 2: To approve an amendment to RQI s charter to increase the number of authorized shares of RQI s capital stock (RQI stockholders voting); and
- PROPOSAL 3: To approve the following fundamental policy changes for RQI:
- A. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from investing more than 10% of its managed assets in debt securities issued or guaranteed by real estate companies;
 - B. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from investing more than 20% of its managed assets in preferred stock or debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated securities of comparable quality; and
 - C. Changing from fundamental to non-fundamental the Fund s investment restriction prohibiting the Fund from acquiring or retaining securities of any investment company, except up to the limits permitted by Section 12(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), or any exemption or acquired as part of a merger.
- (RQI stockholders voting on each of Proposals 3A-3C separately)

If Proposals 1 and 2 are approved, as a result of the Mergers, each full (and fractional) share of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of each Acquired Fund (Acquired Fund Common Shares) would convert into an equivalent dollar amount (to the nearest \$0.001) of full (and fractional) shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of RQI (RQI Common Shares), based on the net asset value of each Fund. Although RQI Common Shares received in the Mergers will have the same total net asset value as Acquired Fund Common Shares held immediately before each Merger, their stock price on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) may be greater or less than the stock prices of Acquired Fund Common Shares, based on current market prices at the time of the Mergers. All RQI Common Shares currently issued and outstanding will remain issued and outstanding following the Mergers.

With respect to Proposal 1, a Merger will not be consummated unless that Merger is approved by the stockholders of RQI and the relevant Acquired Fund. The Mergers of RLF and RPF with and into RQI are not conditioned on the approval of any other Merger. However, the Merger of RWF with and into RQI will not be consummated, notwithstanding approval by the stockholders of RWF and RQI, unless the Merger of either RLF or RPF with and into RQI is approved. If stockholders of RQI approve the Mergers, but stockholders of an Acquired Fund do not approve the Merger for their Fund, that Merger will not proceed. If a Merger does not proceed, the relevant Acquired Fund will continue in operation as a separate investment company, and the Board of that Acquired Fund will separately consider such alternatives as it determines to be in the best interests of stockholders, including re-proposing the Merger. Stockholders of RQI must approve both Proposals 1 and 2 in order for all of the Mergers to proceed.

The Boards believe that combining the Funds could benefit stockholders of each Fund by providing the potential for portfolio management efficiencies, a lower total annual operating expense ratio and enhanced market liquidity for RQI Common Shares.

Stockholders of RQI also are being asked to approve an amendment to RQI s charter that would increase the number of shares of the Fund s authorized capital stock from 100 million to 300 million. If Proposal 2 is not approved, but the proposals approving the Mergers are approved, RQI will not have sufficient authorized but unissued capital stock to issue to all of the Acquired Funds stockholders and will not be able to consummate all of the Mergers. Should this occur, the Funds Boards reserve the right to consummate the Mergers of only one or two of the Acquired Funds with and into RQI and will promptly publicly announce prior to the Closing Date which Mergers will be consummated. In addition, if Proposal 2 is not approved but certain Mergers proceed, in the future RQI may not have a sufficient amount of authorized stock remaining to continue to issue to stockholders of the combined Fund in connection with RQI s dividend reinvestment plan.

In addition, stockholders of RQI also are being asked to approve certain changes to the fundamental investment policies of RQI to change from fundamental to non-fundamental certain investment restrictions, including limits on the Fund s ability to invest in (i) debt securities issued or guaranteed by real estate companies, (ii) preferred stock or debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated securities of comparable quality and (iii) other investment companies pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act. The conversions will not result in changes to RQI s investment strategies, but will provide the Fund s investment manager, Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. (the Investment Manager) with additional portfolio management flexibility in the future. Proposals 3A-3C are not conditioned on the approval of either Proposal 1 or 2, but RQI stockholders must approve each of Proposals 3A-3C separately.

RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI were incorporated in Maryland on June 21, 2000, April 11, 2002, June 16, 2004 and August 22, 2001, respectively. Each Fund is a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company with common stock listed on the NYSE. The Funds have substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies. Each Fund focuses its investments in real estate companies and is managed by the Investment Manager. Please see Proposal 1 Comparison of Investment Objectives, Strategies and Principal Risks of Investing in the Funds in this Proxy/Prospectus.

Each Merger will be effected pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, a form of which is attached to this Proxy/Prospectus as Appendix A. The material terms and conditions of the Agreements and Plans of Merger are summarized in this Proxy/Prospectus. See Proposal 1 Information About the Mergers The Agreements and Plans of Merger.

This Proxy/Prospectus serves as a prospectus for RQI Common Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), in connection with the issuance of RQI Common Shares in the Mergers.

Assuming the Funds stockholders approve the Mergers and all other conditions to the consummation of the Mergers are satisfied or waived, the Funds will file articles of merger (the Articles of Merger) with respect to each Merger with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation in Maryland (the SDAT). Each Merger will become effective when the SDAT accepts for record the Articles of Merger or at such later time, which may not exceed 30 days after the Articles of Merger are accepted for record, as specified in the Articles of Merger. The date when the Articles of Merger are accepted for record, or the later date, is referred to in this Proxy/Prospectus as the Closing Date. Each Acquired Fund, as soon as practical after the Closing Date, will terminate its registration under the 1940 Act.

Each Merger is being structured as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes. See Proposal 1 Information About the Proposed Mergers Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences. Stockholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the actual impact of the Merger of their Fund on them in light of their individual tax circumstances.

You should retain this Proxy/Prospectus for future reference as it sets forth concisely information about the Funds that you should know before voting on the proposed Mergers described herein.

A Statement of Additional Information (SAI) dated August , 2009, which contains additional information about the Mergers and the Funds, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC). The SAI, as well each Fund s Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, which highlight certain important information such as investment performance and expense and financial information, are incorporated by reference into this Proxy/Prospectus. You may receive free of charge a copy of the SAI or a Fund s Annual Report by visiting our website at www.cohenandsteers.com, by calling 800-330-7348 or by writing a Fund at the address listed above.

In addition, you can copy and review this Proxy/Prospectus and the complete filing on Form N-14 containing the Proxy/Prospectus and any of the above-referenced documents at the SEC s Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Reports and other information about each Fund are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC s website at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC at Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI common shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbols RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI, respectively. After the Closing Date, RQI Common Shares will continue to be listed on the NYSE under the symbol RQI. You also may inspect the Fund s stockholder reports, proxy materials and other information about the Funds at the NYSE.

The information contained herein concerning each Fund has been provided by, and is included herein in reliance upon, each respective Fund.

The SEC has not approved or disapproved these securities nor passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Proxy/Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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PROPOSAL 1

TO APPROVE THE MERGERS OF THE ACQUIRED FUNDS WITH AND INTO RQI IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW

SUMMARY

This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the additional information contained elsewhere in this Proxy/Prospectus and the Agreements and Plans of Merger, a form of which is attached to this Proxy/Prospectus as Appendix A.

Proposed Mergers

At meetings held on June 2, 2009, June 9-10, 2009, June 17, 2009 and June 29, 2009, the Funds' Boards, including the Directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Funds (the Independent Directors), considered and, on June 29, 2009, approved, the Agreements and Plans of Merger. As a result of the Mergers:

each full (and fractional) Acquired Fund Common Share will convert into an equivalent dollar amount (to the nearest \$0.001) of full (and fractional) RQI Common Shares, based on the net asset value per share of each Fund calculated at 4:00 p.m. on the Closing Date; and

each holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares will become a holder of RQI Common Shares and will receive, on the Closing Date, that number of full (and fractional) RQI Common Shares having an aggregate net asset value equal to the aggregate net asset value of such stockholder's Acquired Fund Common Shares as of the close of business on the Closing Date.

If a Merger is not approved, the affected Acquired Fund will continue as a separate investment company, and the Board of that Acquired Fund will separately consider such alternatives as it determines to be in the best interests of stockholders, including re-proposing the Merger.

For the reasons set forth below in Information About the Proposed Mergers Reasons for the Mergers and Board Considerations, the Board of each Fund, including the Independent Directors, have concluded that the relevant Merger(s) would be in the best interests of the Fund and its stockholders, and that the interests of Fund stockholders would not be diluted as a result of the Merger(s). **The Boards, therefore, are hereby submitting the Mergers to Fund stockholders and recommend that stockholders of each Fund vote FOR the Merger affecting their Fund.**

Because the Mergers have been approved by the Board of each Fund, as applicable, including at least 75% of the Continuing Directors (as defined herein), under the Funds' charters, approval of each Merger requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of each Fund involved in that Merger. See Voting Information below. The stockholders of RLF, RPF and RWF will vote separately on the Merger involving their Fund. The stockholders of RQI will vote separately on each Merger. In addition, the Merger of RWF with and into RQI is conditioned on the approval of the Merger of either RLF or RPF with and into RQI. If stockholders approve the Mergers and all applicable conditions have been satisfied, the Closing Date of the Mergers is expected to be December 18, 2009, but in any event no later than December 31, 2009. If Proposal 2 is not approved, but the proposals approving the Mergers are approved, RQI will not have sufficient authorized but unissued capital stock to issue to all of the Acquired Funds' stockholders and will not be able to consummate all of the Mergers. Should this occur, the Funds' Boards reserve the right to consummate the Mergers of only one or two of the Acquired Funds with and into RQI and will promptly publicly announce prior to the Closing Date which Mergers will be consummated. In addition, if Proposal 2 is not approved but certain Mergers proceed, in the future RQI may not have a sufficient amount of authorized stock remaining to continue to issue to stockholders of the combined Fund in connection with RQI's dividend reinvestment plan.

Prior to completion of each Merger, the affected Funds will each have received an opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP substantially to the effect that the Merger will qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, for federal income tax purposes, (i) no gain or loss will generally be recognized by the Acquired Fund or the holders of Acquired Fund Common Shares as a result of the Merger, (ii) the aggregate tax basis of the RQI Common Shares received by the holders of Acquired Fund Common Shares will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the holders' Acquired Fund Common Shares and (iii) a holder's holding period for RQI Common Shares will generally be determined by including the period for which he or she held Acquired Fund Common Shares that are converted pursuant to the Merger, provided that such shares were held as capital assets. For more information about the federal income tax consequences of the Mergers, see Information about the Proposed Mergers' Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences below.

Comparison of Investment Objectives, Strategies and Principal Risks of Investing in the Funds

The Funds have substantially similar investment objectives, which are, primarily, high current income through investment in real estate securities (for RWF, high current income) and, secondarily, capital appreciation, and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies. Each Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Each Fund focuses its investments in equity securities, including common stocks, preferred stocks and other equity securities, of U.S. real estate companies; however, RWF focuses its investments in global real estate companies, which includes U.S. real estate companies. Each Fund also is managed by the Investment Manager. Cohen & Steers Europe S.A. (CNS Europe), Cohen & Steers UK Limited (CNS UK) and Cohen & Steers Asia Limited (CNS Asia) also serve as sub-investment advisers to RWF (collectively, the Subadvisers). The Investment Manager expects to appoint, subject to approval of RQI's Board, the Subadvisers to serve as subadvisers to the combined Fund effective immediately following the Closing Date.

Under normal circumstances, each of RLF and RPF invests at least 90% of its managed assets in common stocks, preferred stocks and other equity securities issued by real estate companies. Under normal circumstances, each of RLF, RPF and RQI invests at least 80% of its managed assets invested in income producing equity securities issued by real estate investment trusts (REITs) (for RQI, high quality REITs). Under normal circumstances, RWF invests at least 80% of its managed assets in a portfolio of income producing global real estate equity securities, with up to 70% of its managed assets allocated to common stocks (including REIT shares) issued by real estate companies (approximately 75% of which are companies located in Asia, Europe and Canada and approximately 25% of which are U.S. companies) and up to 30% of its managed assets allocated to preferred and other fixed-income securities of U.S. and non-U.S. companies. RLF and RPF each may invest up to 20% of its managed assets in foreign securities. RQI may invest up to 25% of its managed assets in foreign securities, including up to 15% of its assets in companies located in emerging market countries. RWF may invest up to 100% of its assets in foreign securities, and expects to have investments in at least three countries, including the United States. RWF, under normal market conditions, invests primarily in developed countries, but may invest up to 15% of its managed assets in emerging market countries. As used in this Proxy/Prospectus, managed assets are a Fund's net assets applicable to shares of its common stock plus the liquidation preference of auction market preferred securities (AMPS), if any, and the outstanding balance of its borrowings, if any.

Each Fund may invest in preferred securities and other fixed income or debt securities issued by any type of company and may invest in non-investment grade preferred stock or debt securities, although the percentages by Fund vary. RLF, RPF and RQI each have a fundamental investment restriction to not invest more than 25%, 25% and 20%, respectively, of its managed assets in non-investment grade preferred stock or debt securities, while RWF has a non-fundamental investment restriction to limit investments to 30% in such securities. RQI's stockholders are being asked in Proposal 3B to approve converting RQI's investment restriction to a non-fundamental policy that may be changed by the Board without stockholder approval. Each Fund generally will not invest more than 10% of its managed assets in the securities of one issuer.

Each Fund may purchase and sell derivative instruments such as exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on securities (including securities of investment companies and baskets of securities), indexes,

and other financial instruments; purchase and sell financial futures contracts and options thereon, enter into various interest rate transactions, such as swaps, caps, floors or collars or credit transactions; equity index, total returns and credit default swaps; forward contracts; and structured investments. In addition, the Funds may enter into various currency transactions, such as forward currency contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps and options on currency or currency futures. The Funds also may purchase and sell derivative instruments that combine features of these instruments.

Each Fund may engage in securities lending up to 33-1/3% of managed assets, and may acquire or maintain securities in investment companies in accordance with the limits set forth in Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act.

The fundamental investment restrictions to which the Funds are subject are similar but not identical.

Because of their substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) principal investment strategies, the Funds are subject to similar investment risks. Because each Fund concentrate its assets in the real estate industry, a Fund's investments will be closely linked to the performance of the real estate markets. Property values may fall due to increasing vacancies or declining rents resulting from economic, legal, cultural or technological developments. REIT prices also may drop because of the failure of borrowers to pay their loans and poor management. Many REITs utilize leverage, which increases investment risk and could adversely affect a REIT's operations and market value in periods of rising interest rates as well as risks normally associated with debt financing. In addition, there are specific risks associated with particular sectors of real estate investments such as retail, office, hotel, healthcare, and multifamily properties.

When the Investment Manager believes that market or general economic conditions justify a temporary defensive position, each Fund may deviate from its investment objectives and invest all or any portion of its assets in investment grade debt securities, without regard to whether the issuer is a real estate company. When and to the extent a Fund assumes a temporary defensive position, it may not pursue or achieve its investment objectives.

None of the Funds are intended to be a complete investment program, and there is no assurance that any of the Funds will achieve their investment objectives.

The preceding summary of the Funds' investment objectives and certain policies and related risks should be considered in conjunction with the discussion below under Comparison of Investment Objectives, Strategies and Principal Risks of Investing in the Funds' Investment Objectives, Strategies and Principal Risks, Additional Investment Activities, Risk Factors and Investment Restrictions which contains a more complete comparison of the Funds' investment objectives, strategies, policies and restrictions and related risks. The investment strategies, policies and restrictions of RQI will be the same for the combined Fund, including any changes approved by RQI's stockholders set forth in Proposal 3 below.

Fees and Expenses

Each Fund has employed leverage as part of its investment strategy since shortly after its inception. Historically, the Funds' leverage has consisted of proceeds from the issuance of AMPS. In February 2008, the auction markets for these types of securities started to fail, and the Funds have, since that time, redeemed all of their outstanding shares of AMPS by borrowing funds pursuant to lines of credit with a financial institution (borrowings) or by cash proceeds from the sale of portfolio securities. As of December 31, 2008, each Fund's most recent fiscal year end, each Fund used a combination of AMPS and borrowings to finance its leverage strategy. On June 30, 2009, the Funds publicly announced their intent to redeem all of their outstanding shares of AMPS through the incurrence of additional borrowings. These redemptions were completed on July 24, 2009.

To complete the AMPS redemptions and maintain the Funds' leverage strategies at their levels at the time of such redemptions, the Funds relied, and continue to rely, on an exemptive order from the SEC providing temporary relief from the 300% asset coverage requirements for debt set forth in Section 18 of the 1940 Act. This

allowed each Fund to redeem its then-outstanding AMPS by borrowing funds pursuant to a line of credit under the same 200% asset coverage requirements set forth in Section 18 of the 1940 Act for AMPS, instead of the statutorily-imposed asset coverage ratio for debt of 300%. This relief is temporary and, unless extended by the SEC, will expire on October 31, 2010.

