

# The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

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Tait, Weller & Baker LLP 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2900 Philadelphia, PA 19102 The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.'s investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its objective, the Fund invests in issuers that are likely, in the Advisor's view, to benefit from economic, political, structural and technological developments in the countries in the Caribbean Basin, which include, among others, Cuba, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Barbados, Aruba. Haiti. the Netherlands Antilles, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, the United States, Guvana and Venezuela ("Caribbean Basin Countries"). The Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity and equity-linked securities of issuers, including U.S.-based companies which engage in substantial trade with, and derive substantial revenue from, operations Caribbean Basin Countries.

Listed NASDAQ Capital Market Symbol: CUBA

## Letter to Stockholders (unaudited)

Dear Fellow Stockholders,

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for the period ended June 30, 2023. On that date, the net asset value ("NAV") of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (CUBA) was \$4.98 per share. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the total investment return, adjusted for dividends, was 23.37% based on NAV per share and 16.24% based on market value per share. Over the period, the discount to NAV widened from -13.39% to -20.68%.

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation through investment in companies that we believe are poised to benefit from economic, political, structural, and technological developments in the Caribbean Basin. Part



Thomas J. Herzfeld Chairman and Portfolio Manager

of the investment strategy focuses on companies in the region that we believe would benefit from the resumption of U.S. trade with Cuba. Since it is impossible to predict when the U.S. embargo will be lifted, we have concentrated on investments that we believe can do well even if there is no political or economic change with respect to Cuba.

#### Caribbean Basin Update

As reported in our December 2022 letter to shareholders, during the 2022 calendar year the Caribbean Basin economies continued their recovery that started in 2021. The global pandemic caused significant economic pain to the tourist-centric Caribbean as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) dropped more than 10% in 2020 for almost all Caribbean countries. After starting their recovery later than most Group of Twenty (G20) nations, the countries of the Caribbean saw some of the quickest recoveries as tourism returned and commodity exports increased. Real GDP growth for the region was 5.1% in 2021 and accelerated to 12.4% for 2022. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) continues to project real GDP growth for the region in 2023, with the Caribbean estimated to come in at 9.9% for 2023<sup>1</sup>.

Tourist arrivals to the region continued to trend in the right direction for the first three to five months of calendar year 2023 (depending upon country data available). When compared to the same period in 2022, "stop-over visits" increased in 2023 in every country for which data is available except for the U.S. Virgin Islands (-3.3%). Percentage increases year-over-year range from 16.4% (Dominican Republic; January through May) to 197.2% (Cayman Islands; January through March). Notable also are visits to Cuba which were up 119.7% for the January through April period<sup>2</sup>.

See https://www.imf.org/external/datamapper/profile/CBQ.

See https://tourismanalytics.com/caribbean.html



Erik M. Herzfeld President and Portfolio Manager

While we believe there are generally positive indicators in the region, global monetary tightening by the world's central banks could yet constrict economic performance in the Caribbean region by negatively affecting demand for commodity exports and reducing discretionary spending available for use in the Caribbean. While higher interest rates have not significantly slowed the recovery in the region to date, we are cognizant of the experience of Caribbean economies during the last two recessions (the Great Recession of 2008 and the COVID-19 recession), which saw significant pullbacks. Despite global central banks tightening monetary policy and general caution regarding the impacts of ongoing inflation and uncertainty over the war in Ukraine, we do not project an immediate meaningful economic downturn and anticipate an above trend growth period for the Caribbean region.

In addition to our generally positive views towards macro-economic conditions in the Caribbean Basin, we have identified potential investment opportunities in two specific countries in the region: Guyana and Cuba.

Guyana is a country of just 791,000 people but is projected to become the world's fourth largest offshore oil producer, placing it ahead of Qatar, the U.S., Mexico and Norway<sup>3</sup>. The IMF projects 37.2% local economic growth for 2023, with the potential for 45.3% GDP growth in 2024.4 Guyana is reported to have launched a number of infrastructure projects in anticipation of that growth, including construction of 12 hospitals, seven hotels, scores of schools, two main highways and its first deep-water port. A \$1.9 billion gas-to-energy project is also reportedly underway. In our view, the projected economic growth in Guyana is likely to create investment opportunities in the Caribbean region generally and with companies doing business in Guyana specifically.

Although currently subject to the U.S. trade embargo, Cuba is the second country in which we believe there may be attractive investment opportunities. Throughout the Fund's history, the Fund's portfolio has been positioned to take advantage of opportunities in Cuba in the event of a thawing of U.S.-Cuba relations and the opening of investment opportunities in that country. While over that history the expectations for an opening of business opportunities with Cuba have ebbed and flowed, we believe the conditions are becoming ripe for the Biden Administration to make an announcement regarding the opening of relations with Cuba for a number of reasons:

- We point to a series of events over the past year where Cuba first opened up its
  doors to foreign investment in 2022, and the Biden administration subsequently
  loosened restrictions on travel to and from Cuba.
- We take note particularly of President Biden's aside to Senator Bob Menendez, caught on video after the President's State of the Union Address in February, 2023, in which he was heard saying that he wanted to discuss Cuba with the

See https://apnews.com/article/guyana-oil-discovery-money-14c23a72c6d7c13675493ede42ed1000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See https://guyanachronicle.com/2023/04/12/imf-projects-37-2-local-economic-growth-for-this-year/

Senator, who has been a long-time advocate for Cuban expatriates here in the United States.

• We also note a May 16, 2023 social media post by Ambassador Brian A. Nichols, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, U.S. Department of State, who commented: "One year ago, the U.S. announced several policy measures to empower the Cuban people. We delivered on our commitment to reunify Cuban-American families, expand travel, & restart remittances. We've also increased support to independent Cuban businesses, with more to announce soon."



Ryan M. Paylor Portfolio Manager

- We have had discussions with private citizens doing business with Cuba who
  have indicated that they have been informed by certain U.S. government
  contacts with whom they regularly engage that a shift in U.S. policy is coming
  soon.
- With recent announcements that China and Russia continue to make inroads in Cuba, our view is that it would make political and economic sense for the U.S. to reengage with the island nation both politically and economically instead of surrendering influence to China and Russia.

We cannot predict with certainty when the opening of investment opportunities in Cuba will happen, or if such opening will occur. However, the potential for the opening of investment in Cuba and the opportunities to be created by projected GDP growth in Guyana are certainly factors that we are watching closely.

#### **Portfolio**

Our overweight positioning in travel related stocks was the major driver of the 23.37% gain in NAV in the portfolio over the fiscal year. Travel companies are continuing to see revenue growth in the Caribbean region and recent economic data showing declining inflation while maintaining solid economic growth in the U.S. could be a continuing tailwind for the sector. On the opposite end of the spectrum, energy stocks went from leaders to laggards and the banking crisis that enveloped small and regional U.S. banks in March caused our holdings in Puerto Rican banks to see sizable drops between -19% and -21% in that month. Banks have regained their footing after the unprecedented support from the Federal Reserve (Fed), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, other government agencies and investments by larger banks. We added to our bank holdings during the swoon as Puerto Rican banks did not have the same crypto, technology, and commercial real estate exposures that we believe were leading to bank runs and deposit flights.

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (RCL) was the best performer in the portfolio over the fiscal year gaining 197.16% as the cruise industry continues to rebound after near collapse during the pre-vaccine stage of the pandemic. Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) was the second best performer in the portfolio, gaining 95.77% in the period. Despite the

massive rallies in our cruise line holdings, we still believe there is more upside as ongoing strong consumer sentiment continues to provide cruise operators with necessary booking revenues to restructure or retire their expensive debt incurred during the pandemic. On a forward-looking basis, we would argue cruise lines remain cheap and that their strong gains achieved over the past fiscal year can continue.

The worst performer over the fiscal year was New Fortress Energy (NFE) which declined 25.91%. Despite the weak performance over the period, we remain bullish on NFE's future growth prospects. The company has received export authorization for their Altamira Fast LNG project in Mexico, won an energy contract to supply 150 megawatts of power to Puerto Rico, and is nearing completion of their terminals in Brazil. Additionally, they have estimated demand from their existing terminals to increase more than four-fold over the next two years from 40 trillion British thermal units (BTUs) to 175 trillion BTUs. Future contracted demand also provides capital to grow the company as opposed to debt sales and equity issuance. NFE also is focused on returning cash to shareholders as it has returned \$3.40 to shareholders along with buying back shares over the last year.