Upon the Closing Date, assuming each of the Mergers is approved, the existing credit arrangements for the Acquired Funds will terminate in accordance with their terms, and RQI's lender will remain the sole lender to the combined Fund, which will assume the debt of the Acquired Funds as part of the Mergers. After the Mergers, the amount available under the credit arrangement will be sufficient for the combined Fund to maintain its current leverage strategy, although the amount of leverage employed by RQI may change over time. In addition, there is no guarantee that borrowing rates under the existing or future credit arrangements will remain the same.

Following completion of the Mergers, the Investment Manager expects the total annual operating expenses borne by the stockholders of the combined Fund to vary, in some circumstances substantially, from the expense information provided in each Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, as the combined Fund will no longer be paying dividend payments on AMPS (which are not reflected as Fund expenses), but will be paying interest and fees on borrowings, including the borrowings assumed from the Acquired Funds. In light of the material change in the Funds' capital structure that has occurred since December 31, 2008, the fee table below reflects the Funds' actual expenses as of April 30, 2009, on an annualized basis, assuming each Fund replaced with borrowings all of its AMPS outstanding as of April 30, 2009 and had credit arrangements with RQI's lender, on the same terms as in effect for RQI and with reduced lines of credit as set forth in the footnotes to the table below. The Funds expect that the expenses of the stockholders of the combined Fund will more closely reflect the expense structure shown in the table below instead of the expenses borne by the Funds' stockholders for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2008.

Fee Table

After the Mergers, the combined Fund is anticipated to have a lower total annual operating expense ratio, including the cost of leverage (interest and fees on borrowings), than each Fund's total annual operating expense ratio individually prior to the Mergers (including interest and fees on borrowings). As described in this combined Proxy/Prospectus, except for RWF, an unfavorable vote by the stockholders of one of the Acquired Funds will not affect the implementation of a Merger by another Acquired Fund if approved by stockholders of such other Acquired Fund and RQI. However, the Merger of RWF with and into RQI is contingent on either RLF or RPF participating in a Merger.

The table below reflects the Funds' expense ratios (based upon each Fund's net assets) as of April 30, 2009, on an annualized basis, assuming each Fund replaced with borrowings all of its AMPS outstanding as of April 30, 2009 and had credit arrangements with RQI's lender, on the same terms as in effect for RQI and with reduced lines of credit as set forth in the footnotes to the tables below. Accordingly, the actual fees and expenses of each Fund and the combined Fund as of the Closing Date can be expected to differ from those reflected in the table below due to changes in net assets and interest rates from those at April 30, 2009 and other factors. Changes in net assets may result from market appreciation or depreciation and other factors occurring between April 30, 2009 and the Closing Date. As a general matter, changes (positive or negative) in a Fund's expense ratio resulting from fluctuations in the Fund's net assets will be borne by that Fund's stockholders and, after a Merger, the combined Fund. The table does not reflect non-recurring estimated Merger expenses of approximately \$885,000, of which \$214,000 is attributable to RLF, \$236,000 is attributable to RPF, \$124,000 is attributable to RWF, and \$311,000 is attributable to RQI. These estimated expenses are equal to 0.19% of the net assets of each individual Fund as well as the combined Fund.

Each Merger is expected to result in a lower total annual operating expense ratio, including the costs of leverage, for each participating Fund. It is anticipated that the most likely expense ratio for the combined Fund will be achieved as a result of all of the Mergers being approved and consummated, and that the least favorable

expense ratio for the combined Fund will result if RLF and RWF are the only Acquired Funds that participate in the Mergers. The following table presents the estimated operating expenses as a result of all Funds approving and participating in the Mergers. Because each Acquired Fund's participation in a Merger is not contingent on whether a Merger is approved by any of the other Acquired Funds (other than RWF, for which participation is contingent on either RLF or RPF participating in a Merger), several Fund combinations are possible and the effects on expenses for all possible combinations are not illustrated in the expense table below.

| | RLF | RPF | RWF | RQI | Pro Forma Combined Fund (RQI) ¹ |
|---|--------|--------|-------|--------|--|
| Stockholder Transaction Expenses | | | | | |
| Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price) ² | None | None | None | None | None |
| Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees ³ | None | None | None | None | None |
| Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock)⁴ | | | | | |
| Management Fees ⁵ | 1.47% | 1.35% | 1.64% | 1.45% | 1.46% |
| Other Expenses | 0.75% | 0.71% | 1.38% | 0.58% | 0.49% |
| Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds ⁶ | 1.36% | 1.45% | 1.53% | 1.36% | 1.33% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses | 3.58% | 3.51% | 4.55% | 3.39% | 3.28% |
| Expense Waivers ⁵ | -0.24% | -0.25% | 0.00% | -0.24% | -0.24% |
| Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses ⁷ | 3.34% | 3.26% | 4.55% | 3.15% | 3.04% ⁸ |

1. The Pro Forma Combined Fund column assumes all of the proposed Mergers were consummated on April 30, 2009.
2. Shares of the Funds' common stock are traded on the secondary market and, as such, transactions are not subject to sales charges, but may be subject to brokerage commissions or other charges. The table does not include any underwriting commissions paid by stockholders in the initial public offering of the common stock of each Fund.
3. Each participant in a Fund's dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP) pays a proportionate share of the brokerage commissions incurred with respect to open market purchases, if any, made by the Fund's Plan Agent (defined below).
4. Annual Expenses are stated as a percentage of net assets attributable to the Funds' shares of common stock, assuming leverage (borrowings) as discussed above.
5. Reflects the effective management fee rate paid by each Fund's common stockholders. RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI are charged a management fee of 0.85%, 0.80%, 0.95% and 0.85%, respectively, of the Fund's average daily managed assets. The combined Fund will pay a contractual management fee of 0.85% of its average daily managed assets. The Investment Manager has contractually agreed to waive a portion of each Fund's management fee on a declining annual basis. The contractual fee waiver arrangement for RQI also is reflected in the Pro Forma Combined Fund column. For more information on the Funds' contractual fee waivers, please see Information About Management of the Funds' Investment Manager and Subadvisers.
6. The expenses related to the Funds' borrowings, including certain non-interest expenses, are reflected under Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds. Prior to July 16 and July 17, 2009, RLF and RWF had separate lines of credit of \$165 million and \$85 million, respectively. On July 16 and July 17, 2009 RLF and RWF terminated their existing lines of credit and entered into new lines of credit of \$110 million and \$75 million, respectively, on the contractual terms currently in place for the other Funds. As such, the amounts in the table for RLF and RWF under Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds assume each Fund had a line of credit with its current lender as of April 30, 2009. As of April 30, 2009, RPF and RQI had separate lines of credit of \$210 million and \$250 million, respectively. On July 15, 2009, RPF and RQI reduced their lines of credit to \$125 million and \$150 million, respectively. The Pro Forma Combined Fund column assumes a single line of credit of \$460 million as of April 30, 2009 (on the terms and conditions currently in place for RQI). The expenses for each Fund set forth in the table above are based on the reduced lines.

7. As noted above, as of December 31, 2008, the Funds' leverage strategy consisted of a mix of AMPS and borrowings. Annual expenses, stated as a percentage of net assets attributable to the Funds' shares of common stock, as of December 31, 2008, were as follows:

| | RLF | RPF | RWF | RQI | Pro Forma Combined Fund (RQI)* |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| Management Fees** | 1.50% | 1.44% | 1.59% | 1.49% | 1.49% |
| Other Expenses | 0.27% | 0.23% | 0.53% | 0.24% | 0.17% |
| Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds*** | 0.60% | 0.38% | 0.39% | 0.38% | 0.43% |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses**** | 2.37% | 2.05% | 2.51% | 2.11% | 2.09% |
| Expense Waivers** | -0.37% | -0.34% | -0.33% | -0.35% | -0.35% |
| Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses**** | 2.00% | 1.71% | 2.18% | 1.76% | 1.74% |
| Dividends Paid to AMPS Holders**** | 2.23% | 2.81% | 2.53% | 2.57% | 2.38% |
| Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses and Dividends Paid to AMPS Holders | 4.23% | 4.52% | 4.71% | 4.33% | 4.12% |

* The Pro Forma Combined Fund column assumes all of the proposed Mergers were consummated on January 1, 2008.

** Reflects the effective management fee rate paid by each Fund's common stockholders. RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI are charged a management fee of 0.85%, 0.80%, 0.95% and 0.85%, respectively, of the Fund's average daily managed assets. The combined Fund will pay a contractual management fee of 0.85% of its average daily managed assets. The Investment Manager had contractually agreed to waive a portion of each Fund's management fee on a declining annual basis. The contractual fee waiver arrangement for RQI also is reflected in the Pro Forma Combined Fund column. For more information on the Funds' contractual fee waivers, please see Information About Management of the Funds' Investment Manager and Subadvisers.

*** The expenses related to the Funds' borrowings, including certain non-interest expenses and the payments to broker-dealers that have entered into agreements with the auction agent for the Funds' AMPS, are reflected under Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds. As of December 31, 2008, RLF and RWF had separate lines of credit of \$165 million and \$85 million, respectively. As of the same date, RPF and RQI had separate lines of credit of \$210 million and \$250 million, respectively. The Pro Forma Combined Fund column assumes a single line of credit of \$710 million with RQI's current lender during the twelve-month pro forma period ended December 31, 2008 (on the terms and conditions currently in place for RQI).

**** Each of the Funds had outstanding multiple series of AMPS as of December 31, 2008. Because dividend payments to AMPS holders are not expenses of the Funds under applicable accounting rules, Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses and Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses exclude the effect of these payments.

The Pro Forma Combined Fund column assumes the combined Fund acquired all of the outstanding AMPS of the Acquired Funds as of January 1, 2008, except for the redemption of \$76.5 million in Series M7 AMPS of RWF in connection with the Merger of RWF with and into RQI. The redemption would have been effected to avoid potential tax issues arising from similar AMPS series outstanding in the combined Fund.

If only the Mergers of RLF and RWF with and into RQI were consummated, the combined Fund's Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses and Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses and Dividends Paid to AMPS Holders for the twelve-month pro forma period ended December 31, 2008 would have been 1.78% and 4.23%, respectively.

8. If only the Mergers of RLF and RWF with and into RQI were consummated, the combined Fund's Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses as of April 30, 2009 on an annualized basis would have been 3.08%.

Expense Example

The following example is intended to help you compare the costs of an investment in the combined Fund (RQI), after the Mergers are consummated, with the costs of investing in a Fund before the Mergers. The example is based on each Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses as set forth in the Fee Table, which are based on an annualization of each Fund's actual expense ratio as of April 30, 2009, and assumes the assumptions set forth in the table above. An investor would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment in shares of a Fund's common stock, assuming a 5% annual return on net asset value through the period and no changes to Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (except to account for the Funds' contractual expense waiver arrangements) for each Fund for years 1 through 10:

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| RLF | \$ 34 | \$ 106 | \$ 182 | \$ 382 |
| RPF | \$ 33 | \$ 104 | \$ 178 | \$ 375 |
| RWF | \$ 46 | \$ 137 | \$ 230 | \$ 465 |
| RQI | \$ 32 | \$ 100 | \$ 173 | \$ 364 |
| Pro Forma Combined Fund ¹ | \$ 31 | \$ 97 | \$ 167 | \$ 354 |

1. Assumes consummation of all of the Mergers. As discussed above, except with respect to RWF, an unfavorable vote by stockholders of one of the Acquired Funds will not affect the consummation of the Merger of another Acquired Fund. As such, there could be other combinations of consummated Mergers, resulting in different expenses for the resulting combined Fund.

The example set forth above assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at net asset value. The example should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or annual rates of return. Actual expenses or annual rates of return may be more or less than those assumed for purposes of the example.

COMPARISON OF INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND PRINCIPAL RISKS OF

INVESTING IN THE FUNDS

Investment Objectives, Strategies and Principal Risks

The Funds have substantially similar investment objectives, which are, primarily, high current income through investment in real estate securities (for RWF, high current income) and, secondarily, capital appreciation, and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies. Each Fund is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. Each Fund focuses its investments in equity securities, including common stocks, preferred stocks and other equity securities, of real estate companies; however, RWF invests in global real estate companies, which includes U.S. real estate companies. Each Fund also is managed by the Investment Manager, and CNS Europe, CNS UK and CNS Asia also serve as sub-investment advisers to RWF. The Investment Manager expects to appoint, subject to approval of RQI's Board, the Subadvisers to serve as subadvisers to the combined Fund effective immediately following the Closing Date. For more information on the Subadvisers, see [Information about Management of the Funds Investment Manager and Subadvisers](#) below.

Under normal circumstances, each of RLF and RPF invests at least 90% of its managed assets in common stocks, preferred stocks and other equity securities issued by real estate companies. Under normal circumstances, each of RLF, RPF and RQI invests at least 80% of its managed assets invested in income producing equity securities issued by REITs (for RQI, high quality REITs). Under normal circumstances, RWF invests at least 80% of its managed assets in a portfolio of income producing global real estate equity securities, with up to 70% of its managed assets allocated to common stocks (including REIT shares) issued by real estate companies (approximately 75% of which are companies located in Asia, Europe and Canada and approximately 25% of which are U.S. companies) and up to 30% of its managed assets allocated to preferred and other fixed-income securities of U.S. and non-U.S. companies.

In making investment decisions with respect to common stocks and other equity securities, including securities of REITs in which each Fund invests, the Investment Manager relies on a fundamental analysis of each company. Securities are evaluated for their potential to provide an attractive total return, through a combination of dividend income and capital appreciation. The Investment Manager reviews a company's potential for success in light of the company's industry and sector position, and economic and market conditions. The Investment Manager evaluates a number of company-specific factors, including quality of management, financial condition, corporate governance, business plan and cash flow and dividend growth potential. The Investment Manager evaluates a security's valuation on one or more of the following criteria: price/cash flow multiple, discounted cash flow, price/net asset value and dividend yield.

In making investment decisions with respect to preferred securities and other fixed income securities in which each Fund invests, the Investment Manager seeks to select securities it views as undervalued on the basis of risk and return profiles. In making these determinations, the Investment Manager evaluates the fundamental characteristics of an issuer, including an issuer's creditworthiness, and also takes into account prevailing market factors. In analyzing credit quality, the Investment Manager considers not only fundamental analysis, but also an issuer's corporate and capital structure and the placement of the preferred or debt securities within that structure. The Investment Manager takes into account other factors, such as call and other structural features, event risk, the likely directions of interest rates and relative value versus other income security classes, among others. Each Fund generally will not invest more than 10% of its managed assets in the securities of one issuer.

The combined Fund will continue to employ the same principal investment strategies as RQI.

Each Fund may invest in, among other things, the types of securities and instruments described below:

Real Estate Companies

For purposes of each Fund's investment policies, a real estate company is one that:

derives at least 50% of its revenues from the ownership, construction, financing, management or sale of commercial, industrial, or residential real estate; or

has at least 50% of its assets in such real estate.

Under normal market conditions, each Fund invests at least 80% of its managed assets in the equity securities of real estate companies. These equity securities consist of:

common stocks (including REIT shares);

preferred stocks;

rights or warrants to purchase common and preferred stocks; and

securities convertible into common and preferred stocks where the conversion feature represents, in the Investment Manager's view, a significant element of the securities' value.

Real Estate Investment Trusts

A REIT is a company dedicated to owning, and usually operating, income producing real estate, or to financing real estate. REITs pool investors funds for investment primarily in income producing real estate or real estate-related loans or interests. A REIT is not taxed on income distributed to stockholders if, among other things, it distributes to its stockholders substantially all of its taxable income (other than net capital gains) for each taxable year. As a result, REITs tend to pay relatively higher dividends than other types of companies and the Funds intend to use these REIT dividends in an effort to meet the current income goal of their investment objectives.

REITs can generally be classified as equity REITs, mortgage REITs and hybrid REITs. Equity REITs, which invest the majority of their assets directly in real property, derive their income primarily from rents. Equity REITs can also realize capital gains by selling properties that have appreciated in value. Mortgage REITs, which invest the majority of their assets in real estate mortgages, derive their income primarily from interest payments. Hybrid REITs combine the characteristics of both equity REITs and mortgage REITs. RLF, RPF and RWF do not currently intend to invest more than 10% of their managed assets in mortgage REITs or hybrid REITs. RQI is not limited in the amount of its assets it may invest in these types of REITs.

Foreign (Non-U.S.) Real Estate Companies

Each Fund is permitted to invest in global real estate companies, including those located outside the United States. RWF may invest up to 100% of its managed assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers or in securities that are denominated in various foreign currencies or multinational currency units, and expects to have investments in at least three countries, including the United States. RWF, under normal market conditions, invests primarily in developed countries, but may invest up to 15% of its managed assets in emerging market countries. RLF and RPF each may invest up to 20% of its managed assets in foreign securities. RQI may invest up to 25% of its managed assets in foreign securities, including up to 15% of its assets in companies located in emerging market countries.

These companies include, but are not limited to, companies with similar characteristics to the REIT structure, in which revenue primarily consists of rent derived from owned, income-producing real estate properties, dividend distributions as a percentage of taxable net income are high (generally greater than 80%).

Preferred Securities

The Funds may invest, to varying degrees, in preferred securities issued by real estate companies, including REITs, and other types of issuers. There are two basic types of preferred securities. The first, sometimes referred to in this Proxy/Prospectus as traditional preferred securities, consists of preferred stock issued by an entity taxable as a corporation. Preferred stocks are considered equity securities. The second basic type is referred to in this Proxy/Prospectus as hybrid-preferred securities. Hybrid-preferred securities are usually issued by a trust or limited partnership and often represent preferred interests in subordinated debt instruments issued by a corporation for whose benefit the trust or partnership was established. Hybrid-preferred securities are considered debt securities. Preferred securities pay fixed or floating dividends to investors and have preference over common stock in the payment of dividends and in the liquidation of a company's assets. This means that a company must pay dividends on preferred stock before paying dividends on its common stock. Preferred stockholders usually have no right to vote for corporate directors or on other matters. The hybrid and REIT preferred securities in which the Funds invest do not qualify for the dividends received deduction (the DRD) and are not expected to provide significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income. As a result, any corporate stockholder who otherwise would qualify for the DRD, and any individual stockholder who otherwise would qualify to be taxed at long-term capital gain rates on qualified dividend income, should assume that none of the distributions the stockholder receives from a Fund attributable to hybrid or REIT preferred securities will qualify for the DRD or provide significant benefits under the rules relating to qualified dividend income. Distributions received from a Fund attributable to traditional preferred securities, other than those issued by REITs, generally would qualify for the DRD as to any corporate stockholder and generally would qualify to be taxed at long-term capital gains rates as to any individual stockholder.

Debt Securities

Each Fund may invest in debt securities issued by real estate companies, including REITs, and other types of issuers. The Fund's investments in debt securities may include investments in convertible debt securities, convertible preferred securities, corporate debt securities issued by domestic and non-U.S. corporations and government debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or a non-U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities, such as mortgage debt securities.

Lower-Rated Securities

Each Fund is permitted to invest in preferred stock and debt securities rated below investment grade and equivalent unrated securities of comparable quality as determined by the Investment Manager. Each of RLF, RPF and RQI may not purchase preferred stock and debt securities rated below investment grade and unrated securities of comparable quality, if, as a result, more than 20% (25% for RLF and RPF) of the Fund's managed assets would then be invested in such securities. RWF may not purchase securities rated below investment grade and unrated securities of comparable quality, if, as a result, more than 30% of the Fund's managed assets would then be invested in such securities.

Securities rated non-investment grade (lower than BBB- by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group (S&P)) or lower than Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's)) are sometimes referred to as high yield or junk bonds. RQI may only invest in high yield securities that are rated CCC higher by S&P, or rated Caa or higher by Moody's, or unrated securities determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality. The issuers of these securities have a currently identifiable vulnerability to default and such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest. The Funds will not invest in securities that are in default at the time of purchase. For a description of S&P and Moody's ratings, see Appendix D to this Proxy/Prospectus.

Additional Investment Activities

Derivatives Transactions

The Funds may, but are not required to, use, without limit, various strategic transactions described below to seek to generate total return, facilitate portfolio management and mitigate risks. Although the Investment Manager may seek to use these kinds of transactions to further a Fund's investment objectives, no assurance can be given that they will achieve this result.

The Funds may enter into exchange-listed and over-the-counter put and call options on securities (including securities of investment companies and baskets of securities), indexes, and other financial instruments; purchase and sell financial futures contracts and options thereon; enter into various interest rate transactions, such as swaps, caps, floors or collars or credit transactions; equity index, total return and credit default swaps; forward contracts; and structured investments. In addition, the Funds may enter into various currency transactions, such as forward currency contracts, currency futures contracts, currency swaps or options on currency or currency futures. The Funds also may purchase and sell derivative instruments that combine features of these instruments. The Funds may invest in other types of derivatives, structured and similar instruments which are not currently available but which may be developed in the future. Collectively, all of the above are referred to as Derivatives Transactions.

Securities Lending

Each Fund may lend portfolio securities to broker/dealers or other institutions. The borrower must maintain with a Fund cash or equivalent collateral equal to at least 100% of the market value of the securities loaned. During the time portfolio securities are on loan, the borrower pays the Fund any dividends or interest paid on the securities. The Fund may invest the collateral and earn additional income or receive an agreed upon amount of interest income from the borrower. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the Fund or the borrower. The Funds may pay reasonable administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan. The Funds do not have the right to vote securities on loan, but would terminate the loan and regain the right to vote if that were considered important with respect to the investment. A Fund may lose money if a borrower defaults on its obligation to return securities and the value of the collateral held by the Fund is insufficient to replace the loaned securities. In addition, each Fund is responsible for any loss that might result from its investment of the borrower's collateral.

Other Investment Companies

Each Fund may invest in other investment companies to the extent permitted by Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act. Each Fund also may invest in other investment companies either during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash or during periods when there is a shortage of attractive opportunities in the market. As a stockholder in an investment company, a Fund would bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's advisory and other fees and expenses with respect to assets so invested. Common stockholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. The securities of other investment companies may also be leveraged and will therefore be subject to the same leverage risks to which the Fund is subject. Investment companies may have investment policies that differ from those of the Funds. In addition, to the extent a Fund invests in other investment companies, the Fund will be dependent upon the investment and research abilities of persons other than the Investment Manager.

In accordance with Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act, a Fund may be limited in the amount the Fund and its affiliates, including the other Funds, can invest in any one fund (a Portfolio Fund) to 3% of the Portfolio Fund's total outstanding stock. As a result, the Fund may hold a smaller position in a Portfolio Fund than if it were not subject to this restriction. To comply with provisions of the 1940 Act, on any matter upon which Portfolio Fund stockholders are solicited to vote the Investment Manager may be required to vote Portfolio Fund shares in the same general proportion as shares held by other stockholders of the Portfolio Fund.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities

RQI and RPF may invest without limit in restricted and illiquid securities, whereas RLF and RWF may each invest up to 10% of its managed assets in such securities. Illiquid securities include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities the disposition of which is restricted under the federal securities laws), securities that may only be resold pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act but that are deemed to be illiquid, and repurchase agreements with maturities in excess of seven days. Each Fund's Board or its delegate has the ultimate authority to determine, to the extent permissible under the federal securities laws, which securities are liquid or illiquid for purposes of the Fund's investment limitations, if applicable. The Boards have delegated to the Investment Manager the day-to-day determination of the illiquidity of any security held by the Funds, although they have retained oversight and ultimate responsibility for such determinations. Although no definitive liquidity criteria are used, the Boards and/or the Investment Manager will consider factors such as (i) the nature of the market for a security (including the institutional private resale market; the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security; the amount of time normally needed to dispose of the security; and the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of transfer), (ii) the terms of certain securities or other instruments allowing for the disposition to a third party or the issuer thereof (*e.g.*, certain repurchase obligations and demand instruments) and (iii) other permissible relevant factors.

Other Investments

Each Fund's cash reserves, held to provide sufficient flexibility to take advantage of new opportunities for investments and for other cash needs, are invested in money market instruments. Money market instruments in which each Fund may invest its cash reserves will generally consist of obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government, its agencies or instrumentalities and such obligations that are subject to repurchase agreements and commercial paper.

Portfolio Turnover

The Funds may engage in portfolio trading when considered appropriate, but short-term trading will not be used as the primary means of achieving a Fund's investment objectives. However, there are no limits on the rate of portfolio turnover, and investments may be sold without regard to length of time held when, in the opinion of

the Investment Manager, investment considerations warrant such action. A higher turnover rate results in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses which are borne by a Fund. High portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net short-term capital gains by a Fund which, when distributed to stockholders, will be taxable as ordinary income.

Temporary Defensive Position

Upon the Investment Manager's recommendation, during periods of unusual adverse market condition and in order to keep a Fund's cash fully invested, the Fund may deviate from its investment objectives and invest all or any portion of its assets in, for RLF, RPF and RWF, investment grade debt securities, and for RQI, short-term debt instruments, government securities, cash or cash equivalents, without regard to whether the issuer is a real estate company. In such a case, the Fund may not pursue or achieve its investment objectives.

Risk Factors

Because of their substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies, the Funds are subject to similar investment risks. There is no guarantee that each Fund's common stock will not lose value. This means the stockholders of each Fund including the combined Fund could lose money. The following discussion describes the principal and certain other risks that may affect the Funds.

Market Risk

An investment in a Fund represents an indirect investment in the common stock, preferred securities and other securities owned by the Fund, substantially all of which are traded on a domestic or foreign securities exchange or in the over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities, like other investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. A Fund's common stock, at any point in time, may be worth less than what was initially invested, even after taking into account the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. Each Fund utilizes leverage, which magnifies market risk.

Risks of Securities Linked to the Real Estate Market

Because each Fund concentrates its assets in the real estate industry, an investment in a Fund will be significantly impacted by the performance of the real estate market. The Funds do not invest in real estate directly, but because of each Fund's policy of concentration in the securities of companies in the real estate industry, the Funds also are subject to the risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate. These risks include:

declines in the value of real estate;

risks related to general and local economic conditions;

possible lack of availability of mortgage funds;

overbuilding;

extended vacancies of properties;

increased competition;

increases in property taxes and operating expenses;

changes in zoning laws;

losses due to costs resulting from the clean-up of environmental problems;

liability to third parties for damages resulting from environmental problems;

casualty or condemnation losses;

limitations on rents;

changes in neighborhood values and the appeal of properties to tenants;

changes in interest rates;

financial condition of tenants, buyers and sellers of real estate; and

quality of maintenance, insurance and management services.

Thus, the value of a Fund's common stock may change at different rates compared to the value of shares of a registered investment company with investments in a mix of different industries and will depend on the general condition of the economy. An economic downturn could have a material adverse effect on the real estate markets and on real estate companies in which the Fund invests, which in turn could result in the Fund not achieving its investment objectives.

Real property investments are subject to varying degrees of risk. The yields available from investments in real estate depend on the amount of income and capital appreciation generated by the related properties. Income and real estate values may also be adversely affected by such factors as applicable laws (*e.g.*, Americans with Disabilities Act and tax laws), interest rate levels and the availability of financing. If the properties do not generate sufficient income to meet operating expenses, including, where applicable, debt service, ground lease payments, tenant improvements, third-party leasing commissions and other capital expenditures, the income and ability of the real estate company to make payments of any interest and principal on its debt securities will be adversely affected. In addition, real property may be subject to the quality of credit extended and defaults by borrowers and tenants. The performance of the economy in each of the regions in which the real estate owned by a portfolio company is located affects occupancy, market rental rates and expenses and, consequently, has an impact on the income from such properties and their underlying values. The financial results of major local employers also may have an impact on the cash flow and value of certain properties. In addition, real estate investments are relatively illiquid and, therefore, the ability of real estate companies to vary their portfolios promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions is limited. A real estate company may also have joint venture investments in certain of its properties and, consequently, its ability to control decisions relating to such properties may be limited.

Real property investments are also subject to risks which are specific to the investment sector or type of property in which the real estate companies are investing. These risks include the following:

Retail Properties. Retail properties are affected by the overall health of the applicable economy. A retail property may be adversely affected by the growth of alternative forms of retailing, bankruptcy, decline in drawing power, departure or cessation of operations of an anchor tenant, a shift in consumer demand due to demographic changes, and/or changes in consumer preference (for example, to discount retailers) and spending patterns. A retail property may also be adversely affected if a significant tenant ceases operation at such location, voluntarily or otherwise. Certain tenants at retail properties may be entitled to terminate their leases if an anchor tenant ceases operations at such property.

Office Properties. Office properties generally require their owners to expend significant amounts for general capital improvements, tenant improvements and costs of reletting space. In addition, office properties that are not equipped to accommodate the needs of modern businesses may become functionally obsolete and thus noncompetitive. Office properties are affected by the overall health of the economy and other factors such as a downturn in the businesses operated by their tenants, obsolescence and non-competitiveness. The risks of such an adverse effect is increased if the property revenue is dependent on a single tenant or if there is a significant concentration of tenants in a particular business or industry.

Hotel Properties. The risks of hotel properties include, among other things, the necessity of a high level of continuing capital expenditures to keep necessary furniture, fixtures and equipment updated, competition from other hotels, increases in operating costs (which increases may not necessarily be offset in the future by increased room rates), dependence on business and commercial travelers and tourism, increases in fuel costs and other expenses of travel, changes to regulation of operating liquor and other licenses, and adverse effects of general and local economic conditions. Due to the fact that hotel rooms are generally rented for short periods of time, hotel properties tend to be more sensitive to adverse economic conditions and competition than many other commercial properties.

Also, hotels may be operated pursuant to franchise, management and operating agreements that may be terminable by the franchiser, the manager or the operator. Contrarily, it may be difficult to terminate an ineffective operator of a hotel property subsequent to a foreclosure of such property.

Healthcare Properties. Healthcare properties and healthcare providers are affected by several significant factors, including federal, state and local laws governing licenses, certification, adequacy of care, pharmaceutical distribution, rates, equipment, personnel and other factors regarding operations; continued availability of revenue from government reimbursement programs (primarily Medicaid and Medicare) and competition in terms of appearance, reputation, quality and cost of care with similar properties on a local and regional basis.

These governmental laws and regulations are subject to frequent and substantial changes resulting from legislation, adoption of rules and regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations of existing law. Changes may also be applied retroactively and the timing of such changes cannot be predicted. The failure of any healthcare operator to comply with governmental laws and regulations may affect its ability to operate its facility or receive government reimbursement. In addition, in the event that a tenant is in default on its lease, a new operator or purchaser at a foreclosure sale will have to apply in its own right for all relevant licenses if such new operator does not already hold such licenses. There can be no assurance that such new licenses could be obtained, and consequently, there can be no assurance that any healthcare property subject to foreclosure will be disposed of in a timely manner.

Multifamily Properties. The value and successful operation of a multifamily property may be affected by a number of factors such as the location of the property, the ability of management to provide adequate maintenance and insurance, types of services provided by the property, the level of mortgage rates, presence of competing properties, the relocation of tenants to new projects with better amenities, adverse economic conditions in the locale, the amount of rent charged and oversupply of units due to new construction. In addition, multifamily properties may be subject to rent control laws or other laws affecting such properties, which could impact the future cash flows of such properties.

Insurance Issues. Certain of the portfolio companies may, in connection with the issuance of securities, have disclosed that they carry comprehensive liability, fire, flood, earthquake, extended coverage and rental loss insurance with policy specifications, limits and deductibles customarily carried for similar properties. However such insurance is not uniform among the portfolio companies. Moreover, there are certain types of extraordinary losses that may be uninsurable, or not economically insurable. Certain of the properties may be located in areas that are subject to earthquake activity for which insurance may not be maintained. Should a property sustain damage as a result of an earthquake, even if the portfolio company maintains earthquake insurance, the portfolio company may incur substantial losses due to insurance deductibles, co-payments on insured losses or uninsured losses. Should any type of uninsured loss occur, the portfolio company could lose its investment in, and anticipated profits and cash flows from, a number of properties and, as a result, would impact a Fund's investment performance.

Credit Risk. Real estate companies may be highly leveraged and financial covenants may affect the ability of such companies to operate effectively. The portfolio companies are subject to risks normally associated with debt financing. If the principal payments of a real estate company's debt cannot be refinanced, extended or paid

with proceeds from other capital transactions, such as new equity capital, the real estate company's cash flow may not be sufficient to repay all maturing debt outstanding. In addition, a portfolio company's obligation to comply with financial covenants, such as debt-to-asset ratios and secured debt-to-total asset ratios, and other contractual obligations may restrict a real estate company's range of operating activity. A portfolio company, therefore, may be limited from incurring additional indebtedness, selling its assets and engaging in mergers or making acquisitions which may be beneficial to the operation of the real estate company.