Lennar Corp. (LEN) was another strong performer over the fiscal year gaining 80.59%. The homebuilder dipped at the start of 2022 as investors surmised rising rates would affect homebuilders negatively. This makes sense in theory as the purchasing power of new homeowners would be expected to decline in a rising mortgage rate environment. What many investors failed to foresee is many homeowners purchased a home in the last few years when rates were low or refinanced their mortgages while the Fed was at the emergency rate. The rapid rise in mortgage rates resulted in current homeowners becoming reticent to sell their homes and trade in their low-rate mortgages for new homes at higher rates. As a consequence, the supply of existing homes for sale is at a low level last seen during the Great Financial Crisis even though the consumer is in a much better place. This means less demand for existing homes sales and increasing demand for new construction for homebuilders like LEN which are still operating in an environment where demand for homes continues to outstrip supply. With mortgage rates around 7% for a 30-year fixed mortgage, we do not foresee a rebound in existing homes sales for years which should provide a tailwind for LEN until mortgage rates decline and the supply of existing homes for sale increases.

Popular, Inc. (BPOP) was our weakest performer in the banking sector declining 18.45%. Since bottoming in March 2023 during the banking crisis that saw three U.S. banks collapse, BPOP has rallied 20.16%. BPOP does not have the same concentration of industry, sector, or client type that was the downfall of Signature Bank, Silvergate Bank, and Silicon Valley Bank nor the same losses on its fixed income investments classified as held-to-maturity. BPOP is also benefitting from robust growth in Puerto Rico as the territory's GDP grew 6.9% in 2022 versus 1.9% for the mainland U.S. We believe the same growth tailwinds the Caribbean Basin region is experiencing will continue into 2023 which should benefit banks like BPOP. BPOP closed the quarter at a price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) of 4.23 while the KBW Regional Banking Index was at a P/E of 8.08. The banks in the regional banking index are operating in areas that do not have the same economic growth back drop as the Caribbean which we believe will support the cheaper valuation of BPOP and cause it to eventually trade more in line with its more expensive peers.

Copa Holdings (CPA) was a major beneficiary from the resumption of travel in Latin America but also saw demand increase due to the bankruptcies of regional carriers over the last few years that once competed for business. CPA gained 77.48% over the last year. The airline posted record revenues of \$2.97 billion in 2022, a significant milestone after revenues declined 70% in 2020. CPA is on track for revenues of \$3.42 billion in 2023 while earnings per share (EPS) is projected to ramp up to \$14.80 per share. Jet fuel costs have declined significantly since peaking in 2022 which also directly benefits the bottom line of CPA. We believe travel demand will remain elevated over the next year as consumers continue to spend on travel and related experiences over goods.

Margo Caribe (MRGO) struggled over the last year declining 13.47%. The lawn and garden product purveyor saw its business spike during the early stages of the pandemic as demand for landscaping upgrades was driven by homeowners working from home. The company is not listed on a major stock exchange and stopped filing quarterly reports in 2006. MRGO restarted filing quarterly reports in 2021 as the increased revenues during the pandemic and return to profitability brought new life to the company. The company has used its revenues to diversify its product offerings by expanding into the pottery segment by leveraging newly secured production commitments from South American and European suppliers. The company has recently pivoted from growing and distributing tropical foliage and flowering plants to landscaping rocks and mulch while also adding new product lines like fire glass. It remains to be seen whether the new product offerings will be profitable. We do not expect the same spike in sales experienced during the pandemic but MRGO earned \$1.10 per share in 2022 and earned \$0.50 per share in the first quarter of 2023. At the end of June, the closing price equates to a relatively cheap trailing 12-month P/E of 3.77. If the company continues to deliver profitable quarters, it may register on a major exchange or there is the potential for it to be taken private at a premium to the current market price.

#### Outlook

With global central banks near the end of their rate hiking cycles and positive economic data coming out of the U.S. that was unexpected by many economists and investors, we believe the Caribbean Basin is poised to benefit from this dynamic and continue its above-trend growth. Our positions in travel and leisure stocks remain attractive in our view even after the strong performance over the fiscal year. The banking crisis that caused significant turmoil in the banking markets appears to be contained and less of a risk for our bank holdings in the Caribbean going forward. It is possible there could be a catch-up trade for our bank holdings as their valuations are as discounted as they were during the Great Financial Crisis.

The Caribbean Basin is experiencing the highest GDP growth of any region in the world at the moment and we feel the Fund is well positioned to capitalize on the growth tailwinds. The one year forward P/E for the Fund's portfolio companies on average is 11.85 versus 20.63 for the S&P 500 Index®. Typically, we would expect higher growth to coincide with a higher multiple but the Fund is currently at an almost 50% discount to the lower growth S&P 500®. We are also seeing new opportunities for direct investment in the region that could provide diversification and opportunity for higher rates of return.

Finally, the potential for the opening of investment in Cuba, the opportunities to be created by projected GDP growth in Guyana, and the overall economic conditions observed in the Caribbean Basin, lead to a generally positive view of the future.

#### **Largest Allocations**

The following tables present our largest investment and geographic allocations<sup>5</sup> as of June 30, 2023.

	% of Net		% of Net
Geographic Allocation	Assets	<b>Largest Portfolio Positions</b>	Assets
USA	41.10%	MasTec, Inc.	7.82%
Mexico	18.57%	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	7.25%
Puerto Rico	13.92%	Norwegian Cruise Line	
Liberia	7.25%	Holdings Ltd.	7.13%
Bermuda	7.13%	New Fortress Energy, Inc.	5.54%
Panama	6.73%	First BanCorp.	5.52%
Netherlands	2.26%	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	5.19%
Cayman Islands	1.21%	Popular, Inc.	5.05%
Cuba	0.00%	NextEra Energy, Inc.	4.14%
Money Market	1.76%	Copa Holdings, S.A.	4.12%
Other assets in excess of		Fomento Económico Mexicano,	
liabilities	0.07%	S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	4.08%
	100.00%		

#### Rights Offering

On August 4, 2023, the Board of Directors (the "Board") authorized the Fund to conduct a non-transferable rights offering to permit existing Fund stockholders to subscribe for additional shares of the Fund's common stock (the "Rights Offer"). Commencement of the Rights Offer will be announced via press release and the definitive terms of the Rights Offer, including important dates and the subscription price, will be included in the Fund's Rights Offer prospectus upon being declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Discussion regarding the Rights Offer herein is not an offer to sell these securities and the Fund is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is permitted. The Rights Offer will be made only be means of a prospectus and only after the registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC.

#### **Quarterly Distribution in Stock and Cash**

As part of the Fund's Managed Distribution Plan, the Fund has been making quarterly distributions to stockholders paid in cash or shares of our common stock at the election of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Geographic allocation is determined by the isser's legal domicile.

stockholders. The last distribution was made on June 30, 2023. On August 10, 2023, the Board indefinitely suspended the Managed Distribution Plan until further notice.

#### **Tender Offer**

On August 10, 2023, the Board also modified the Fund's Self-Tender Policy. Under the terms of the Self-Tender Policy, the Fund has undertaken to commence a tender offer for its shares of common stock by October 31, 2023. Because of the uncertainty regarding the timing of the Rights Offer, the Board modified the Self-Tender Policy to allow for the Fund to commence the tender offer within a reasonable amount of time following the conclusion of the Rights Offering, which is estimated to conclude in November 2023.