Environmental Issues. In connection with the ownership (direct or indirect), operation, management and development of real properties that may contain hazardous or toxic substances, a portfolio company may be considered an owner or operator of such properties or as having arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances and, therefore, may be potentially liable for removal or remediation costs, as well as certain other costs, including governmental fines and liabilities for injuries to persons and property. The existence of any such material environmental liability could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations and cash flow of any such portfolio company and, as a result, the amount available to make distributions on the shares could be reduced.

Smaller Companies Risk

Even the larger global real estate companies tend to be small to medium-sized companies in comparison to many industrial and service companies. There may be less trading in a smaller company's stock, which means that buy and sell transactions in that stock could have a larger impact on the stock's price than is the case with larger company stocks. Smaller companies also may have fewer lines of business so that changes in any one line of business may have a greater impact on a smaller company's stock price than is the case for a larger company. Further, smaller company stocks may perform in different cycles than larger company stocks. Accordingly, global real estate company shares can be more volatile than and at times will perform differently from large company stocks such as those found in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

REIT Tax Risk

REITs are subject to a highly technical and complex set of provisions in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). It is possible that a Fund may invest in a real estate company which purports to be a REIT and that the company could fail to qualify as a REIT. In the event of any such unexpected failure to qualify as a REIT, the company would be subject to corporate-level taxation, significantly reducing the return to the Fund on its investment in such company. REITs could possibly fail to qualify for tax free pass-through of income under the Code, or to maintain their exemptions from registration under the 1940 Act. The general risks described above relating to the real estate markets may adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. In addition, REITs may also be affected by changes to the tax laws.

Common Stock Risk

Each Fund may invest in equity securities, including common stock. While common stock has historically generated higher average returns than fixed income securities, common stock has also experienced significantly more volatility in those returns. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of an issuer's common stock held by a Fund. Also, the price of common stock is sensitive to general movements in the stock market. A drop in the stock market may depress the price of common stock held by a Fund.

Convertible Securities Risk

Each Fund may invest in convertible securities. Although to a lesser extent than with non-convertible fixed-income securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and,

conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stock. A unique feature of convertible securities is that as the market price of the underlying common stock declines, convertible securities tend to trade increasingly on a yield basis, and so may not experience market value declines to the same extent as the underlying common stock. When the market price of the underlying common stock increases, the prices of the convertible securities tend to rise as a reflection of the value of the underlying common stock.

Foreign Securities Risk

Each of RLF, RPF and RQI may invest up to 20% (25% for RQI) of its managed assets in foreign securities, while RWF is not limited in the amount of its assets that may be invested in foreign securities. In addition, each Fund may invest in foreign securities of issuers in so-called emerging markets (or lesser developed countries). Investments in such securities are particularly speculative. Investing in foreign securities involves certain risks not involved in domestic investments, including, but not limited to:

fluctuations in foreign exchange rates;

future foreign economic, financial, political and social developments;

different legal systems;

the possible imposition of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions;

lower trading volume;

much greater volatility and illiquidity of certain foreign securities markets;

different trading and settlement practices;

less governmental supervision;

regulation changes;

changes in currency exchange rates;

less publicly available information about companies due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices;

high and volatile rates of inflation;

fluctuating interest rates; and

different accounting, auditing and financial record-keeping standards and requirements.

Investments in foreign securities, especially in emerging market countries, will expose a Fund to the direct or indirect consequences of political, social or economic changes in the countries that issue the securities or in which the issuers are located. Certain countries in which the Funds may invest, especially emerging market countries, have historically experienced, and may continue to experience, high rates of inflation, high interest rates, exchange rate fluctuations, large amounts of external debt, balance of payments and trade difficulties and extreme poverty and unemployment. Many of these countries are also characterized by political uncertainty and instability. The cost of servicing external debt will generally be adversely affected by rising international interest rates because many external debt obligations bear interest at rates which are adjusted based upon international interest rates. In addition, with respect to certain foreign countries, there is a risk of:

the possibility of expropriation of assets;

confiscatory taxation;

difficulty in obtaining or enforcing a court judgment;

economic, political or social instability;

the possibility that an issuer may not be able to make payments to investors outside of the issuer's country; and

diplomatic developments that could affect investments in those countries.

In addition, individual foreign economies may differ favorably or unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as:

growth of gross domestic product;

rates of inflation;

capital reinvestment;

resources;

self-sufficiency; and

balance of payments position.

Furthermore, certain investments in foreign securities also may be subject to foreign withholding taxes and dividend income a Fund receives from foreign securities may not be eligible for the reduced rates of taxation applicable to qualified dividend income.

RQI and RWF may invest in real estate equity securities of issuers located or doing substantial business in emerging markets. Investing in securities of companies in emerging markets may entail special risks relating to potential political and economic instability and the risks of expropriation, nationalization, confiscation or the imposition of restrictions on foreign investment, the lack of hedging instruments, and on repatriation of capital invested. Emerging securities markets are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets. The limited size of emerging securities markets and limited trading value compared to the volume of trading in U.S. securities could cause prices to be erratic for reasons apart from factors that affect the quality of the securities. For example, limited market size may cause prices to be unduly influenced by traders who control large positions. Adverse publicity and investors' perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and liquidity of portfolio securities, especially in these markets. Many emerging market countries have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates and corresponding currency devaluations have had and may continue to have negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries. Emerging market countries also may have less reliable custodial services and settlement practices.

As a result of these potential risks, the Investment Manager may determine that, notwithstanding otherwise favorable investment criteria, it may not be practicable or appropriate to invest in a particular country. The Funds may invest in countries in which foreign investors, including the Investment Manager, have had no or limited prior experience.

Foreign Currency Risk

Although each Fund reports its net asset value (NAV) and pays dividends in U.S. dollars, foreign securities often are purchased with, and make interest payments in, foreign currencies. Therefore, when a Fund invests in foreign securities, it is subject to foreign currency risk, which means that the Fund's NAV could decline as a result of changes in the exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. Certain foreign countries may impose restrictions on the ability of issuers of foreign securities to make payment of principal and interest to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise.

Preferred Stock Risk

In addition to the risks of equity securities, the preferred stocks in which the Funds may invest also are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than common stocks. There also are special risks associated with investing in preferred securities, including:

Deferral and Omission. Preferred securities may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer or omit distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If a Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring or omitting its distributions, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes although it has not yet received such income.

Subordination. Preferred securities are generally subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure in terms of having priority to corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than more senior debt instruments.

Liquidity. Preferred securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks or U.S. Government securities.

Limited Voting Rights. Generally, traditional preferred securities offer no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred security holders may elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred security holders no longer have voting rights. Hybrid-preferred security holders generally have no voting rights.

Special Redemption Rights. In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred securities may redeem the securities prior to a specified date. For instance, for certain types of preferred securities, a redemption may be triggered by a change in federal income tax or securities laws. As with call provisions, a redemption by the issuer may negatively impact the return of the security held by a Fund.

New Types of Securities. From time to time, preferred securities, including hybrid-preferred securities, have been, and may in the future be, offered having features other than those described herein. Each Fund has reserved the right to invest in these securities if the Investment Manager believes that doing so would be consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies. Because the market for these instruments would be new, a Fund may have difficulty disposing of them at a suitable price and time. In addition to limited liquidity, these instruments may present other risks, such as high price volatility.

Lower-Rated Securities Risk

Each Fund may invest in lower-rated securities, including securities rated below investment grade. Lower-rated securities may be considered speculative with respect to the issuer's continuing ability to make principal and interest payments. Analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of lower-rated securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher quality debt securities, and a Fund's ability to achieve the Fund's investment objectives may, to the extent the Fund is invested in lower-rated securities, be more dependent upon such creditworthiness analysis than would be the case if the Fund was investing in higher quality securities. An issuer of these securities has a currently identifiable vulnerability to default and the issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest. No Fund will invest in securities which are in default at the time of purchase. A security will be considered to be investment grade if, at the time of investment, such security has a rating of BBB or higher by S&P, Baa or higher by Moody's or an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating agency, or, if unrated, such security is determined by the Investment Manager to be of comparable quality.

Lower-rated securities, or equivalent unrated securities, which are commonly known as junk bonds, generally involve greater volatility of price and risk of loss of income and principal and may be more susceptible

to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than higher grade securities. The prices of lower-rated securities have been found to be less sensitive to interest-rate changes than more highly rated investments, but more sensitive to adverse economic downturns or individual corporate developments. Yields on lower-rated securities will fluctuate. If the issuer of lower-rated securities defaults, a Fund may incur additional expenses to seek recovery.

The secondary markets in which lower-rated securities are traded may be less liquid than the market for higher grade securities. Less liquidity in the secondary trading markets could adversely affect the price at which a Fund could sell a particular lower-rated security when necessary to meet liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event, such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer, and could adversely affect and cause large fluctuations in the NAV of the Fund's common stock. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions may decrease the values and liquidity of high yield securities.

It is reasonable to expect that any adverse economic conditions could disrupt the market for lower-rated securities, have an adverse impact on the value of those securities, and adversely affect the ability of the issuers of those securities to repay principal and pay interest on those securities. New laws and proposed new laws may adversely impact the market for lower-rated securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed-income securities, such as preferred and debt securities, and to a lesser extent dividend-paying common stocks such as REITs' common shares, will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of such securities generally will fall.

During periods of declining interest rates, an issuer may be able to exercise an option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled which is generally known as call or prepayment risk. If this occurs, a Fund may be forced to reinvest in lower yielding securities. This is known as reinvestment risk. Preferred and debt securities frequently have call features that allow the issuer to repurchase the security prior to its stated maturity. An issuer may redeem an obligation if the issuer can refinance the debt at a lower cost due to declining interest rates or an improvement in the credit standing of the issuer. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected principal payments. This may lock in a below market interest rate, increase the security's duration and reduce the value of the security. This is known as extension risk. Market interest rates for investment grade fixed-income securities in which a Fund will invest have recently declined significantly below the recent historical average rates for such securities. This decline may have increased the risk that these rates will rise in the future (which would cause the value of a Fund's net assets to decline) and the degree to which asset values may decline in such events; however, historical interest rate levels are not necessarily predictive of future interest rate levels.

Derivatives Transactions Risk

Derivatives Transactions can be highly volatile and involve various types and degrees of risk, depending upon the characteristics of the particular derivative, including the imperfect correlation between the value of such instruments and the underlying assets, the possible default of the other party to the transaction and illiquidity of the derivative instruments. Derivatives Transactions may entail investment exposures that are greater than their cost would suggest, meaning that a small investment in derivatives could have a large potential impact on a Fund's performance, effecting a form of investment leverage on the Fund's portfolio. In certain types of Derivatives Transactions a Fund could lose the entire amount of its investment; in other types of Derivatives Transactions the potential loss is theoretically unlimited.

The market for many derivatives is, or suddenly can become, illiquid. Changes in liquidity may result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for Derivatives Transactions. A Fund could experience losses if it were unable to liquidate its position because of an illiquid secondary market. Successful use of

Derivatives Transactions also is subject to the ability of the Investment Manager to predict correctly movements in the direction of the relevant market and, to the extent the transaction is entered into for hedging purposes, to ascertain the appropriate correlation between the transaction being hedged and the price movements of the derivatives. Derivatives Transactions entered into to seek to manage the risks of a Fund's portfolio of securities may have the effect of limiting gains from otherwise favorable market movements. The use of Derivatives Transactions may result in losses greater than if they had not been used (and a loss on a Derivatives Transaction position may be larger than the gain in a portfolio position being hedged), may require a Fund to sell or purchase portfolio securities at inopportune times or for prices other than current market values, may limit the amount of appreciation the Fund can realize on an investment, or may cause the Fund to hold a security that it might otherwise sell. Amounts paid by a Fund as premiums and cash or other assets held as collateral with respect to Derivatives Transactions may not otherwise be available to the Fund for investment purposes.

The use of currency transactions can result in a Fund incurring losses as a result of the imposition of exchange controls, political developments, government intervention or failure to intervene, suspension of settlements or the inability of the Fund to deliver or receive a specified currency.

Structured notes and other related instruments carry risks similar to those of more traditional derivatives such as futures, forward and option contracts. However, structured instruments may entail a greater degree of market risk and volatility than other types of debt obligations.

A Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to certain Derivatives Transactions entered into by the Fund. Derivatives may be purchased on established exchanges or through privately negotiated transactions referred to as over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives. Exchange-traded derivatives generally are guaranteed by the clearing agency which is the issuer or counterparty to such derivatives. However, many futures exchanges and boards of trade limit the amount of fluctuation permitted in futures contract prices during a single trading day and once the daily limit has been reached in a particular contract no trades may be made that day at a price beyond that limit or trading may be suspended. There also is no assurance that sufficient trading interest to create a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist at any particular time and no such secondary market may exist or may cease to exist. Each party to an OTC derivative bears the risk that the counterparty will default. OTC derivatives are less liquid than exchange-traded derivatives because the other party to the transaction may be the only investor with sufficient understanding of the derivative to be interested in bidding for it. If a counterparty becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations under a derivative contract due to financial difficulties, a Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

Each Fund will not be a commodity pool (i.e., a pooled investment vehicle which trades in commodity futures contracts and options thereon and the operator of which is registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission). In addition, each Fund has claimed an exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities Risk

Illiquid securities are securities that are not readily marketable and may include some restricted securities, which are securities that may not be resold to the public without an effective registration statement under the Securities Act or, if they are unregistered, may be sold only in a privately negotiated transaction or pursuant to an exemption from registration. Illiquid investments involve the risk that the securities will not be able to be sold at the time desired by a Fund or at prices approximating the value at which the Fund is carrying the securities on its books.

Restricted securities may be sold only in privately negotiated transactions or in a public offering with respect to which a registration statement is in effect under the Securities Act. Where registration is required, a

Fund may be obligated to pay all or part of the registration expenses and a considerable period may elapse between the time of the decision to sell and the time the Fund may be permitted to sell a security under an effective registration statement. If during such a period adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than that which prevailed when it decided to sell. For purposes of determining a Fund's NAV, illiquid securities will be priced at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board or its delegate.

Leverage Risk

Each Fund is authorized to use financial leverage as part of its investment strategy. Historically, the Funds engaged in leverage through the issuance of AMPS. Each Fund currently engages in leverage through borrowings. Leverage risk is the risk associated with the borrowing of funds and other investment techniques that increase investment exposure above the amount available from its common stock. Leverage is a speculative technique which will expose a Fund to greater risk and increase its costs. Increases and decreases in the value of a Fund's portfolio will be magnified when the Fund uses leverage. For example, leverage will cause greater swings in the Fund's NAV or cause the Fund to lose more than it invested. A Fund also will generally have to pay interest on its borrowings, reducing the Fund's return. These interest expenses may be greater than the Fund's return on the underlying investment. There is no assurance that a Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

When leverage is employed, the NAV and market value of a Fund's common stock will be more volatile, and the yield to common stockholders will tend to fluctuate with changes in the shorter-term interest rates on the leverage. If the interest rate on a Fund's borrowings approaches the net rate of return on the Fund's investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to common stockholders would be reduced. If the interest rate on a Fund's borrowings exceeds the net rate of return on the Fund's portfolio, the leverage will result in a lower rate of return to common stockholders than if the Fund were not leveraged. The Funds will pay (and common stockholders will bear) any costs and expenses relating to any leverage. Accordingly, the Funds cannot assure you that the use of leverage would result in a higher yield or return to common stockholders.

Any decline in the NAV of a Fund's investments will be borne entirely by common stockholders. Therefore, if the market value of a Fund's portfolio declines, the leverage will result in a greater decrease in NAV to common stockholders than if the Fund were not leveraged. This greater NAV decrease will also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for the Fund's common stock. A material decline in a Fund's NAV may impair the Fund's ability to maintain required levels of asset coverage pursuant to the requirements of the 1940 Act or the Fund's contractual arrangements with its lender. In such cases, the Fund's current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the interest payments on indebtedness. In order to counteract such an event, a Fund might need to reduce its leverage and to liquidate investments in order to repay its borrowings. Liquidation at times of low security prices may result in capital losses and may reduce returns to common stockholders.

The Funds' borrowings constitute an effective lien on the Funds' common stock by reason of their prior claim against the income of a Fund and against the net assets of the Fund in liquidation. A Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends or other distributions with respect to its common stock, or repurchase its common stock, unless (i) at the time of such declaration or repurchase the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and (ii) there is no event of default under any borrowings, that is continuing. In the event of a default under any borrowings, the lenders may have the right to cause a liquidation of the collateral (*i.e.*, sale of portfolio securities) and if any such default is not cured, the lenders may be able to control the liquidation as well.