Daily net asset values and press releases by the Fund are available on our website at www.herzfeld.com/cuba.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Herzfeld Chairman of the Board

and Portfolio Manager

Erik M. Herzfeld President and Portfolio Manager Ryan M. Paylor Portfolio Manager

The above commentary is for informational purposes only and does not represent an offer, recommendation or solicitation to buy, hold or sell any security. The commentary is intended to assist stockholders in understanding our performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The views and opinions in this letter were current as of August 16, 2023. Statements other than those of historical facts included herein may constitute forward-looking statements regarding management's future expectations, beliefs, intentions, goals, strategies, plans or prospects, including statements relating to management's beliefs that the cash and stock distribution will allow the Fund to strengthen its balance sheet and to be in a position to capitalize on potential future investment opportunities, when there can be no assurance either will occur, and other factors may contain forward looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, with respect to the Fund's future financial or business performance, strategies or expectations. Nothing herein should be relied upon as a representation as to the future performance or portfolio holdings of the Fund. We undertake no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. The specific securities identified and described do not represent all of the securities purchased or sold and you should not assume that investments in the securities identified and discussed will be profitable. Portfolio composition is subject to change.

# Average Annual Total Returns\* (For the periods ended June 30, 2023)

	One Year	Five Year	Ten Year
The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund			
Net asset value per share	23.37%	3.14%	2.67%
Market value per share	16.24%	4.95%	2.84%
S&P 500® Index**	19.59%	12.31%	12.86%
MSCI Emerging Markets ex Asia Index ***	12.83%	0.65%	-0.16%

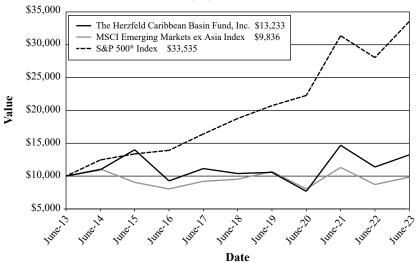
Total annual operating expenses, as disclosed in the Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund (the "Fund") N-2 dated April 15, 2021, and amended June 29, 2021, were 3.20% of average daily net assets. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Advisor voluntarily waived its management fee by 10 basis points (from 1.45% to 1.35%) in support of the Fund's initiative to attempt to reduce the stock price discount to net asset value. Additional information pertaining to the Fund's expense ratios as of June 30, 2023 can be found in the financial highlights.

The performance quoted represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The returns shown do not reflect deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. The Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. Performance data current to the most recent month end may be obtained by calling (305) 777-1660.

- \* Return figures reflect any change in price per share and assume the reinvestment of all distributions. The Fund's returns reflect any fee reductions during the applicable periods. If such fee reductions had not occurred, the quoted performance would have been lower.
- \*\* The S&P 500® Index is a widely recognized unmanaged index of equity securities and is representative of a broader domestic equity market and range of securities than is found in the Fund's portfolio. Individuals cannot invest directly in the index; however, an individual can invest in exchange traded funds or other investment vehicles that attempt to track the performance of a benchmark index.
- \*\*\* The MSCI Emerging Markets ex Asia Index (the "Index") captures large and mid cap representation across 15 Emerging Markets countries (Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, Mexico, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey and United Arab Emirates). With 248 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country excluding Asia. The index is representative of a broader domestic equity market and range of securities than is found in the Fund's portfolio. Individuals cannot invest directly in the index; however, an individual can invest in exchange traded funds or other investment vehicles that attempt to track the performance of a benchmark index.

The Fund's investment objectives, strategies, risks, charges and expenses must be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the Fund and may be obtained by calling the same number as above. Please read it carefully before investing.

### Comparison of the Growth of a \$10,000 Investment in the Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund (at Market Value), the S&P 500® Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets ex Asia Index



The chart above assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on June 30, 2013 and held through June 30, 2023. The S&P 500® Index and the MSCI Emerging Markets ex Asia Index are widely recognized unmanaged indexes of equity securities and each is representative of a broader equity market and range of securities than is found in the Fund's portfolio. Individuals cannot invest directly in an Index; however, an individual can invest in exchange traded funds or other investment vehicles that attempt to track the performance of a benchmark index. THE FUND'S RETURN REPRESENTS PAST PERFORMANCE AND DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE RESULTS. The returns shown do not reflect deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Investment returns and principal values will fluctuate so that your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original purchase price.

Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more information on the Fund, and to obtain performance data current to the most recent month end or to request a prospectus, please call 800-TJH-FUND (800-854-3863). You should carefully consider the investment objectives, potential risks, management fees, and charges and expenses of the Fund before investing. The Fund's prospectus contains this and other information about the Fund, and should be read carefully before investing.

# Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2023

Shares or Principal		
Amount	Description	Fair Value
Common Stock	s — 98.17% of net assets	
Aerospace and	Defense — 3.69%	
89,206	Aersale Corp.*	\$ 1,311,328
Airlines — 4.12	2%	
13,250	Copa Holdings, S.A.	1,465,185
Banking and fir	nance — 15.78%	
42,089	Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior,	
16.056	S.A.	928,483
16,956	Evertec, Inc.	624,489
160,604	First BanCorp. (Puerto Rico)	1,962,581
11,541	OFG Bancorp	300,989
29,702	Popular, Inc.	1,797,565
Communication	ns — 1.63%	
10,698	América Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V. Class B ADR	231,505
209,144	América Móvil, S.A.B. de C.V.	226,987
479,175	Fuego Enterprises, Inc.*1	20,652
207,034	Grupo Radio Centro S.A.B. de C.V.*	39,666
2	Sitios LatinoAmerica S.A.B. de C.V.	1
31,172	Spanish Broadcasting System, Inc.*	31,172
33,226	Operadora de Sites Mexicanos, S.A. de C.V.	31,480
Construction an	nd related — 23.21%	
155,645	Cemex, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR*	1,101,967
20	Ceramica Carabobo Class A ADR*1	
4,000	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	1,846,760
23,568	MasTec, Inc.*	2,780,317
48,117	PGT Innovations, Inc.*	1,402,610
5,000	Vulcan Materials Company	1,127,200
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Food, beverages	s and tobacco — 7.38%	
393,164	Becle, S.A.B. de C.V.	963,188
18,900	Fomento Económico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V.	•00 -00
	Series UBD	209,109
13,110	Fomento Económico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. ADR	1,453,112

# Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2023

Shares or Principal Amount	Description	Fair Value
Housing — 3.7	0%	
10,500	Lennar Corporation	\$ 1,315,755
Investment com	npanies — 0.07%	
70,000	Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd.*1	24,500
Leisure — 18.9	7%	
6,745	Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation	827,746
116,578	Norwegian Cruse Line Holdings Ltd.*	2,537,903
98,605	Playa Hotels and Resorts N.V.*	802,645
24,863	Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.*	2,579,288
Machinery — 0	0.71%	
170,625	Grupo Rotoplas S.A.B. de C.V.	252,756
Mining — 0.05	%	
3,872	Grupo México, S.A.B. de C.V. Series B	18,614
Retail — 2.58%	6	
1,270	Grupo Elektra, S.A.B. de C.V. Series CPO	85,119
210,222	Wal-Mart de México, S.A.B. de C.V. Series V	833,668
Transportation	infrastructure — 3.26%	
4,175	Grupo Aeroportuario ADR	1,159,356
Trucking and m	narine freight — 1.37%	
137	Seaboard Corporation	487,819
Utilities — 10.9	90%	
23,200	Caribbean Utilies Ltd. Class A	284,200
6,092	Consolidated Water Company Ltd.	147,609
700	Cuban Electric Company*1	_
19,854	NextEra Energy, Inc.	1,473,167
73,602	New Fortress Energy, Inc., Class A	1,971,062

## Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2023

Shares or Principal Amount	Description	F	air Value
Other — 0.75%			
55,921	Margo Caribe, Inc.*	\$	268,421
79	Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa, S.A. Series B*1		_
Total common	stocks (cost \$21,091,483)	_3	4,925,974
Bonds — 0.00%	of net assets		
\$ 165,000	Republic of Cuba — 4.5%, 1977 - in default*1	_	
Total bonds (cost \$63,038)			<u> </u>
Money Market l	Funds — 1.76%		
624,397	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Institutional Class, 4.92% <sup>2</sup>		624,397
Total money ma	arket funds (cost \$624,397)	_	624,397
Total investments (cost \$21,778,918) — 99.93% of net assets		_3	5,550,371
Assets in excess of other liabilities — 0.07% of net assets			25,221
Net assets — 10	00%	<u>\$ 3</u>	5,575,592

The investments are concentrated in the following geographic regions<sup>3</sup> (as percentages of net assets)(unaudited):

United States of America	41.10%
Mexico	18.57%
Puerto Rico	13.92%
Liberia	7.25%
Bermuda	7.13%
Panama	6.73%
Other, individually under 5%**	5.30%
	100.00%

Securities have been fair valued in good faith, by the Advisor, as "valuation designee", using fair value methodology approved by the Board of Directors. Fair valued securities comprised 0.13% of net assets.