Each Fund reserves the right at any time, if it believes that market conditions are appropriate, to increase its level of borrowings or other senior securities to maintain or increase the level of leverage to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act and existing agreements between the Fund and third parties. While a Fund may from time to time consider reducing or raising leverage in response to actual or anticipated changes in interest rates in an effort to mitigate the increased volatility of current income and net asset value associated with leverage, there can

be no assurance that the Fund will actually reduce or increase leverage in the future or that any reduction or increase, if undertaken, will benefit common stockholders. Changes in the future direction of interest rates are very difficult to predict accurately. If a Fund were to reduce or raise leverage based on a prediction about future changes to interest rates, and that prediction turned out to be incorrect, the reduction or increase in leverage would likely reduce the income and/or total returns to common stockholders relative to the circumstance where the Fund had not reduced or increased leverage. A Fund may decide that this risk outweighs the likelihood of achieving the desired reduction to volatility in income and share price if the prediction were to turn out to be correct, and determine not to reduce or increase leverage as described above.

Because each Fund's management fee paid to the Investment Manager is calculated on the basis of managed assets, the fee will be higher when leverage is utilized, which may provide the Investment Manager an incentive to utilize leverage.

Non-Diversified Status

Each Fund is classified as a non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act, which means the Fund is not limited by the 1940 Act in the proportion of its assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer. However, each Fund intends to conduct its operations so as to qualify as a regulated investment company for purposes of the Code, which generally will relieve the Fund of any liability for federal income tax to the extent its earnings are distributed to stockholders. To so qualify, among other requirements, each Fund limits its investments so that, at the close of each quarter of the taxable year, (i) not more than 25% of the value of its managed assets are invested in the securities (other than U.S. Government securities or the securities of other regulated investment companies) of a single issuer, two or more issuers which the Fund controls and are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses, or the securities of certain publicly traded partnerships, and (ii) at least 50% of the value of its managed assets are invested in cash and cash items, U.S. Government securities, securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities; provided, however, that with respect to such other securities, not more than 5% of the value of its managed assets are invested in the securities of a single issuer and the Fund will not own more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of a single issuer. Because a Fund, as a non-diversified investment company, may invest in a smaller number of individual issuers than a diversified investment company, an investment in the Fund presents greater risk to you than an investment in a diversified company.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Certain provisions of each Fund's charter and By-Laws could have the effect of limiting the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or to modify its structure. The provisions may have the effect of depriving common stockholders of an opportunity to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices and may have the effect of inhibiting conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company. These include provisions for staggered terms of office for Directors, super-majority voting requirements for merger, consolidation, liquidation, termination and asset sale transactions, amendments to the charter and conversion to open-end status. For additional information about these provisions, see *Description of the Funds' Capital Stock Special Voting Provisions* below.

Investment Restrictions

The following restrictions, along with each Fund's investment objectives, are each Fund's only fundamental policies—that is, policies that cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. As used in this Proxy/Prospectus, a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities means the lesser of (i) 67% of the shares represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of the outstanding shares are represented or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares. Non-fundamental policies may be changed by a Fund's Board without stockholder approval. If a percentage restriction set forth below is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in percentage resulting from any cause other than actions by the Fund will not be considered a violation.

Fundamental Investment Restrictions

No Fund may, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities:

1. Issue senior securities (including borrowing money for other than temporary purposes) except in conformity with the limits set forth in the 1940 Act (or, for RWF, pursuant to exemptive relief therefrom); or pledge its assets other than to secure such issuances or borrowings or in connection with permitted investment strategies; notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund may borrow up to an additional 5% of its managed assets for temporary purposes;
2. Act as an underwriter of securities issued by other persons, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter in connection with the disposition of securities;
3. Purchase or sell real estate, mortgages on real estate or commodities, except that the Fund may invest in securities of companies that deal in real estate or are engaged in the real estate business, including REITs, and securities secured by real estate or interests therein and the Fund may hold and sell real estate or mortgages on real estate acquired through default, liquidation, or other distributions of an interest in real estate as a result of the Fund's ownership of such securities;
4. Purchase or sell commodities or commodity futures contracts, except that the Fund may invest in financial futures contracts (and, for RWF, forward contracts), options thereon (for RWF, currency options) and such similar instruments;
5. Make loans to other persons except through the lending of securities held by it (but not to exceed a value of one-third of managed assets), through the use of repurchase agreements, and by the purchase of debt securities, all in accordance with its investment policies; and
6. Invest more than 25% of its managed assets in securities of issuers in any one industry other than the U.S. real estate industry (for RWF, real estate industry), in which at least 25% of the Fund's managed assets will be invested; provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States Government or by its agencies or instrumentalities.

In addition, each of RLF, RPF and RQI has a fundamental investment restriction that limits the Fund's investment in debt securities issued or guaranteed by real estate companies to less than 10% of its total assets. RQI's stockholders separately are being asked to convert this investment restriction from a fundamental to non-fundamental policy. See Proposal 3A herein.

In addition, each of RLF, RPF and RQI has a fundamental investment restriction that it may not purchase preferred stock and debt securities rated below investment grade and unrated securities of comparable quality, if, as a result, more than 20% (25% for RLF and RPF) of the Fund's managed assets would then be invested in such securities. RQI's stockholders separately are being asked to convert this investment restriction from a fundamental to non-fundamental policy. See Proposal 3B herein. RWF has a similar non-fundamental investment restriction, which may be changed by RWF's Board without stockholder approval. RWF may not purchase securities rated below investment grade and unrated securities of comparable quality, if, as a result, more than 30% of the Fund's managed assets would then be invested in such securities.

In addition, RPF and RQI may not, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, acquire or retain securities of any investment company, except that the Fund may (a) acquire securities of investment companies up to the limits permitted by Section 12(d)(1) of the 1940 Act, or any exemption granted under the 1940 Act and (b) acquire securities of any investment company as part of a merger, consolidation or similar transaction. RQI's stockholders separately are being asked to convert this

investment restriction from a fundamental to non-fundamental policy. See Proposal 3C herein. RLF and RWF each has an identical non-fundamental investment restriction, which may be changed by that Fund's Board without stockholder approval.

In addition, RLF, may not, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, purchase restricted or illiquid securities issued by real estate companies, including repurchase agreements maturing in more than seven days, if as a result, more than 10% of the Fund's assets would then be invested in such securities (excluding securities which are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act). RWF has a non-fundamental policy to limit its investments in illiquid securities to 10% of its managed assets.

Under the 1940 Act, each Fund is not permitted to issue preferred stock unless immediately after the issuance the value of the Fund's assets is at least 200% of the liquidation preference of the outstanding preferred stock (*i.e.*, such liquidation preference may not exceed 50% of the Fund's assets less liabilities other than borrowings). In addition, a Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its shares of common stock unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's assets less liabilities other than borrowings is at least 200% of such liquidation preference.

Under the 1940 Act, each Fund generally is not permitted to borrow unless immediately after the borrowing the value of the Fund's assets less liabilities other than the borrowings is at least 300% of the principal amount of such borrowing (*i.e.*, such principal amount may not exceed 33-1/3% of the Fund's assets less liabilities other than borrowings). In addition, a Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its shares of common stock unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's assets, less liabilities other than the borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount. As noted above, the Funds have received temporary relief from the SEC from certain provisions of the 1940 Act that permitted the Funds to redeem all of their AMPS outstanding at the time the relief was granted at an asset coverage ratio of 200% instead of 300%. This relief currently is set to expire on October 31, 2010.

Additional Non-Fundamental Investment Restrictions

Currently, no Fund may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate its assets except in connection with permitted borrowings. In addition, RLF, RFP and RQI may not: (i) enter into short sales; or (ii) invest in oil, gas or other mineral exploration programs, development programs or leases, except that the Fund may purchase securities of companies engaging in whole or in part in such activities.

Portfolio Turnover

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2007 and 2008, the Funds' portfolio turnover rates were as follows:

| | 2007 | 2008 |
|-----|------|------|
| RLF | 23% | 23% |
| RPF | 19% | 22% |
| RWF | 47% | 140% |
| RQI | 26% | 23% |

The increase in RWF's portfolio turnover rate from 2007 to 2008 was a result of the Fund's small asset size and the reduction of overall leverage.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MERGERS

The Agreements and Plans of Merger

The following is a summary of the material terms and conditions of the Agreements and Plans of Merger entered into between each of RLF and RQI, RPF and RQI and RWF and RQI. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of Agreement and Plan of Merger attached as Appendix A to this Proxy/Prospectus. Under the Agreements and Plans of Merger, each Acquired Fund will merge with and into RQI on the Closing Date. As a result of the Mergers and on the Closing Date:

the Acquired Funds will no longer exist, and

RQI will be the surviving corporation.

The Acquired Funds will then:

deregister as investment companies under the 1940 Act,

cease their separate existence under Maryland law,

remove their Acquired Fund Common Shares from listing on the NYSE, and

withdraw from registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act).

Each full (and fractional) outstanding Acquired Fund Common Share will be converted into an equivalent dollar amount (to the nearest one tenth of one cent) of full (and fractional) RQI Common Shares, based on the net asset value per share of each of the Funds at 4:00 p.m., Eastern time on the Closing Date. No sales charge or fee of any kind will be charged to holders of Acquired Fund Common Shares in connection with their receipt of RQI Common Shares in the Mergers.

From and after the Closing Date, RQI will possess all of the properties, assets, rights, privileges and powers, and shall be subject to all of the restrictions, liabilities, obligations, disabilities and duties, of the Acquired Funds, all as provided under Maryland law.

Under Maryland law, stockholders of a corporation whose shares are traded publicly on a national securities exchange, such as the Acquired Fund Common Shares and RQI Common Shares, are not entitled to demand the fair value of their shares upon a merger; therefore, the holders of the Acquired Fund Common Shares and RQI Common Shares will be bound by the terms of the Mergers, if approved. However, any holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares and RQI Common Shares may sell such shares on the NYSE at any time prior to the Mergers.

Each Agreement and Plan of Merger may be terminated, and the corresponding Merger abandoned, whether before or after approval by the Funds' stockholders, at any time prior to the Closing Date by resolution of either of the relevant Funds' Boards, if circumstances should develop that, in the opinion of that Board, make proceeding with the Merger inadvisable with respect to the Fund it oversees.

Prior to the Mergers, each Acquired Fund shall have, and the Acquiring Fund currently intends to have, declared and paid a dividend or dividends which, together with all such previous dividends, shall have the effect of distributing to its stockholders substantially all of its net investment income that has accrued through the Closing Date, if any, and substantially all of its net capital gain (after reduction for capital loss carryforwards) realized through the Closing Date, if any.

Each Agreement and Plan of Merger provides that either Fund that is a party to that Agreement and Plan of Merger may waive compliance with any of the terms or conditions therein for the benefit of that Fund, other than the requirements that: (a) the Agreement and Plan of Merger be approved by stockholders of the Fund and, for the Merger of RWF with and into RQI, the Agreement and Plan of Merger between either RLF or RPF with and into RQI shall have been approved by the requisite vote of the stockholders of RLF and RQI or RPF and RQI,

and been consummated; and (b) the Fund receive the opinion of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP substantially to the effect that the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger will constitute a reorganization for federal income tax purposes if, in the judgment of the Fund's Board, after consultation with Fund counsel, such waiver will not have a material adverse effect on the benefits intended to be provided by the Merger to the stockholders of the Fund.

Under each Agreement and Plan of Merger, each Fund that is a party to that Agreement and Plan of Merger, out of its assets and property, will indemnify and hold harmless the other Fund party thereto and the Directors and officers of the other Fund from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses (including, without limitation, the payment of reasonable legal fees and reasonable costs of investigation) to which the other Fund and those Directors and officers may become subject, insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions with respect thereto) arises out of or is based on (a) any breach by the Fund of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger or (b) any act, error, omission, neglect, misstatement, materially misleading statement, breach of duty or other act wrongfully done or attempted to be committed by the Fund or the Directors or officers of the Fund prior to the Closing Date, provided that such indemnification by the Fund is not (i) in violation of any applicable law or (ii) otherwise prohibited as a result of any applicable order or decree issued by any governing regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction.

The Board of each Fund, including the Independent Directors, has determined, with respect to its Fund, that the interests of that Fund's stockholders will not be diluted as a result of the Merger(s) to which it would be a party and that participation in the Merger(s) is in the best interests of that Fund. All expenses incurred in connection with the Mergers will be borne by the Funds in proportion to their respective net assets. Such expenses shall include, but not be limited to, all costs related to the preparation and distribution of this Proxy/Prospectus, proxy solicitation expenses, SEC registration fees and NYSE listing fees.

With respect to each Fund, approval of its Agreement and Plan of Merger will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common shares of the Fund. See "Voting Information" below.

Reasons for the Mergers and Board Considerations

Board Considerations

At meetings held on June 9-10, 2009, June 17, 2009 and June 29, 2009, the Funds' Boards, including the Independent Directors, considered and, on June 29, 2009, approved, the Agreements and Plans of Merger. In considering the Agreements and Plans of Merger, the Boards did not identify any single factor or information item as all-important or controlling. Following discussions, and based on its evaluation of all material factors to all Funds, including those described below, the Board of each Fund, including the Independent Directors, determined, with respect to its Fund, that: (1) the Merger (Mergers, with respect to RQI) would be in the best interests of that Fund; and (2) the Merger (Mergers, with respect to RQI) would not result in the dilution of the interests of the Fund or its stockholders.

In recommending the relevant Merger (Mergers, with respect to RQI), each Fund's Board, with the advice of counsel to each Fund's Independent Directors, considered a number of factors, including the following:

the combined Fund is expected to have a lower total annual operating expense ratio than the Fund's current total annual operating expense ratio;

the Funds have substantially similar investment objectives and substantially similar (similar, for RWF) investment policies and that each Fund focuses its investments in real estate companies and is managed by the Investment Manager;

the Fund's expense ratios and information as to specific fees and expenses of the Fund, including management fees, costs of the Fund's leverage strategy and other operating expenses;

the benefits to the Fund and its stockholders that are expected to be derived from the Merger, including the potential for portfolio management efficiencies;

the Merger will not dilute the interests of the Fund's current stockholders;

the federal tax consequences of the Merger to the Acquired Fund and the holders of Acquired Fund Common Shares, including that the Merger has been structured to qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes;

the Fund's significant unused capital loss carryforwards and factors affecting the Fund's and stockholders' ability to utilize available capital loss carryforwards (even in the absence of a Merger);

the combined Fund may have a substantially larger trading market for its common stock than each Fund has currently, which may:

increase liquidity for stockholders;

to the extent that trading discounts may be influenced by demand, reduce the extent of trading discounts that would be experienced in a smaller trading market; and

create a larger trading market and offer the potential for greater investor and analyst interest as well as reduce trading costs below those incurred if each Fund were managed individually;

no portfolio transaction costs are expected to be incurred in the Merger; and

the benefits that may be derived by the Investment Manager and its affiliates as a result of the Merger, including the elimination of duplicative operations and that profitability of the Investment Manager may increase as a result of the expected decline in the Investment Manager's operational expenses for administrative, compliance and portfolio management services.

The Investment Manager has a financial interest in the Merger of RPF with and into RQI because the Investment Manager's contractual management fee paid by RQI is higher than the Investment Manager's contractual management fee paid by RPF. However, the Investment Manager's management fee paid by RWF is higher than the Investment Manager's management fee paid by RQI. Following one or more Mergers, the management fee paid by RQI, as the combined Fund, will be the same as that currently paid by RQI. The Investment Manager also may be deemed to have a financial interest in the Mergers because of the benefits that may be derived by the Investment Manager and its affiliates as a result of one or more Mergers, including the elimination of duplicative operations and that profitability of the Investment Manager may increase as a result of the expected decline in the Investment Manager's operational expenses for administrative, compliance and portfolio management services.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Mergers applicable to a holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares that receives RQI Common Shares in the Mergers. This discussion is based upon the Code, Treasury regulations, judicial authorities, published positions of the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") and other applicable authorities, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations (possibly with retroactive effect). This discussion is limited to U.S. holders (as defined below) that hold their Acquired Fund Common Shares as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes (generally, assets held for investment). This discussion does not address all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a particular holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares that are subject to special treatment under federal income tax laws, such as:

stockholders that are not U.S. holders;

financial institutions;

insurance companies;

tax-exempt organizations;

dealers in securities or currencies;

persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar;

traders in securities or other persons that use a mark to market method of accounting;

persons that hold Acquired Fund Common Shares as part of a straddle, hedge, constructive sale or conversion transaction; and

persons who acquired their Acquired Fund Common Shares through the exercise of an employee stock option or otherwise as compensation.