Rate disclosed is the seven day effective yield as of June 30, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Geographic allocation is determined by the isser's legal domicile.

<sup>\*</sup> Non-income producing

<sup>\*\*</sup> Amount includes other assets in excess of liabilities of 0.07%.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2023

ASSETS		
Investments in securities, at fair value (cost \$21,778,918) (Notes 2 and 3) Dividends receivable Deferred offering costs (shelf) (Note 7) Other assets		\$35,550,371 21,263 67,342 44,311
TOTAL ASSETS		35,683,287
LIABILITIES		
Accrued investment advisor fee (Note 4) Accrued Administrator fees Accrued professional fees Accrued other expenses	37,293 5,417 49,244 15,741	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		107,695
<b>NET ASSETS</b> (Equivalent to \$4.98 per share based on 7,150,673 shares outstanding)		\$35,575,592
Net assets consist of the following: Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 7,150,673 shares issued and outstanding		
Paid-in capital		22,056,685
Accumulated earnings		13,518,907
NET ASSETS		\$35,575,592

## Statement of Operations For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends (net of foreign withholding tax of \$25,855) Total investment income		\$ 661,751 661,751
EXPENSES		
Investment advisor fees (Note 4) Director fees Legal fees Administration fees (Note 4) Compliance and operational support services fees (Note 4) Tender offer fees Audit fees Listing fees Printing and postage fees Transfer agent fees Insurance fees Quarterly distribution fees Proxy mailing and filing fees Custodian fees Other fees Total expenses Fees voluntarily waived by investment advisor Net operating expenses	\$ 468,025 127,535 108,155 65,000 60,000 58,717 41,321 33,663 30,644 28,800 25,616 12,730 12,305 5,746 35,037	1,113,294 (32,277) 1,081,017
NET INVESTMENT LOSS		(419,266)
NET REALIZED AND CHANGE IN UNREALIZED GAIN/ LOSS ON INVESTMENTS Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency	 725,551 7,533,181	
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY		8,258,732
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS		\$ 7,839,466

# Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	For the Year Ended June 30, 2023	For the Year Ended June 30, 2022
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS Net investment loss	\$ (419,266)	\$ (808,643)
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency	725,551	2,250,124
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency	7,533,181	(8,891,696)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	7,839,466	_(7,450,215)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO STOCKHOLDERS		
From earnings Return of capital	(714,706) (3,893,734)	(1,343,479) (4,951,954)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	_(4,608,440)	(6,295,433)
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS		
Reinvestment of distributions, 935,753 and 1,028,536 shares issued, respectively	3,686,258	5,052,306
Payments for 338,382 and 302,216 shares repurchased, respectively	(1,685,921)	(2,109,770)
NET INCREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM COMMON STOCK TRANSACTIONS	2,000,337	2,942,536
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	5,231,363	(10,803,112)
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	30,344,229	41,147,341
End of year	\$35,575,592	\$30,344,229

## Financial Highlights

	Year Ended June 30					
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
Selected Per Share Data: Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 4.63	\$ 7.06	\$ 4.76	\$ 7.59	\$ 8.00	
Operations:  Net investment loss <sup>1</sup> Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on	(0.06)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.10)	(0.08)	
investment Total from investment operations	1.19	(1.07)	<u>3.04</u> <u>2.91</u>	(1.72)	(0.02)	
Less distributions to shareholders from: Net realized gains Return of capital Total distributions	(0.10) (0.59) (0.69)	(0.23) (0.83) (1.06)	(0.62) (0.62)	(0.11) (0.90) (1.01)	(0.31)	
Anti-dilutive effect due to common stock repurchases  Dilutive effect due to dividend reinvestment	0.01 (0.10)	0.01 (0.17)	0.01	_ 		
Net asset value, end of year Per share market value, end of year	\$ 4.98 \$ 3.95	\$ 4.63 \$ 4.01	\$ 7.06 \$ 6.27	\$ 4.76 \$ 3.70	\$ 7.59 \$ 6.36	
Total Investment return based on market value per share <sup>2</sup>	16.24%	(22.50)%	91.31%	(27.37)%	2.16%	
Ratios and Supplemental Data: Net assets, end of year (000 omitted) Ratio of expenses to average net assets after waiver Ratio of expenses to average net assets before	\$35,576 3.35%	\$30,344 3.47%	\$41,147 3.15% <sup>3</sup>	\$29,196 3.10%	\$46,542 2.79%	
waiver Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets after waiver	3.45% (1.30)%	3.57% (2.17)%	3.25% <sup>3</sup> (2.14)% <sup>3</sup>	3.20% (1.51)%	2.79% (1.06)%	
Portfolio turnover rate	7%	9%	12%	8%	6%	

Computed by dividing the respective period's amounts from the Statement of Operations by the average outstanding shares for each period presented.

Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the current market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan.

This figure includes expenses incurred as a result of the expiration of the Fund's shelf registration. The overall impact on the Fund's ratios is an increase of 0.06% (Note 7).

#### NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND RELATED MATTERS

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland on March 10, 1992, and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and follows accounting and reporting guidance under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946, "Financial Services - Investment Companies". The Fund commenced investing activities in January 1994. The Fund is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market and trades under the symbol "CUBA."

The Fund's investment objective is to obtain long-term capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its objective by investing primarily in equity and equity-linked securities of public and private companies, including U.S.-based companies, (i) whose securities are traded principally on a stock exchange in a Caribbean Basin Country or (ii) that have at least 50% of the value of their assets in a Caribbean Basin Country or (iii) that derive at least 50% of their total revenue from operations in a Caribbean Basin Country (collectively, "Caribbean Basin Companies"). Under normal conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity and equity-linked securities of Caribbean Basin Countries. This 80% policy may be changed without stockholder approval upon sixty days written notice to stockholders. The Fund's investment objective is fundamental and may not be changed without the approval of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Directors and certain key management persons are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with its vendors and others that provide for general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve any future potential claims that may be made against the Fund. However, based on experience, management expects the risk of loss to be remote.

#### NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Security Valuation**

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Fund uses various valuation approaches. In accordance with GAAP, a fair value hierarchy for inputs is used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that observable inputs be used when available.

Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information

available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

- Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an active market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates, and similar data.
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions that a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and that would be based on the best information available.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors including, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Fund in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Fund's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Fund uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange (or reported on the NASDAQ National Market or Capital Market) are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation (or at the NASDAQ official closing price); other securities traded in the over-the-counter market and listed securities for which no sale was reported on that date are stated at the last quoted bid price. Restricted securities and other securities for which quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined, in

good faith by the Advisor, as "valuation designee", under the oversight of the Board of Directors.

The following table summarizes the classification of the Fund's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels as of June 30, 2023:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets (at fair value)				
Common Stocks				
USA	\$ 14,574,936	\$ _	\$ 45,152	\$ 14,620,088
Mexico	6,606,528	_	_	6,606,528
Puerto Rico	4,685,624	268,421	_	4,954,045
Panama	2,393,668	_	_	2,393,668
Liberia	2,579,288	_	_	2,579,288
Bermuda	2,537,903	_	_	2,537,903
Netherlands	802,645	_	_	802,645
Cayman	431,809	_	_	431,809
Bonds				
Cuba	_	_	_	_
Money Market Funds	624,397	_	_	624,397
Total Investments in securities	\$ 35,236,798	\$ 268,421	\$ 45,152	\$ 35,550,371

The fair valued securities (Level 3) held in the Fund consisted of Cuban Electric Company, Ceramica Carabobo, Fuego Enterprises, Inc., Siderurgica Venezolana Sivensa S.A., Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd. and Republic of Cuba 4.5% bond.