If a partnership or other entity taxed as a partnership holds Acquired Fund Common Shares, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership generally will depend upon the status and activities of both the partner and the partnership. Partnerships and partners in such a partnership should consult their tax advisors about the tax consequences of the Mergers to them.

This discussion does not address the tax consequences of the Mergers under state, local or foreign tax laws. No ruling has been or will be obtained from the IRS regarding any matter related to the Mergers. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences set forth below.

Holders of Acquired Fund Common Shares are urged to consult with their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the Mergers in their particular circumstances, including the applicability and effect of the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax and any state, local or foreign and other tax laws and of changes in those laws.

For purposes of this section, the term "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of Acquired Fund Common Shares who, for federal income tax purposes, is:

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation, or other entity properly treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any State or the District of Columbia;

an estate that is subject to federal income tax on its income regardless of its source; or

a trust, the substantial decisions of which are controlled by one or more U.S. persons and which is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court, or a trust that validly has elected under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a U.S. person for federal income tax purposes.

Tax Consequences of the Mergers Generally

Assuming that each Merger is completed according to the terms of the corresponding Agreement and Plan of Merger and based upon facts, factual representations and assumptions contained in the representation letters provided by the Funds participating in the Merger, all of which must continue to be true and accurate in all material respects as of the effective time of the Merger, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, counsel to the Funds, will render its opinion substantially to the effect that for federal income tax purposes (with respect to each Merger, referencing its corresponding Agreement and Plan of Merger and the Funds that are parties thereto):

(i) the Merger as provided in the Agreement and Plan of Merger will constitute a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(a)(1) of the Code and that each Fund will be a party to a reorganization within the meaning of Section 368(b) of the Code;

- (ii) no gain or loss will be recognized to the Acquired Fund as a result of the Merger and the conversion of Acquired Fund Common Shares to RQI Common Shares;
- (iii) no gain or loss will be recognized to RQI as a result of the Merger and the conversion of Acquired Fund Common Shares to RQI Common Shares;
- (iv) no gain or loss will be recognized to the stockholders of the Acquired Fund upon the conversion of their Acquired Fund Common Shares to RQI Common Shares;
- (v) the tax basis of Acquired Fund assets in the hands of RQI will be the same as the tax basis of such assets in the hands of the Acquired Fund immediately prior to the consummation of the Merger;
- (vi) immediately after the Merger, the aggregate tax basis of the RQI Common Shares received by each holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares in the Merger will be equal to the aggregate tax basis of the Acquired Fund Common Shares owned by such stockholder immediately prior to the Merger;
- (vii) a stockholder's holding period for RQI Common Shares will be determined by including the period for which he or she held Acquired Fund Common Shares that are converted pursuant to the Merger, provided that such shares of Acquired Fund Common Shares were held as capital assets; and
- (viii) RQI's holding period with respect to the Acquired Fund's assets transferred will include the period for which such assets were held by the Acquired Fund.

Such opinion will not address the effect of the Mergers on (i) any of the Funds with respect to any asset as to which any unrealized gain or loss is required to be recognized for federal income tax purposes at the end of a taxable year (or on the termination or transfer thereof) under a mark-to-market system of accounting and (ii) any stockholder of an Acquired Fund that is required to recognize unrealized gains and losses for federal income tax purposes under a mark-to-market system of accounting.

Reporting Requirements

A holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares who receives RQI Common Shares as a result of a Merger will be required to retain records pertaining to the Merger. Each holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares who is required to file a U.S. federal income tax return and who is a significant holder that receives RQI Common Shares in a Merger will be required to file a statement with the holder's U.S. federal income tax return for the year of the Merger setting forth, among other things, such holder's basis in, and the fair market value of, the Acquired Fund Common Shares surrendered in the Merger. A significant holder is a holder of Acquired Fund Common Shares who, immediately before the Merger, owned at least 5% (by vote or value) of the outstanding stock of the Acquired Fund.

Other Tax Considerations

While the Funds are not aware of any adverse state or local tax consequences of the proposed Mergers, they have not requested any ruling or opinion with respect to such consequences, and stockholders should consult their own tax advisor with respect to such matters.

Immediately prior to the Closing Date, each Acquired Fund, to the extent necessary, will pay, and RQI currently intends to pay, a dividend or dividends which, together with all previous dividends, are intended to have the effect of distributing to its stockholders substantially all of its net investment income that has accrued through the Closing Date, if any, and substantially all of its net capital gain (after reduction for capital loss carryforwards), if any, realized through the Closing Date. Such dividends, if any, will be included in the taxable income of the stockholders of the relevant Acquired Fund and, if applicable, RQI.

Information Regarding Tax Capital Loss Carryforwards

RQI will inherit the capital loss carryforwards (and unrealized built-in losses) of each Acquired Fund which will be subject to the limitations described below. RQI and each of the Acquired Funds have capital loss carryforwards (and unrealized built-in losses) that, in the absence of the Mergers, would generally be available to offset their capital gains. If, however, the Mergers occur, then RQI and each Acquired Fund will undergo an ownership change for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, accordingly, RQI's use of RQI's and each Acquired Fund's capital loss carryforwards (and certain unrealized built-in losses) will be significantly limited by the operation of the tax loss limitation rules of the Code. The Code generally limits the amount of each of the Funds' pre-ownership-change losses that may be used to offset post-ownership-change gains to a specific annual loss limitation amount (generally the product of (i) the fair market value, with certain adjustments, of the stock of RQI and each of the Acquired Funds immediately prior to the Mergers and (ii) a rate established by the IRS (for example, the rate is 4.48% for August 2009)). Subject to certain limitations, any unused portion of these losses may be available in subsequent years.

Due to the operation of these tax loss limitation rules if a Merger occurs, it is possible that stockholders of RQI and each Acquired Fund will receive taxable distributions earlier than they would have in the absence of the Merger. The actual effect of the loss limitation rules on a stockholder of each of the Funds will, however, depend upon many variables, including (a) whether, in the absence of the Mergers, each of the Funds would generate sufficient capital gains against which to utilize its capital loss carryforwards prior to their expiration (and certain realized built-in losses), and whether such capital gains are in excess of what would be the annual loss limitation amount if the Mergers occur, (b) the timing and amount of future capital gains recognized by RQI if the Mergers occur, and (c) the timing of a historic RPF, RLF, RWF or RQI stockholder's disposition of his or her shares (the tax basis of which might, depending on the facts, reflect that stockholder's share of either RPF, RLF, RWF or RQI capital losses). The combination of these factors on the use of loss carryforwards may result in some portion of the loss carryforwards of any of the Funds expiring unused, even in the absence of a Merger. Stockholders of the Funds are urged to consult their own tax advisors in this regard.

PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Because the Funds have substantially similar investment objectives and focus their investments in real estate companies, the Investment Manager does not expect to dispose of a material amount of portfolio securities of the Acquired Funds in connection with the Mergers. RQI, as the combined Fund, will not have to sell securities in order to comply with its investment restrictions or policies. The Funds may buy and sell securities in the normal course of their operations.

INFORMATION ABOUT MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS

Information About Directors and Officers

Boards of Directors

The business and affairs of each Fund are managed under the direction of its Board. The Directors approve all significant agreements between the Fund and persons or companies furnishing services to it, including the Fund's agreements with the Investment Manager (and, for RWF, the Subadvisers) and the Fund's sub-administrator, custodian and transfer agent. The management of each Fund's day-to-day operations is delegated to its officers and the Investment Manager, subject always to the investment objectives and policies of the Fund and to the general supervision of the Directors.

The Directors of the Funds, their addresses, their ages, the length of time served, their principal occupations for at least the past five years, the number of portfolios they oversee within the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex, and other directorships held by the Director are set forth below. The same individuals serve as the Directors of each Fund.

| Name, Address* and Age | Position Held with Fund | Principal Occupation(s) During At Least The Past Five Years (Including Other Directorships Currently Held) | | Length of Time Served** | Term of Office | Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Funds) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| | | | | | | |
| <i>Independent Directors</i> | | | | | | |
| Bonnie Cohen*** Age: 66 | Director | Consultant. Director, Reis, Inc. (formerly Wellsford Real Property); Vice-Chair of the Board of Global Heritage Fund; Investment Committee, The Moriah Fund; Advisory Committee member, The Posse Foundation; Vice-Chair, District of Columbia Public Libraries; Board member, Washington National Opera. Former Under Secretary of State for Management, United States Department of State, 1996-2000. | | Since 2001 | 2011 | 21 |
| George Grossman Age: 55 | Director | Attorney-at-Law. | | Since 1993 | 2012 | 21 |
| Richard E. Kroon Age: 66 | Director | Member of Investment Committee, Monmouth University. Retired Chairman and Managing Partner of Sprout Group venture capital funds, then an affiliate of Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corporation. Former chairman of the National Venture Capital Association. | | Since 2004 | 2011 | 21 |
| Richard J. Norman Age: 65 | Director | Private Investor. Advisory Board Member of The Salvation Army. Member of the Chaplain s Core DC Department of Corrections. Prior thereto, Investment Representative of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. | | Since 2001 | 2010 | 21 |
| Frank K. Ross Age: 65 | Director | Professor of Accounting, Howard University. Board member of Pepco Holdings, Inc. (electric utility). Formerly, Midatlantic Area Managing Partner for Audit and Risk Advisory Services at KPMG LLP and Managing Partner of its Washington, DC office. | | Since 2004 | 2010 | 21 |
| Willard H. Smith Jr. Age: 72 | Director | Board member of Essex Property Trust, Inc., Managing Director at Merrill Lynch & Co., Equity Capital Markets Division, from 1983 to 1995. | | Since 1996 | 2011 | 21 |

| Name, Address* and Age | Principal Occupation(s) During At | | | | Number of Funds Within Fund Complex Overseen by Director (Including the Funds) | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Position Held with Fund | Least The Past Five Years | | Term of Office | | |
| | | (Including Other Directorships Currently Held) | | | | Length of Time Served** |
| C. Edward Ward, Jr. Age: 62 | Director | Member of The Board of Trustees of Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York. Formerly head of closed-end fund listing for the New York Stock Exchange. | | Since 2004 | 2012 | 21 |

*Interested Directors*****

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|------------|------|----|
| Martin Cohen Age: 60 | Director and Co-Chairman | Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Manager and CNS. Prior thereto, President of the Investment Manager. | | Since 1991 | 2010 | 21 |
| Robert H. Steers Age: 56 | Director and Co-Chairman | Co-Chairman and Co-Chief Executive Officer of the Investment Manager and CNS. Prior thereto, President of the Investment Manager. | | Since 1991 | 2012 | 21 |

* The address of each Director is 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

** The length of time served represents the year in which the Director was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex.

*** Martin Cohen and Bonnie Cohen are unrelated.

**** Interested person, as defined in the 1940 Act, of each Fund (Interested Director) because of the affiliation with the Investment Manager and its parent company, Cohen & Steers Inc. (CNS).

The Board of each Fund is divided into three classes, having terms of three years each. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the term of one class will expire and Directors will be elected to serve in that class for terms of three years.

The following table provides information concerning the dollar range of equity securities owned beneficially by each Director as of December 31, 2008:

| Name of Director | Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned* | | | | | Aggregate Equity Securities in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex |
|----------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| | RLF | RPF | RWF | RQI | | |
| Robert H. Steers** | E | C | A | C | | E |
| Martin Cohen** | D | C | A | D | | E |
| Bonnie Cohen | C | B | C | C | | D |
| George Grossman | C | B | A | B | | D |
| Richard E. Kroon | B | B | A | B | | D |
| Richard J. Norman | C | C | B | B | | E |
| Frank K. Ross | B | B | A | B | | D |
| Willard H. Smith Jr. | B | C | A | B | | E |
| C. Edward Ward, Jr. | B | B | B | B | | C |

* The dollar ranges are as follows: A = None; B = \$1-\$10,000; C = \$10,001-\$50,000; D = \$50,001-\$100,000; E = Over \$100,000.

** Interested Director.

No Independent Director of the Funds, nor any of their immediate family members, to the best of the Funds' knowledge, had any interest in the Investment Manager, the Subadvisers or any person or entity (other than the Funds) directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Investment Manager as of December 31, 2008.

During the Funds' fiscal years ended December 31, 2008, the Boards of RLF, RPF, RWF and RQI met 17, 19, 16 and 19 times, respectively. Each Director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of each Board and the Committees of the Board for which he or she was a member. The Funds do not have policies with regard to the Directors' attendance at annual meetings, and none of the Directors attended any Fund's 2009 annual meeting of stockholders.

Committees of the Boards

Each Fund maintains four standing Board Committees: the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Contract Review Committee and the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors. Each Committee operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. The Directors serving on each Committee are Independent Directors and otherwise satisfy the applicable standards for independence of a committee member of an investment company issuer under the federal securities laws and under applicable listing standards of the NYSE. The members of the Audit Committee are Ms. Cohen and Messrs. Ross, Kroon and Grossman. The members of the Nominating and Contract Review Committees are Ms. Cohen and Messrs. Kroon, Grossman, Norman, Ross, Smith and Ward. The members of the Governance Committee are Messrs. Norman, Ward and Smith.

The Audit Committee of each Fund met five times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The main function of each Audit Committee is to oversee the Fund's accounting and financial reporting policies and practices and its internal controls, including by assisting with the Board's oversight of the integrity of the Fund's financial statements, the Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the selection, retention, qualifications and independence of the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and the performance of the Fund's internal control systems and independent registered public accounting firm.

The Nominating Committee of each Fund met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The main functions of each Nominating Committee are to (i) identify individuals qualified to become Directors in the event that a position is vacated or created, (ii) select the Director nominees for the next annual meeting of stockholders and (iii) set any necessary standards or qualifications for service on the Board. The Nominating Committee will consider Director candidates recommended by stockholders, provided that any such stockholder recommendation is submitted in writing to the Fund, to the attention of the Secretary, at the address of the principal executive offices of the Fund and further provided that such recommendation includes all other information specified in the charter and complies with the procedures set forth in the Nominating Committee charter. The Nominating Committee requires that Director candidates have a college degree or equivalent business experience. The Committee may take into account a wide variety of factors in considering Director candidates, including (but not limited to): (i) availability and commitment of a candidate to attend meetings and perform his or her responsibilities on the Board, (ii) relevant industry and related experience, (iii) educational background, (iv) financial and other relevant experience, (v) an assessment of the candidate's character, integrity, ability and judgment, (vi) whether or not the candidate serves on boards of, or is otherwise affiliated with, competing financial service organizations or their related mutual fund complexes, (vii) whether or not the candidate has any relationships that might impair his or her independence and (viii) overall interplay of a candidate's experience, skill and knowledge with that of other Committee members. In identifying potential nominees for the Board, the Committee may consider candidates recommended by one or more of the following sources: (i) the Fund's current Directors, (ii) the Fund's officers, (iii) the Investment Manager, (iv) the Fund's stockholders (see above) and (v) any other source the Committee deems to be appropriate. The Committee may, but is not required to, retain a third party search firm at the Fund's expense to identify potential candidates.

The Contract Review Committee of each Fund met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The main functions of each Contract Review Committee are to make recommendations to the Board of Directors after reviewing advisory and other contracts that the Fund has with the Investment Manager and to select third parties to provide evaluative reports and other information to the Board regarding the services provided by the Investment Manager.

The Governance Committee of each Fund met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The main function of each Governance Committee is to assist the Board in the oversight of appropriate and effective governance of the Fund. The Governance Committee oversees, among other things, the structure and composition of the Board Committees, the size of the Board and the compensation of Independent Directors for service on the Board and any Board Committee and the process for securing insurance coverage for the Board.

Officers of the Funds

The principal officers of the Funds and their principal occupations during at least the past five years, as reported by them to the Funds, are set forth below. The address of each of the Funds' officers is 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

All Funds

Robert H. Steers and *Martin Cohen*, Co-Chairmen of the Board (see above, Boards of Directors for biographical information).

Adam M. Derechin, President and Chief Executive Officer, age 44, joined the Investment Manager in 1993. He has been the Chief Operating Officer of the Investment Manager since 2003 and prior to that was a Senior Vice President.

Joseph M. Harvey, Vice President, age 45, joined the Investment Manager in 1992. He has been President and Chief Investment Officer of the Investment Manager since 2003 and prior to that was a Senior Vice President.

Francis C. Poli, Secretary, age 46, joined the Investment Manager in 2007 as Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel. Prior thereto, he was General Counsel of Allianz Global Investors of America LP.