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used to determine fair value as of June 30, 2023:

	Level 3			
Balance as of 6/30/22	\$			
Sales		_		
Realized gain/(loss)		_		
Change in unrealized gain/(loss)		24,500		
Transfer into Level 3		20,652		
Transfer out of Level 3				
Balance as of 6/30/23	\$	45,152		

Under procedures approved by the Board of Directors, the Advisor provides administration and oversight of the Fund's valuation policies and procedures, which are reviewed at least annually by the Directors. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize

independent pricing services, quotations from securities and financial instrument dealers and other market sources to determine fair value.

The Fund has procedures to determine the fair value of securities and other financial instruments for which market prices are not readily available. Under these procedures, the Advisor convenes on a regular and ad hoc basis to review such securities and considers a number of factors, including valuation methodologies and significant unobservable valuation inputs, when determining a fair value. The Advisor may employ a market-based approach which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, recent transactions, market multiples, book values and other relevant information for the investment to determine the fair value of the investment. An income-based valuation approach may also be used in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discount may be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of investments. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed. The Advisor employs various methods for calibrating these valuation approaches including a regular view of valuation methodologies, key inputs and assumptions, transactional back-testing or disposition analysis and reviews of any related market activity.

The Fund adopted policies to comply with the SEC's Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, which establishes a regulatory framework for registered investment company fair valuation practices. The Fund's fair value policies and procedures and valuation practices were updated prior to the rule's required compliance date of September 8, 2022. Under Rule 2a-5, the Fund's Board of Directors designated the Advisor as the Fund's "Valuation Designee" to make fair value determinations.

#### **Income Recognition**

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date. Gains and losses on securities sold are determined on the basis of identified cost. Dividend income is recognized on the exdividend date or in the case of certain foreign securities, as soon as the Fund is notified, and interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums on debt securities purchased are amortized over the life of the respective securities. It is the Fund's practice to include the portion of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments denominated in foreign currencies as components of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments and foreign currency. Withholding on foreign taxes have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates.

#### Foreign Currency

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts and investments denominated in a foreign currency, if any, are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at current exchange rates on the valuation date. Purchases and sales of investments denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the exchange rate on the respective dates of such transactions.

#### **Deposits with Financial Institutions**

The Fund may, during the course of its operations, maintain account balances with financial institutions in excess of federally insured limits.

#### **Counterparty Brokers**

In the normal course of business, substantially all of the Fund's money balances and security positions are custodied with the Fund's custodian, Fifth Third Bank N.A. The Fund also transacts with other brokers. The Fund is subject to credit risk to the extent any broker with which it conducts business is unable to fulfill contractual obligations on its behalf. The Fund's management monitors the financial condition of such brokers and does not anticipate any losses from these counterparties.

#### **Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates

#### **Income Taxes**

The Fund's policy is to continue to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that are applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its taxable income to its stockholders. Under these provisions, the Fund is not subject to federal income tax on its taxable income and no federal income or excise tax provision is required.

The Fund has adopted a June 30 year-end for federal income tax purposes.

#### **Distributions to Stockholders**

Under a managed distribution plan, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 the Fund paid distributions to stockholders payable in quarterly installments at an annual rate set at 15% of the Fund's June 30, 2022 NAV. The quarterly distributions may be sourced from income, paid-in capital, and/or capital gains, if any. To the extent that sufficient investment income is not available on a quarterly basis, the Fund may distribute paid-in capital and/or capital gains, if any, in order to maintain its managed distribution level.

Distributions to stockholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from GAAP. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, a distribution from return of capital of \$0.173625 per share was declared to shareholders of record on August 22, 2022, November 18, 2022, February 15, 2023 and \$0.07012 on May 22, 2023, respectively, and a distribution from long-term capital gains of \$0.103505 per share was declared to shareholders of record on May 22, 2023.

Due to the timing of dividend distributions and the differences in accounting for income and realized gains and losses for financial statement and federal income tax purposes, the fiscal year in which the amounts are distributed may differ from the year in which the income and realized gains and losses are recorded by the Fund.

#### **Derivatives Risk Management Program**

The Fund adopted policies and procedures to comply with the SEC's Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act, which limits the amount of derivatives a fund can enter into, eliminates the asset segregation framework previously used by funds to comply with Section 18 of the 1940 Act, treats derivatives as senior securities and requires funds whose use of derivatives is more than a limited specified exposure amount to establish and maintain a comprehensive derivatives risk management program and when applicable, appoint a derivatives risk manager. The Fund adopted a derivatives risk management program to implement and comply with Rule 18f-4 prior to the SEC's required compliance date of August 19, 2022 in the event it is required to rely on Rule 18f-4.

#### NOTE 3. RESTRICTED SECURITIES OWNED

Investments in securities include \$165,000 principal, 4.5%, 1977 Republic of Cuba bonds, \$140,000 purchased for \$52,850 on February 15, 1995 and \$25,000 purchased for \$10,188 on April 27, 1995, that are currently segregated and restricted from transfer. The bonds were listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") and had been trading in default since 1960. A "regulatory halt" on trading was imposed by the NYSE in July 1995 and trading in the bonds was suspended as of December 28, 2006. The NYSE has stated that following the suspension of trading, application will be made to the Securities and Exchange Commission to delist the issue. As of June 30, 2023 the position was valued at \$0 under procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

Investments in securities also include 700 shares of Cuban Electric Company, 482 shares purchased for \$4,005 on September 30, 2005 and 218 shares purchased for \$1,812 on September 30, 2005, which are currently segregated and restricted from transfer. As of June 30, 2023, the position was valued at \$0 under procedures approved by the Board of Directors.

# NOTE 4. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES AND OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS

#### **Transactions with Affiliates**

HERZFELD / CUBA (the "Advisor"), a division of Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., is the Fund's investment advisor and charges a monthly fee at the annual rate of 1.45% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Total fees for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 amounted to \$468,025, before the waiver described below. Mr. Thomas J. Herzfeld is the owner of the Advisor.

The Advisor has agreed to voluntarily waive its management fee by ten basis points, in support of the Fund's initiative to attempt to reduce the stock price discount to NAV. For

the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Advisor waived fees in the amount of \$32,277. As of June 30, 2023 the Fund owed the Advisor \$37,293.

TMorgan Advisers, LLC ("TMA") has been engaged by the Advisor to provide, among other things, certain compliance and operational support services with respect to the Fund, including the services of Mr. Thomas K. Morgan as the Fund's chief compliance officer. The fees charged by TMA for services to the Fund are billed directly to the Fund by TMA. Mr. Morgan also serves as chief compliance officer for the Advisor. Mr. Morgan's services for the Advisor are compensated through his employment directly by the Advisor. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the total compliance and operational support services fees paid or payable by the Fund to TMA amounted to \$60,000.

#### **Other Service Providers**

Under a Master Services Agreement between Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC ("Ultimus") and the Fund, Ultimus is responsible for fund administration, including generally managing the administrative affairs of the Fund, and supervising the preparation of reports to stockholders, reports to and filings with the SEC and materials for meetings of the Board of Directors. Ultimus is also responsible for fund accounting, including calculating the net asset value per share and maintaining the financial books and records of the Fund. Ultimus also serves as the transfer agent and provides shareholder services to the Fund. The Master Services Agreement permits Ultimus to subcontract for the provision of services it has contracted for under the Master Services Agreement, and Ultimus has subcontracted transfer agency services to Equiniti & Trust Company, LLC. Ultimus is entitled to receive a fee in accordance with the agreement and was paid \$65,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The Fund has entered into an agreement with Fifth Third Bank N.A. to serve as the custodian for the Fund's assets.

#### NOTE 5. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, purchases and sales of investment securities were \$2,152,958 and \$5,606,006, respectively.

#### NOTE 6. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The cost basis of securities owned for financial statement purposes is lower than the cost basis for income tax purposes by \$233,171 due to wash sale adjustments, passive foreign investment companies and book-to-tax adjustments to partnership investment. As of June 30, 2023 gross unrealized gains were \$14,841,358 and gross unrealized losses were \$(1,303,076) for income tax purposes.

Permanent differences accounted for during the year ended June 30, 2023, result from differences between book and tax accounting for the characterization of foreign currency losses, partnership adjustments, and the reclassification of the Fund's net investment loss for tax purposes. Such amounts have been reclassified as follows:

		Additional Paid in Capital
Year ended June 30, 2023	\$ 804,272	\$ (804,272)

As of June 30, 2023, the Fund had no post-October losses which are deferred until fiscal year 2023 for tax purposes. Capital losses incurred after October 31 ("post-October losses") within that taxable year are deemed to arise on the first day of the Fund's next taxable year.

As of June 30, 2023, the Fund had \$19,375 of qualified late-year ordinary losses, which are deferred until fiscal year 2023 for tax purposes. Net late-year losses incurred after December 31 within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first day of the Fund's next taxable year.

In accordance with GAAP, the Fund is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Fund files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states and foreign jurisdictions. Generally the Fund is no longer subject to income tax examinations by major taxing authorities for years before June 30, 2020. The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement.

De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Fund recording a tax liability that reduces ending net assets.

The Fund's policy would be to recognize accrued interest expense to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. There were none for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

The tax character of distributions paid to stockholders during the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 were as follows: ordinary income of \$0 and \$194,711, respectively, long-term capital gains of \$714,706 and \$1,148,768, respectively, and a return of capital of \$3,893,734 and \$4,951,954, respectively.

#### NOTE 7. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS

#### Shares of Common Stock

The Fund has 100,000,000 shares of common stock authorized and 7,150,673 issued and outstanding at June 30, 2023. Transactions in common stock for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Shares at beginning of year	6,553,302
Shares issued in revinvestment of dividends and distributions	935,753
Shares repurchased from tender offering	(338,382)
Shares at end of year	7,150,673

#### 2022 Tender Offers

The Fund's Board of Directors determined to commence an offer to purchase up to 5%, or 338,382 Shares of the Fund's issued and outstanding Common Stock. The offer was a cash offer at a price equal to 97.5% of the Fund's net asset value per share ("NAV") as of the close of ordinary trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market on November 8, 2022. As a result of Tender Offer 338,382 shares were purchased.

#### 2021 Shelf Registration

The Fund has incurred approximately \$67,342 of offering costs in association with a shelf registration, which is recorded as deferred offering costs and will be amortized over the life of the shelf registration if and when new shares are issued. These costs are categorized as deferred offering costs (shelf) on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. As of June 30, 2023, \$0 has been amortized.

#### NOTE 8. INVESTMENT RISKS

#### Foreign Securities Risk

Securities traded in foreign markets have often (though not always) performed differently from securities traded in the United States. However, such investments often involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. In particular, the Fund is subject to the risk that because there may be fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of securities traded each day, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may go up and down more than prices of securities traded in the United States.

#### Foreign Economy Risk

The economies of certain foreign markets may not compare favorably with the economy of the United States with respect to such issues as growth of gross national product, reinvestment of capital, resources and balance of payments position. Certain foreign economies may rely heavily on particular industries or foreign capital and are more

vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. Investments in foreign markets may also be adversely affected by governmental actions such as the imposition of capital controls, nationalization of companies or industries, expropriation of assets or the imposition of punitive taxes. In addition, the governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investments in their capital markets or in certain industries. Any of these actions could severely affect securities prices or impair the Fund's ability to purchase or sell foreign securities or transfer the Fund's assets or income back into the United States, or otherwise adversely affect the Fund's operations.

Other potential foreign market risks include foreign exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on foreign government securities, difficulties in enforcing legal judgments in foreign courts and political and social instability. Legal remedies available to investors in certain foreign countries may be less extensive than those available to investors in the United States.

#### **Currency Risk**

Securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests may be denominated or quoted in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates may affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Because the Fund's assets are primarily invested in securities of Caribbean Basin Companies, and because some portion of revenues and income may be received in foreign currencies while Fund distributions will be made in dollars, the dollar equivalent of the Fund's net assets and distributions would be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the foreign currencies relative to the dollar. For this reason, changes in foreign currency exchange rates can affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Generally, when the U.S. Dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency loses value because the currency is worth fewer U.S. Dollars. Conversely, when the U.S. Dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency gains value because the currency is worth more U.S. Dollars. This risk, generally known as "currency risk," means that a strong U.S. Dollar may reduce returns for U.S. investors while a weak U.S. Dollar may increase those returns. The Fund is managed with the assumption that most of its stockholders hold their assets in U.S. Dollars. As a result, and because distributions are made in U.S. Dollars, other non-U.S. investors will be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the U.S. Dollar relative to their home currency.

#### **Geographic Concentration Risk**

The Fund may invest from time to time a substantial amount of assets in issuers located in a single country or a limited number of countries. If the Fund concentrates its investments in this manner, it assumes the risk that economic, political and social conditions in those countries will have a significant impact on its investment performance. The Fund's investment performance may also be more volatile if it concentrates its investments in certain countries, especially emerging market countries.

#### **Managed Distribution Risk**

Under the managed distribution plan, the Fund makes quarterly distributions to stockholders at a rate set once a year that is a percentage of the Fund's NAV at its most recent fiscal year-end, that may be sourced from income, paid-in capital, and/or capital gains, if any. To the extent that sufficient investment income is not available on a quarterly basis, the Fund may distribute paid-in capital and/or capital gains, if any, in order to maintain its managed distribution level. No conclusions should be drawn about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of the Fund's distributions or from the terms of the managed distribution plan. A return of capital occurs when some or all of the money that stockholders invested in the Fund is paid back to them. A return of capital does not reflect the Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." Any such returns of capital will decrease the Fund's total assets and, therefore, could have the effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make such distributions, the Fund may have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio at a less than opportune time. There is a risk that amendment or termination of the managed distribution plan could have an adverse effect on the market price of the Fund's shares.

#### **Market Risk**

The value of the securities in which the Fund invests may be affected by political, regulatory, economic and social developments, and developments that impact specific economic sectors, industries or segments of the market. In addition, turbulence in financial markets and reduced liquidity in equity, credit and/or fixed income markets may negatively affect many issuers, which could adversely affect the Fund. Global economies and financial markets are becoming increasingly interconnected, and conditions and events in one country, region or financial market may adversely impact issuers in a different country, region or financial market. These risks may be magnified if certain events or developments adversely interrupt the global supply chain; in these and other circumstances, such risks might affect companies world-wide. Recent examples include pandemic risks related to coronavirus outbreaks and aggressive measures taken world-wide in response by governments, and by businesses, including changes to operations and reducing staff.

The impact of pandemic risks may last for an extended period of time and result in a substantial economic downturn. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

#### NOTE 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated the impact of subsequent events on the Fund, through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there were no subsequent events that required disclosure in the financial statements, except for the following: 1) on August 4, 2023, the Board authorized the Fund to conduct a non-transferable rights offering to permit existing Fund stockholders to subscribe for additional shares of the Fund's common stock (the "Rights Offer"). The Fund filed its registration statement with respect to the Rights Offer with the U.S. SEC on August 23, 2023; 2) on August

10, 2023, the Board indefinitely suspended the Fund's Managed Distribution Plan until further notice. Under the Managed Distribution Plan the Fund had been making quarterly distributions to stockholders; 3) on August 10, 2023 the Board also modified the Fund's Self-Tender Policy. Under the terms of the Self-Tender Policy, the Fund has undertaken to commence a tender offer for its shares of common stock by October 31, 2023. Because of the uncertainty regarding the timing of the Rights Offer, the Board modified the Self-Tender Policy to allow for the Fund to commence the tender offer within a reasonable amount of time following the conclusion of the Rights Offer.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and The Board of Directors of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of June 30, 2023, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of June 30, 2023, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB. We have served as the Fund's auditor since 2016.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of June 30, 2023 by correspondence with the custodian. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania August 25, 2023

# Directors and Officers of the Fund (unaudited)

Name Address and Age Interested Director	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios In Complex Overseen By Director	Other Directorships Held by Director
Thomas J. Herzfeld* 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 78	Chairman, Director, Class III, and Portfolio Manager	three years; 1993 to present	Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., serving as Chairman, 1984-present; Portfolio Manager, 1984-present.	2	The Cuba Fund, Inc. (in registration)
Independent Direct John A. Gelety c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 55	Director, Class II	three years; 2011 to present	Attorney and Partner at Greenspoon Marder, LLP, corporate practice group, 2016-present.	1	None

Name Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios In Complex Overseen By Director	Other Directorships Held by Director
Cecilia L. Gondor c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 61	Director, Class I	three years; 2014 to present	Managing Member of L&M Management, a real estate management business, 2014- present.	1	None
Ann S. Lieff c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 71	Director, Class II	three years; 1998 to present	President of the Lieff Company, a management consulting firm that offers ongoing advisory services as a corporate director, 1998-present.	1	None

Name Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios In Complex Overseen By Director	Other Directorships Held by Director
Kay W. Tatum, Ph.D., CPA c/o The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. 119 Washington Avenue, Suite	Director, Class I	three years; 2007 to present	Associate Professor of Accounting, University of Miami Herbert Business School,	1	None
504 Miami Beach, FL 33139			1992-present.		