James Giallanza, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, age 43, joined the Investment Manager in 2006 as Senior Vice President. Prior thereto, he was Deputy Head of US Funds Administration and Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of various mutual funds within the Legg Mason (formerly Citigroup Asset Management) fund complex.

Lisa Phelan, Chief Compliance Officer, age 40, joined the Investment Manager in 2004 as a Vice President and has been a Senior Vice President since 2008. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, she was Chief Compliance Officer of Avatar Associates and Overture Asset Managers.

William F. Scapell, Vice President, age 42, joined the Investment Manager in 2003 as a Senior Vice President. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, he was the chief strategist for preferred securities at Merrill Lynch & Co.

Yigal D. Jhirad, Vice President, age 44, joined the Investment Manager in 2007 as a Senior Vice President. Prior thereto, he served as Executive Director at Morgan Stanley heading the portfolio and derivatives strategies effort.

RLF, RPF and ROI

Thomas N. Bohjalian, Vice President, age 43, joined the Investment Manager in 2002 and has been Senior Vice President since 2006. Prior to that, he was Vice President of the Investment Manager from 2003 through 2005.

RWF

Scott Crowe, Vice President, age 31, joined the Investment Manager in 2007 as a Senior Vice President, and currently serves as a Senior Vice President and Global Research Strategist. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, he was an executive director at UBS and served as the head of U.S. REITs and as a global strategist. He also worked at UBS Warburg as a real estate analyst.

Charles McKinley, Vice President, age 39, joined the Investment Manager in 2007 as a Senior Vice President. Prior to joining the Investment Manager, he was a Portfolio Manager at Franklin Templeton Real Estate Advisors.

Director Compensation

Independent Directors are paid by each Fund an annual retainer of \$4,500 and a fee of \$500 for each regular meeting attended and are reimbursed for the expenses of attendance at such meetings. Additionally, the Audit Committee Chairman is paid \$15,000 per year in the aggregate for his service as Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Funds and of all of the Cohen & Steers funds, the Contract Review and Governance Committee Chairmen are each paid \$10,000 per year in the aggregate for their work in connection with the Funds and of all of the Cohen & Steers funds and the lead director is paid \$50,000 per year in the aggregate for his service as lead director of all of the Cohen & Steers funds. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, such fees and expenses paid by each Fund totaled \$50,078.

The following table sets forth information regarding compensation of Directors by each Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008 and by the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex for the calendar year ended December 31, 2008. Officers of the Funds, other than the Chief Compliance Officer, who receives less than \$60,000 from each Fund, and Interested Directors do not receive any compensation from the Funds or any fund in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex. In the column headed Total Compensation to Directors by Fund Complex, the compensation paid to each Director represents the 22 funds that each Director served in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex during 2008. The Directors do not receive any pension or retirement benefits from the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex.

| Name of Person, Position | Aggregate Compensation From Each Fund | Total Compensation Paid to Directors by Fund Complex* |
|--|---|--|
| Bonnie Cohen, Director | \$ 6,577 | \$ 138,125 |
| Martin Cohen**, Director and Co-Chairman | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| George Grossman, Director and Contract Review Committee Chairman | \$ 7,048 | \$ 148,125 |
| Richard E. Kroon, Director and Lead Independent Director | \$ 8,931 | \$ 188,125 |
| Richard J. Norman, Director and Governance Committee Chairman | \$ 7,048 | \$ 148,125 |
| Frank K. Ross, Director and Audit Committee Chairman | \$ 7,284 | \$ 153,125 |
| Willard H. Smith Jr., Director | \$ 6,577 | \$ 138,125 |
| Robert H. Steers**, Director and Co-Chairman | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| C. Edward Ward, Jr., Director | \$ 6,577 | \$ 138,125 |

* As of April 30, 2008, one of the Cohen & Steers open-end funds was liquidated, resulting in 21 funds remaining in the Cohen & Steers Fund Complex as of December 31, 2008.

** Interested Director.

Investment Manager and Subadvisers

Investment Manager

Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., with principal offices located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017, has been retained to provide investment advice, and, in general, to conduct the management and investment program of each Fund under the overall supervision and control of the Board. The Investment Manager, a registered investment adviser, was formed in 1986, and as of June 30, 2009 had \$16.3 billion of assets under management. Its clients include pension plans, endowment funds and registered investment companies, including open-end and closed-end real estate funds. The Cohen & Steers funds invest in U.S. and non-U.S. real estate investment trusts and other real estate securities, infrastructure securities, preferred and other fixed income securities and dividend paying large-cap value securities. The Investment Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cohen & Steers, Inc., a publicly traded company whose common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol CNS.

Under its Investment Management Agreement with each Fund (each, an Investment Management Agreement), the Investment Manager furnishes a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio, makes the day-to-day investment decisions for the Fund, and generally manages the Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of the Fund, subject to the general supervision of the Board of Directors of the Fund. The Investment Manager also performs certain administrative services for the Fund and provides persons satisfactory to the Directors of the Fund to serve as officers of the Fund. Such officers, as well as certain other employees and Directors of the Fund, may be directors, officers or employees of the Investment Manager.

The Funds' Investment Management Agreements provide for management fees to the Investment Manager to be paid by RLF, RPF, RQI and RWF at the rate of 0.85%, 0.80%, 0.85% and 0.95%, respectively, of the Fund's average daily managed assets. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, RLF, RPF, RQI and RWF paid management fees to the Investment Manager at the effective rate of 0.64%, 0.62%, 0.65% and 0.76%, respectively, of the Fund's average daily managed assets. In addition to its monthly management fee, each Fund pays all other costs and expenses of its operations, including compensation of its Directors, custodian, transfer agency and dividend disbursing expenses, legal fees, expenses of independent accountants, listing expenses, expenses of preparing, printing and distributing stockholder reports, notices, proxy statements and reports to governmental agencies, and taxes, if any.

The Investment Manager contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee for each of the Funds, as follows:

RLF: 0.21% of average daily managed asset value in 2008, 0.14% of average daily managed asset value in 2009 and 0.07% of average daily managed asset value in 2010.

RWF: 0.30% and 0.15% of average daily managed asset value for the twelve-month periods ended March 31, 2008 and 2009, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Investment Manager waived its fee at the annual rate of 0.19%.

RPF: 0.20%, 0.15%, 0.10% and 0.05% of average daily managed asset value for the twelve-month periods ended or ending August 30, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Investment Manager waived its fee at the annual rate of 0.18%.

RQI: 0.20% of average daily managed asset value in 2008, 0.14% of average daily managed asset value in 2009, 0.08% of average daily managed asset value in 2010 and 0.02% of average daily managed asset value in 2011.

The management fees paid by the Funds for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, 2007 and 2008, including waivers, were as follows:

| | Gross Fee | Amount Waived | Net Fee Paid |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 2006 | | | |
| RLF | \$ 7,980,721 | \$ 3,286,179 | \$ 4,694,542 |
| RPF | \$ 9,566,656 | \$ 2,989,580 | \$ 6,577,076 |
| RWF | \$ 4,586,903 | \$ 2,172,743 | \$ 2,414,160 |
| RQI | \$ 11,703,085 | \$ 4,405,867 | \$ 7,297,218 |
| 2007 | | | |
| RLF | \$ 7,682,542 | \$ 2,530,720 | \$ 5,151,822 |
| RPF | \$ 9,086,918 | \$ 2,666,728 | \$ 6,420,190 |
| RWF | \$ 4,969,948 | \$ 1,770,572 | \$ 3,199,376 |
| RQI | \$ 11,248,272 | \$ 3,440,648 | \$ 7,807,624 |
| 2008 | | | |
| RLF | \$ 5,067,083 | \$ 1,251,868 | \$ 3,815,215 |
| RPF | \$ 5,883,250 | \$ 1,390,802 | \$ 4,492,448 |
| RWF | \$ 3,168,836 | \$ 649,431 | \$ 2,519,405 |
| RQI | \$ 7,494,147 | \$ 1,763,329 | \$ 5,730,818 |

Additional information about the factors considered by the Board of each Fund in approving its Investment Management Agreement is contained in each Fund's Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2008.

Each Fund also has entered into an administration agreement with the Investment Manager (each, an Administration Agreement), under which the Investment Manager performs certain administrative functions for the Fund and receives a fee, accrued daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.02% (for RLF, RPF and RQI) or 0.06% (for RWF) of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the following fiscal years ended December 31, the Funds paid the Investment Manager fees under the Administration Agreement in the amounts set forth below. Additionally, each Fund pays State Street Bank and Trust Company as sub-administrator under a fund accounting and administration agreement.

| | RLF | RPF | RWF | RQI |
|------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2008 | \$ 119,225 | \$ 147,081 | \$ 200,137 | \$ 176,333 |
| 2007 | \$ 180,766 | \$ 227,173 | \$ 313,891 | \$ 264,665 |
| 2006 | \$ 187,782 | \$ 239,166 | \$ 289,699 | \$ 275,367 |

Subadvisers

With respect to RWF, the Investment Manager has entered into sub-investment advisory agreements (each a Subadvisory Agreement and collectively, the Subadvisory Agreements), with three of its affiliated registered investment advisers, CNS Europe, CNS Asia and CNS UK, all of which also are direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of CNS. Each of the Subadvisers provides investment advisory and research services to the Investment Manager in connection with managing the Fund's investments. CNS Europe is located at 166 Chaussee de la Hulpe, 1170 Brussels, Belgium, CNS Asia is located at 1202, Citibank Tower, Citibank Plaza, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong and CNS UK is located at 21 Sackville Street, 4th floor, London, U.K. References in this Proxy/Prospectus to activities and responsibilities of the Investment Manager may be performed by one or more of the Subadvisers.

For their services under the Subadvisory Agreements, the Investment Manager (not RWF) pays CNS Europe, CNS UK and CNS Asia a fee of 6.3%, 6.3% and 16.3%, respectively, of the management fees received by the Investment Manager from the Fund. For the following fiscal years ended December 31, the Investment Manager paid CNS Europe, CNS UK and CNS Asia the amounts set forth below.

| | CNS Europe | CNS UK | CNS Asia |
|------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2008 | \$ 158,723 | \$ 158,723 | \$ 410,663 |
| 2007 | \$ 218,581 | \$ 193,734 | \$ 501,248 |
| 2006 | \$ 482,832 | NA | NA |

Additional information about the factors considered by RWF's Board in approving the Subadvisory Agreements is contained in RWF's Semi-Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal period ended June 30, 2008.

If one or more of the Mergers are approved by Fund stockholders, it is the intention of the Investment Manager to propose to RQI's Board the appointment of the Subadvisers as sub-investment advisers to the combined Fund effective immediately following the Closing Date. Appointment of the Subadvisers will not be subject to approval by RQI's stockholders, in reliance on the issuance of an opinion from Fund counsel. Information about the factors considered by RQI's Board in approving the Subadvisory Agreements will be included in the Fund's Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009.

Codes of Ethics

Each Fund, the Investment Manager and the Subadvisers have adopted codes of ethics under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. The code of ethics of each Fund, the Investment Manager and the Subadvisers, among other things, prohibits management personnel from investing in REITs and real estate securities, preferred securities and initial public offerings and requires pre-approval for investments in Cohen & Steers closed-end funds and private placements. In addition, the Funds' Independent Directors are prohibited from purchasing or selling any security if they knew or reasonably should have known at the time of the transaction that the security is being considered for purchase or sale by a Fund, or is being purchased or sold by a Fund. These codes of ethics can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. (information on the Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at (202) 551-5850), are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, and copies may be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov or writing the SEC at Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Proxy Voting Policies

Each Fund's Board has delegated the responsibility for voting proxies on behalf of the Fund to the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager's Proxy Voting Policy is attached to the Proxy/Prospectus as Appendix B. In addition, each Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 330-7348 or (ii) on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Portfolio Managers of the Funds

Below is summary information for the Funds' portfolio managers. Messrs. Cohen, Steers, Harvey, Scapell and Bohjalian are the primary portfolio managers for each Fund (except Mr. Bohjalian is not a portfolio manager of RWF). Messrs. Rovers, Crowe and McKinley also serve as primary portfolio managers for RWF.

Martin Cohen and Robert H. Steers, portfolio managers since inception (see above, Boards of Directors for biographical information).

Joseph Harvey, portfolio manager since 2004 (inception, for RWF) (see above, Officers of the Funds for biographical information).

William F. Scapell, portfolio manager since 2005 (see above, Officers of the Funds for biographical information).

Thomas N. Bohjalian, portfolio manager since 2006 (see above, Officers of the Funds for biographical information).

Gerios J.M. Rovers, portfolio manager since inception. Mr. Rovers has been a managing director and chief investment officer of CNS Europe since 2000.

Scott Crowe, portfolio manager since 2007 (see above, Officers of the Funds for biographical information).

Charles McKinley, portfolio manager since 2007 (see above, Officers of the Funds for biographical information).

Other Accounts Managed by Portfolio Managers

Each portfolio manager manages other investment companies and/or investment vehicles and accounts in addition to the Funds. The following tables show, as of December 31, 2008, the number of accounts (including the Funds) each portfolio manager managed in each of the listed categories and the total assets in the accounts managed within each category. The portfolio managers do not receive performance-based fees with respect to any of the registered investment companies, other pooled investment vehicles or other accounts that they manage.

Martin Cohen (all Funds)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 19 | \$ 7,386,803,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 25 | \$ 3,338,400,000 |
| Other accounts | 46 | \$ 2,195,704,000 |

Robert Steers (all Funds)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 19 | \$ 7,386,803,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 25 | \$ 3,338,400,000 |
| Other accounts | 46 | \$ 2,195,704,000 |

Joseph Harvey (all Funds)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 19 | \$ 7,386,803,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 25 | \$ 3,338,400,000 |
| Other accounts | 46 | \$ 2,195,704,000 |

William F. Scapell (all Funds)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 10 | \$ 4,229,569,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 2 | \$ 35,810,000 |
| Other accounts | 12 | \$ 361,679,000 |

Thomas N. Bohjalian (RLF, RPF and ROI only)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 7 | \$ 2,823,154,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 2 | \$ 35,810,000 |
| Other accounts | 7 | \$ 205,711,000 |

Gerios J.M. Rovers (RWF only)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 6 | \$ 1,817,189,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 21 | \$ 3,035,784,000 |
| Other accounts | 23 | \$ 793,159,000 |

Scott Crowe (RWF only)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 7 | \$ 1,012,255,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 17 | \$ 2,960,465,000 |
| Other accounts | 15 | \$ 485,383,000 |

Charles McKinley (RWF only)

| | Number of Accounts | Total Assets |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Registered investment companies | 3 | \$ 493,231,000 |
| Other pooled investment vehicles | 15 | \$ 2,783,458,000 |
| Other accounts | 9 | \$ 404,100,000 |

It is possible that conflicts of interest may arise in connection with the portfolio managers' management of a Fund's investments on the one hand and the investments of other accounts or vehicles for which the portfolio managers are responsible on the other. For example, a portfolio manager may have conflicts of interest in allocating management time, resources and investment opportunities among the Fund and the other accounts or vehicles he advises. In addition, due to differences in the investment strategies or restrictions among the Fund and the other accounts, a portfolio manager may take action with respect to another account that differs from the action taken with respect to the Fund. In some cases, another account managed by a portfolio manager may provide more revenue to the Investment Manager or a Subadviser. While this may appear to create additional conflicts of interest for the portfolio manager in the allocation of management time, resources and investment opportunities, the Investment Manager strives to ensure that portfolio managers endeavor to exercise their discretion in a manner that is equitable to all interested persons. In this regard, in the absence of specific account-related impediments (such as client-imposed restrictions or lack of available cash), it is the policy of the Investment Manager and the Subadvisers to allocate investment ideas pro rata to all accounts with the same primary investment objective.

In addition, certain of the portfolio managers may from time to time manage one or more accounts on behalf of the Investment Manager and its affiliated companies, including the Subadvisers (the CNS Accounts). Certain securities held and traded in the CNS Accounts also may be held and traded in one or more client accounts. It is the policy of the Investment Manager and the Subadvisers however not to put the interests of the CNS Accounts ahead of the interests of client accounts. The Investment Manager and the Subadvisers may aggregate orders of client accounts with those of the CNS Accounts; however, under no circumstances will preferential treatment be given to the CNS Accounts. For all orders involving the CNS Accounts, purchases or sales will be allocated prior to trade placement, and orders that are only partially filled will be allocated across all accounts in proportion to the shares each account, including the CNS Accounts, was designated to receive prior

to trading. As a result, it is expected that the CNS Accounts will receive the same average price as other accounts included in the aggregated order. Shares will not be allocated or re-allocated to the CNS Accounts after trade execution or after the average price is known. In the event so few shares of an order are executed that a pro-rata allocation is not practical, a rotational system of allocation may be used; however, the CNS Accounts will never be part of that rotation or receive shares of a partially filled order other than on a pro-rata basis. Because certain CNS Accounts are managed with a cash management objective, it is possible that a security will be sold out of the CNS Accounts but continue to be held for one or more client accounts. In situations when this occurs, such security will remain in a client account only if the Investment Manager, acting in its reasonable judgment and consistent with its fiduciary duties, believes this is appropriate for, and consistent with the objectives and profile of, the client account.