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Thomas J. Herzfeld is an "interested person" of the Fund, (as defined in the 1940 Act) because he is a Director, control person, and employee of the Fund's Advisor.

Age: 71

Name Address and Age	Position(s) Held with Fund	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Officer
<u>Officers</u>				
Erik M. Herzfeld 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 49	Portfolio Manager; President	2007 to present 2016 to present	Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., serving as President, 2016-present; Portfolio Manager, 2007-present.	Strategic Incubation Partners, Inc.
Thomas K. Morgan 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 64	Chief Compliance Officer; Assistant Secretary	2018 to present	Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., serving as Officer, 2018-present; Managing Partner of TMorgan Advisers Limited Liability Company, providing compliance consulting and outsourced chief compliance officer services, 2015 to present.	N/A
Zachary P. Richmond 225 Pictoria Drive, Suite 450 Cincinnati, OH 45246 Age: 43	Treasurer	2020 to present	Vice President, Financial Administration for Ultimus Fund Solutions, LLC since February 2019.	N/A
Alice Tham 119 Washington Avenue, Suite 504 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Age: 33	Secretary	2019 to present	Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., serving as Operations Manager, 2012 to present.	N/A

l with	Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Other Directorships Held by Officer
	019 to resent	Thomas J. Herzfeld Advisors, Inc., serving as Portfolio Manager, 2012 to	N/A
			Manager, 2012 to present.

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Paylor has been a portfolio manager for the Advisor's separately managed accounts since 2012 and a portfolio manager for the Fund since February 2019.

# Quarterly Portfolio Reports (unaudited)

The Fund files quarterly schedules of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to its report on Form N-PORT. The Fund's Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's EDGAR database at www.sec.gov and on the Fund's website at www.herzfeld.com/cuba.

# Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures (unaudited)

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, and a description of the Fund's policies and procedures used to determine how to vote proxies relating to its portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by calling the Fund at 800-TJH-FUND (800-854-3863), or by accessing the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

# Shareholder Information (unaudited)

The following information in this annual report is a summary of certain information about the Fund and changes that occurred since the effective date of its registration statement on Form N-2 on July 1, 2021 and amended June 29, 2021. (the "Prior Disclosure Date). This information may not reflect all of the changes that have occurred since you purchased the Fund.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES

There have been no changes in the Fund's investment objective or principal investment policies since the Prior Disclosure Date.

## **Investment Objective**

The Fund's investment objective is to obtain long-term capital appreciation. This objective is fundamental and may not be changed without the prior approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities.

#### **Principal Investment Policies**

The Fund pursues its objective by investing primarily in equity and equity-linked securities of public and private companies, including U.S.-based companies, (i) whose securities are traded principally on a stock exchange in a Caribbean Basin country, (ii) that have at least 50% of the value of their assets in a Caribbean Basin Country or (iii) that derive at least 50% of their total revenue from operations in a Caribbean Basin country (collectively referred to herein as "Caribbean Basin Companies"). Current income through receipt of interest or dividends from the Fund's securities is incidental to the Fund's efforts to attain its investment objective. The Fund invests in Caribbean Basin Companies that are likely, in the opinion of the Advisor, to benefit from political, legal and economic developments

in the Caribbean Basin Countries. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity and equity-linked securities of Caribbean Basin Companies, including U.S.-based companies which engage in substantial trade with, and derive substantial revenue from, operations in the Caribbean Basin Countries. Total assets include the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes. The Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in the securities of U.S.-based companies. U.S. law currently prohibits the Fund from investing its assets in securities of companies that benefit from free trade with Cuba ("companies strategically linked to Cuba"). Companies strategically linked to Cuba may include a company that benefits from free trade with Cuba but does not meet the definition of Caribbean Basin Company set forth above. If permitted to make such investments upon a lifting or easing of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba or pursuant to regulations promulgated by a department or agency of the U.S. Government, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in equity and equity-linked securities of non-Caribbean Basin Companies strategically linked to Cuba.

Equity securities of public and private companies that may be purchased by the Fund consist of common stock, convertible and non-convertible preferred stock (whether voting or non-voting), debt with equity warrants and unattached warrants. The Fund may also invest in the shares of other registered investment companies, some of which may be Carribbean Basin Companies.

The Fund may invest in securities that lack an established secondary trading market or otherwise are considered illiquid. Liquidity of a security relates to the ability to dispose easily of the security and the price to be obtained upon disposition of the security, which may be less than would be obtained for a comparable more liquid security. Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments. Investment of the Fund's assets in illiquid securities may restrict the ability of the Fund to dispose of its investments in a timely fashion and for a fair price as well as its ability to take advantage of market opportunities. The risks associated with illiquidity will be particularly acute where the Fund's operations require cash, such as when the Fund redeems shares or pays a distribution and could result in the Fund borrowing to meet short-term cash requirements or incurring capital losses on the sale of illiquid investments.

The Fund may invest in securities that are not registered under the Securities Act ("restricted securities"). Restricted securities may be sold in private placement transactions between issuers and their purchasers and may be neither listed on an exchange nor traded in other established markets. In many cases, privately placed securities may not be freely transferable under the laws of the applicable jurisdiction or due to contractual restrictions on resale. As a result of the absence of a public trading market, privately placed securities may be less liquid and more difficult to value than publicly traded securities. To the extent that privately placed securities may be resold in privately negotiated transactions, the prices realized from the sales, due to illiquidity, could be less than those originally paid by the Fund or less than their fair market value. In addition, issuers whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements that may be applicable if their securities were publicly traded. If any privately placed securities held by the Fund are required to be registered under

the securities laws of one or more jurisdictions before being resold, the Fund may be required to bear the expenses of registration. Certain of the Fund's investments in private placements may consist of direct investments and may include investments in smaller, less seasoned issuers, which may involve greater risks. These issuers may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources, or they may be dependent on a limited management group. In making investments in such securities, the Fund may obtain access to material nonpublic information, which may restrict the Fund's ability to conduct portfolio transactions in such securities.

## **Temporary Defensive Positions**

The Fund may vary its investment policy for temporary defensive purposes when, in the opinion of the Advisor, such a change is warranted due to changes in the securities markets in which the Fund may invest or other economic or political conditions affecting such markets. For temporary defensive purposes, the Fund may reduce its position in equity and equity-linked securities and invest in U.S. Treasury bills and U.S. Dollar denominated bank time deposits and certificates of deposit rated high quality or better by any nationally recognized statistical rating service or, if unrated, of equivalent investment quality as determined by the Advisor. The banks whose obligations may be purchased by the Fund will include any member of the U.S. Federal Reserve System. The Fund does not seek to achieve its stated investment objective when it has assumed a temporary defensive position.

## **Special Leverage Considerations**

#### **Hedging Transactions**

The Fund may employ one or more of the hedging techniques described below, primarily to protect against a decrease in the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of its portfolio securities denominated in foreign currencies or in the payments thereon that may result from an adverse change in foreign currency exchange rates. Conditions in the securities, futures, options and foreign currency markets will continue to determine whether and under what circumstances the Fund will employ any of the techniques or strategies described below. The Fund's ability to pursue certain of these strategies may be limited by applicable regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and the Federal tax requirements applicable to regulated investment companies.

Pursuant to applicable law and subject to certain restrictions, the Fund may effect hedging transactions on a variety of U.S. and foreign exchanges. The operations of U.S. exchanges are considered to be subject to more stringent regulation and supervision than those of certain non-U.S. exchanges.