Compensation Structure of the Investment Manager and Subadvisers

Compensation of the Investment Manager's and Subadvisers' portfolio managers and other investment professionals has three primary components: (1) a base salary, (2) an annual cash bonus, and (3) annual stock-based compensation consisting generally of restricted stock units of the Investment Manager's and Subadvisers' parent, CNS. The Investment Manager's and Subadvisers' investment professionals, including the portfolio managers, also receive certain retirement, insurance and other benefits that are broadly available to all of its employees. Compensation of the Investment Manager's and Subadvisers' investment professionals is reviewed primarily on an annual basis. Cash bonuses, stock-based compensation awards, and adjustments in base salary are typically paid or put into effect in the January following the fiscal year-end of CNS.

The Investment Manager and Subadvisers compensate their portfolio managers based primarily on the scale and complexity of their portfolio responsibilities and the total return performance of managed funds and accounts versus appropriate peer groups or benchmarks. The Investment Manager and Subadvisers use a variety of benchmarks to evaluate the portfolio managers' performance, including the NAREIT Equity REIT Index with respect to Messrs. Cohen, Steers, Harvey and Bohjalian and the Merrill Lynch Fixed Rate Preferred Index with respect to Mr. Scapell. In evaluating the performance of a Fund and its portfolio manager, primary emphasis is normally placed on one- and three-year performance, with secondary consideration of performance over longer periods of time. Performance is evaluated on a pre-tax and pre-expense basis. In addition to rankings within peer groups of funds on the basis of absolute performance, consideration may also be given to risk-adjusted performance. For managers responsible for multiple funds and accounts, investment performance is evaluated on an aggregate basis. Portfolio managers are also evaluated on the basis of their success in managing their dedicated team of analysts. Base compensation for portfolio managers varies in line with the portfolio manager's seniority and position with the firm.

The compensation of portfolio managers with other job responsibilities (such as acting as an executive officer of the Investment Manager, a Subadviser or CNS and supervising various departments within the Investment Manager, a Subadviser or CNS) will include consideration of the scope of such responsibilities and the managers' performance in meeting them. The Investment Manager and Subadvisers seek to compensate portfolio managers commensurate with their responsibilities and performance, and competitive with other firms within the investment management industry. The Investment Manager participates in investment-industry compensation surveys and utilizes survey data as a factor in determining salary, bonus and stock-based compensation levels for portfolio managers and other investment professionals. Salaries, bonuses and stock-based compensation are also influenced by the operating performance of the Investment Manager, Subadvisers and CNS. While the salary of each portfolio manager is fixed, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation may fluctuate significantly from year to year, based on changes in manager performance and other factors as described herein. For a high performing portfolio manager, cash bonuses and stock-based compensation generally are a substantial portion of total compensation.

Portfolio Manager Securities Ownership

The table below identifies the dollar range of securities beneficially owned by the portfolio managers of each Fund as of December 31, 2008.

| Name of Portfolio Manager | Dollar Range of Equity Securities Owned* | | | |
|---------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|
| | RLF | RPF | RWF | RQI |
| Martin Cohen | E | C | A | E |
| Robert H. Steers | E | C | A | D |
| Joseph Harvey | C | A | A | A |
| William F. Scapell | A | A | A | A |
| Thomas N. Bohjalian | A | A | N/A | A |
| Gerios J.M. Rovers | N/A | N/A | A | N/A |
| Scott Crowe | N/A | N/A | A | N/A |
| Charles McKinley | N/A | N/A | A | N/A |

* The dollar ranges are as follows: A = None; B = \$1-\$10,000; C = \$10,001-\$50,000; D = \$50,001-\$100,000; E = \$100,001-\$500,000; \$500,001-\$1,000,000; and G = Over \$1,000,000.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUNDS

Further information about each Fund is included in its Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. Copies of these documents and the SAI related to this Proxy/Prospectus are available upon request and without charge by visiting the Funds' website at www.cohenandsteers.com, by calling 800-330-7348 or by writing to a Fund at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

The Funds are subject to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and, in accordance therewith, file reports and other information including proxy material, reports and charter documents with the SEC. These reports and other information can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. You may obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (202) 551-8090. Reports and other information about each Fund are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain copies of this information, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC at Public Reference Section, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20549 at prescribed rates.

Financial Highlights

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the performance of each Fund for the last five years or since its inception, whichever is less. Certain information reflects financial results for a single share. Total return represents the rate that a stockholder would have earned (or lost) on a Fund share assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The information in the following tables has been derived from the Funds' financial statements, which have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, whose reports, along with the Funds' financial statements, are included in the Funds' annual reports (available upon request).

Financial Highlights for RLF

For a share of common stock outstanding throughout each year ended December 31:

| Per Share Operating Performance: | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Net asset value per common share, beginning of year | \$ 15.51 | \$ 25.91 | \$ 21.99 | \$ 22.94 | \$ 18.78 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | 0.74 | 1.13 | 1.18 | 0.97 | 0.98 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | (8.68) | (7.07) | 7.64 | 1.32 | 4.86 |
| Total income (loss) from investment operations | (7.94) | (5.94) | 8.82 | 2.29 | 5.84 |
| Less dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.28) | (0.18) | (0.15) | (0.14) | (0.11) |
| Net realized gain | | (0.42) | (0.40) | (0.24) | (0.04) |
| Total dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.28) | (0.60) | (0.55) | (0.38) | (0.15) |
| Total from investment operations applicable to common shares | (8.22) | (6.54) | 8.27 | 1.91 | 5.69 |
| Less: Preferred share offering cost adjustment | | | | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Offering costs charged to paid-in capital preferred shares | | | | | (0.04) |
| Total offering costs | | | | 0.01 | (0.03) |
| Anti-dilutive effect from the issuance of common shares | 0.00 ^a | 0.00 ^a | 0.01 | | |
| Less dividends and distributions to common shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.37) | (0.99) | (1.05) | (0.84) | (0.88) |
| Net realized gain | | (2.05) | (2.69) | (1.44) | (0.30) |
| Tax return of capital | (1.55) | (0.82) | (0.62) | (0.59) | (0.32) |
| Total dividends and distributions to common shareholders | (1.92) | (3.86) | (4.36) | (2.87) | (1.50) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net asset value per common share | (10.14) | (10.40) | 3.92 | (0.95) | 4.16 |
| Net asset value, per common share, end of year | \$ 5.37 | \$ 15.51 | \$ 25.91 | \$ 21.99 | \$ 22.94 |
| Market value, per common share, end of year | \$ 3.78 | \$ 14.63 | \$ 27.83 | \$ 20.39 | \$ 22.25 |
| Net asset value total return ^b | -57.20% | -26.30% | 39.05% | 9.27% | 32.13% |
| Market value return ^b | -68.06% | -35.31% | 61.13% | 4.46% | 31.80% |

| Ratios/Supplemental Data: | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Net assets applicable to common shares, end of year (in millions) | \$ 142.8 | \$ 407.7 | \$ 679.9 | \$ 567.5 | \$ 592.1 |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^c | 2.37% | 1.54% | 1.49% | 1.56% | 1.52% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^c | 2.00% | 1.12% | 0.98% | 0.93% | 0.91% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction and excluding interest expense) ^c | 1.63% | | | | |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^c | 6.28% | 3.98% | 4.19% | 4.06% | 5.37% |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^c | 6.65% | 4.39% | 4.70% | 4.70% | 5.99% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (before expense reduction) ^{c,d} | 1.34% | 1.04% | 1.02% | 1.04% | 1.04% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (net of expense reduction) ^{c,d} | 1.13% | 0.76% | 0.67% | 0.62% | 0.62% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 23% | 23% | 20% | 14% | 3% |
| Preferred Shares and Revolving Credit Agreement: | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 80,950 | \$ 295,000 | \$ 295,000 | \$ 295,000 | \$ 295,000 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 3 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Asset coverage ratio for revolving credit agreement | 3,297% | | | | |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 for revolving credit agreement | \$ 32,966 | | | | |
| Asset coverage ratio for auction market preferred shares ^e | 262% | 238% | 330% | 292% | 301% |
| Asset coverage per share for auction market preferred shares ^e | \$ 65,500 | \$ 59,554 | \$ 82,622 | \$ 73,093 | \$ 75,181 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Average market value per share ^f | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |

- Amount is less than \$0.005.
- Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- Ratios do not reflect dividend payments to preferred shareholders
- Average daily managed assets represent net assets applicable to common shares plus liquidation preference of preferred shares and the outstanding balance of the revolving credit agreement.

- e. Includes the effect of the outstanding borrowings from the revolving credit agreement.
- f. Based on weekly prices.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Financial Highlights for RPF

For a share of common stock outstanding throughout each year ended December 31:

| Per Share Operating Performance: | For the Year ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Net asset value per common share, beginning of year | \$ 15.90 | \$ 27.00 | \$ 22.56 | \$ 23.81 | \$ 19.36 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | 0.79 | 1.18 | 1.20 | 1.06 ^a | 0.91 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | (9.52) | (7.92) | 8.52 | 1.11 | 5.54 |
| Total income (loss) from investment operations | (8.73) | (6.74) | 9.72 | 2.17 | 6.45 |
| Less dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.36) | (0.23) | (0.16) | (0.15) | (0.09) |
| Net realized gain | | (0.42) | (0.42) | (0.25) | (0.06) |
| Total dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.36) | (0.65) | (0.58) | (0.40) | (0.15) |
| Total from investment operations applicable to common shares | (9.09) | (7.39) | 9.14 | 1.77 | 6.30 |
| Less: Preferred share offering cost adjustment | | | | | |
| Offering costs charged to paid-in capital preferred shares | | | | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Total offering costs | | | | 0.01 | (0.03) |
| Anti-dilutive effect from the issuance of common shares | (0.00) ^b | | | | |
| Less dividends and distributions to common shareholders from: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.33) | (0.98) | (1.06) | (0.89) | (0.84) |
| Net realized gain | | (1.80) | (3.12) | (1.50) | (0.63) |
| Tax return of capital | (1.59) | (0.93) | (0.52) | (0.64) | (0.35) |
| Total dividends and distributions to common shareholders | (1.92) | (3.71) | (4.70) | (3.03) | (1.82) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net asset value per common share | (11.01) | (11.10) | 4.44 | (1.25) | 4.45 |
| Net asset value, per common share, end of year | \$ 4.89 | \$ 15.90 | \$ 27.00 | \$ 22.56 | \$ 23.81 |
| Market value, per common share, end of year | \$ 3.57 | \$ 14.71 | \$ 26.58 | \$ 19.99 | \$ 21.96 |
| Net asset value total return ^c | -61.99% | -28.08% | 42.52% | 9.00% | 34.91% |
| Market value return ^c | -70.01% | -32.41% | 58.34% | 4.72% | 29.51% |

| Ratios/Supplemental Data: | For the Year ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Net assets applicable to common shares, end of year (in millions) | \$ 156.5 | \$ 503.6 | \$ 855.3 | \$ 714.8 | \$ 754.2 |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^d | 2.05% | 1.46% | 1.40% | 1.47% | 1.43% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^d | 1.71% | 1.10% | 1.04% | 1.10% | 1.07% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (excluding interest expense and net of expense reduction) ^d | 1.68% | | | | |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^d | 6.42% | 3.65% | 4.03% | 4.16% | 4.71% |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^d | 6.76% | 4.00% | 4.39% | 4.54% | 5.08% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (before expense reduction) ^{d,e} | 1.14% | 0.97% | 0.96% | 0.98% | 0.98% |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (net of expense reduction) ^{d,e} | 0.95% | 0.74% | 0.71% | 0.73% | 0.73% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 22% | 19% | 19% | 14% | 5% |
| Preferred Shares and Revolving Credit Agreement: | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 92,800 | \$ 376,000 | \$ 376,000 | \$ 376,000 | \$ 376,000 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 4 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Asset coverage ratio for revolving credit agreement | 5,087% | | | | |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 for revolving credit agreement | \$ 50,865 | | | | |
| Asset coverage ratio for auction market preferred shares ^f | 260% | 234% | 327% | 290% | 301% |
| Asset coverage per share for auction market preferred shares ^f | \$ 65,000 | \$ 58,484 | \$ 81,868 | \$ 72,525 | \$ 75,146 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Average market value per share ^g | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |

- Calculation based on average shares outstanding.
- Amount is less than \$0.005.
- Total market value return is computed based upon the New York Stock Exchange market price of the Fund's shares and excludes the effects of brokerage commissions. Total net asset value return measures the changes in value over the period indicated, taking into account dividends as reinvested. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of these calculations, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.
- Ratios do not reflect dividend payments to preferred shareholders.
- Average daily managed assets represent net assets applicable to common shares plus liquidation preference of preferred shares and the outstanding balance of the revolving credit agreement.

- f. Includes the effect of the outstanding borrowings from the revolving credit agreement.
- g. Based on weekly prices.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Financial Highlights for RWF

For a share of common stock outstanding throughout each period ended December 31:

| | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | For the Period |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | March 31, 2005 ^a through December 31, 2005 |
| Per Share Operating Performance: | | | | |
| Net asset value per common share, beginning of period | \$ 17.64 | \$ 24.74 | \$ 19.00 | \$ 19.10 |
| Income from investment operations: | | | | |
| Net investment income | 2.48 | 1.21 ^b | 1.35 ^b | 1.06 ^b |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) | (13.42) | (4.24) | 7.76 | 0.62 |
| Total income (loss) from investment operations | (10.94) | (3.03) | 9.11 | 1.68 |
| Less dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders from: | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.01) | (0.45) | (0.42) | (0.19) |
| Net realized gain | | (0.09) | (0.07) | (0.04) |
| Tax return of capital | (0.31) | | | |
| Total dividends and distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.32) | (0.54) | (0.49) | (0.23) |
| Total from investment operations applicable to common shares | (11.26) | (3.57) | 8.62 | 1.45 |
| Less: Offering costs charged to paid-in capital preferred shares (0.13) | | | | |
| Offering costs charged to paid-in capital common shares (0.04) | | | | |
| Total offering costs | | | | (0.17) |
| Anti-dilutive effect from the issuance of common shares | 0.00 ^c | 0.00 ^c | 0.05 | |
| Less dividends and distributions to common shareholders from: | | | | |
| Net investment income | | (2.91) | (2.49) | (1.13) |
| Net realized gain | | (0.62) | (0.44) | (0.25) |
| Tax return of capital | (1.44) | | | |
| Total dividends and distributions to common shareholders | (1.44) | (3.53) | (2.93) | (1.38) |
| Net increase (decrease) in net asset value per common share | (12.70) | (7.10) | 5.74 | (0.10) |
| Net asset value, per common share, end of period | \$ 4.94 | \$ 17.64 | \$ 24.74 | \$ 19.00 |
| Market value, per common share, end of period | \$ 3.52 | \$ 16.00 | \$ 28.65 | \$ 16.56 |
| Net asset value total return ^d | -67.00% | -14.51% ^e | 46.41% ^e | 6.90% ^f |
| Market value return ^d | -74.07% | -33.04% | 94.64% | -11.07% ^f |

| Ratios/Supplemental Data: | For the Year Ended December 31, | | | For the Period |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|----------|--|
| | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | March 31, 2005 ^a through December 31, 2005 |
| Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (in millions) | \$ 77.7 | \$ 274.4 | \$ 382.9 | \$ 287.1 |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^g | 2.51% | 1.77% | 1.83% | 1.77% ^h |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^g | 2.18% | 1.29% | 1.17% | 1.14% ^h |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction and excluding interest expense) ^g | 1.99% | | | |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (before expense reduction) ^g | 5.88% | 4.60% | 5.55% | 6.60% ^h |
| Ratio of net investment income to average daily net assets applicable to common shares (net of expense reduction) ^g | 6.21% | 5.08% | 6.21% | 7.24% ^h |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (before expense reduction) ^{g,i} | 1.50% | 1.25% | 1.25% | 1.25% ^h |
| Ratio of expenses to average daily managed assets (net of expense reduction) ^{g,i} | 1.30% | 0.92% | 0.80% | 0.80% ^h |
| Portfolio turnover rate | | | | |