If any percentage limitations applicable to the transactions described below are exceeded due to market fluctuations after an initial investment, the Fund may not enter into new transactions of the type to which the exceeded limitation applies until the total of the Fund's commitments with respect to such transactions falls within the applicable limitation.

## Forward Foreign Currency Exchange Contracts

The Advisor believes that in some circumstances the purchase and sale of forward foreign currency exchange contracts ("forward contracts") may help offset declines in the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of the Fund's assets denominated in foreign currencies and in the income available for distribution to the Fund's stockholders that would result from adverse changes in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and such foreign currencies. For example, the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of the principal of and rate of return on, the Fund's foreign denominated securities will decline if the exchange rate fluctuates between the U.S. Dollar and such foreign currency whereby the U.S. Dollar increases in value. Such a decline could be partially or completely offset by an increase in the value of a foreign currency forward contract. The Fund may purchase forward contracts involving either the currencies in which certain of its portfolio securities are denominated or, in cross-hedging transactions, other currencies, changes in the value of which correlate closely with the changes in the value of the currencies in which its portfolio securities are denominated. The Fund will enter into such cross-hedging transactions (i) only with respect to currencies whose foreign exchange rate changes historically have shown a high degree of correlation to changes in the foreign exchange rate of the currency in which the hedged asset is denominated (a "correlated currency") and (ii) only when the Advisor believes that the increase in correlation risk is offset by the lower transaction costs and increased liquidity available for financial instruments denominated in the correlated currency.

The Fund may enter into forward contracts or maintain a net exposure on such contracts only if (i) the consummation of the contracts would not obligate the Fund to deliver an amount of foreign currency in excess of the value of the Fund's portfolio securities or other assets denominated in that currency or (ii) the Fund maintains cash, U.S. Government securities or other liquid, high-grade debt securities in a segregated account in an amount not less than the value of the Fund's total assets committed to the consummation of the contract.

Although the use of forward contracts may protect the Fund against declines in the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of the Fund's assets, such use may reduce the possible gain from advantageous changes in the value of the U.S. Dollar against particular currencies in which the Fund's assets are denominated. Moreover, the use of forward contracts will not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying U.S. Dollar equivalent value of the prices of, or rates of return on, the assets held in the Fund's portfolio.

The use of forward contracts subjects the Fund to certain risks. The matching of the increase in value of a forward contract and the decline in the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of the asset that is the subject of the hedge generally is not precise. The success of any of these techniques depends on the ability of the Advisor to predict correctly movements in foreign currency exchange rates. If the Advisor incorrectly predicts the direction of such movements or if unanticipated changes in foreign currency exchange rates occur, the Fund's performance may be poorer than if it had not entered into such contracts. The cost to the Fund of engaging in forward contracts varies with such factors as the foreign currency involved, the length of the contract period and the prevailing market conditions, including general market expectations as to the direction of the movement of various

foreign currencies against the U.S. Dollar. Consequently, because the Fund may not always be able to enter into forward contracts at attractive prices, it may be limited in its ability to use such contracts to hedge its assets or for other risk management purposes. In addition, there can be no assurance that historical correlations between the movements of certain foreign currencies relative to the U.S. Dollar will continue.

## Options on Foreign Currencies

The Fund may purchase and write put and call options on foreign currencies to protect against a decline in the U.S. Dollar equivalent value of its portfolio securities or payments due thereon or a rise in the U.S. Dollar equivalent cost of securities that it intends to purchase. A foreign currency put option grants the holder the right, but not the obligation, at a future date to sell a specified amount of a foreign currency to its counterparty at a predetermined price. A foreign currency call option grants the holder the right, but not the obligation, to purchase at a future date a specified amount of a foreign currency at a predetermined price.

As in the case of other types of options, the benefit to the Fund from purchases of foreign currency options will be reduced by the amount of the premium and related transaction costs. In addition, if currency exchange rates do not move in the direction or to the extent anticipated, the Fund could sustain losses on transactions in foreign currency options which would require it to forego a portion or all of the benefits of advantageous changes in such rates.

Any options on foreign currencies written by the Fund will be covered. A call option is "covered" if the Fund owns the underlying foreign currency covered by the call or has an absolute and immediate right to acquire that foreign currency without additional cash consideration (or for additional cash consideration held in a segregated account by its custodian) upon conversion or exchange of other foreign currency held in its portfolio. A call option is also covered if the Fund has a call on the same foreign currency and in the same principal amount as the call written, so long as the exercise price of the call held (i) is equal to or less than the exercise price of the call written or (ii) is greater than the exercise price of the call written if the difference is maintained by the Fund in cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid, high-grade debt securities in a segregated account with its custodian. The Fund covers any put option it writes on foreign currencies by holding with its custodian, in a segregated account, cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid, high-grade debt securities in an amount equal to the option price.

The Fund may not purchase or write options on foreign currencies if, as a result, the Fund will have more than 20% of the value of its total assets invested in, or at risk with respect to, such options.

#### **Futures Contracts**

The Fund may enter into contracts for the purchase or sale for future delivery ("futures contracts") of foreign stock or bond indices or other financial indices that the Advisor and the Manager determine are appropriate to hedge the risks associated with changes in interest rates or general fluctuations in the value of the Fund's portfolio securities.

Pursuant to the regulations of the CFTC, and subject to certain restrictions, the Fund may purchase or sell futures contracts that are traded on U.S. exchanges that have been designated as contract markets by the CFTC. The Fund may also generally purchase or sell futures contracts that are subject to the rules of any foreign board of trade ("foreign futures contracts"). The Fund may not, however, trade a foreign futures contract based on a foreign stock index unless the contract has been approved by the CFTC for trading by U.S. persons.

The Fund is required to make a margin deposit in cash or government securities with a broker or custodian to initiate and maintain positions in futures contracts. Minimal initial margin requirements are established by the futures exchange and brokers may establish margin requirements which are higher than the exchange requirements. After a futures contract position is opened, the value of the contract is marked to market daily. If the futures contract price changes to the extent that the margin on deposit does not satisfy margin requirements, payment of additional "variation" margin is required. Conversely, reduction in the contract value may reduce the required margin resulting in a repayment of excess margin to the Fund. Variation margin payments are made to and from the futures broker for as long as the contract remains open.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Fund will generally only purchase or sell futures contracts (including foreign currency exchange contracts), or options thereon, for bona fide hedging purposes, as defined in applicable CFTC regulations. If the Fund purchases or sells such futures contracts (including foreign currency exchange contracts), or options thereon for purposes other than bona fide hedging transactions, in accordance with CFTC regulations, the Fund will in no event purchase or sell futures contracts if immediately thereafter the sum of the amounts of initial margin deposits and premiums on the Fund's existing futures contracts would exceed 5% of the fair market value of the Fund's total assets. The Advisor reserves the right to comply with such different standards as may be established by the CFTC with respect to the purchase or sale of futures contracts and foreign futures contracts.

## Options on Securities and Options on Indices

The Fund may purchase or sell exchange traded or over-the-counter put and call options on its portfolio securities.

The Fund may write covered put and call options on portfolio securities to generate additional revenue for the Fund and, in certain circumstances, as a partial hedge (to the extent of the premium received less transaction costs) against a decline in the value of portfolio securities and in circumstances in which the Advisor anticipates that the price of the underlying securities will not increase above or fall below (in the case of put options) the exercise price of the option by an amount greater than the premium received (less transaction costs incurred) by the Fund. Although writing put and call options may generate additional revenue for the Fund, such revenue is incidental to the Fund's efforts to achieve its investment objective. The Fund's strategy limits potential capital appreciation in the portfolio securities subject to the options.

The Fund may write only covered options. "Covered" means that, so long as the Fund is obligated as the writer of a call option, it will own either the underlying securities or an option to purchase the same underlying securities having an expiration date not earlier than the expiration date of the covered option and an exercise price equal to or less than the exercise price of the covered option, or establish or maintain with its custodian for the term of the option a segregated account consisting of cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid, high-grade debt obligations having a value equal to the fluctuating market value of the option securities. The Fund will continue to cover any put option it writes by maintaining a segregated account with its custodian as described above.

The Fund may not purchase or write options on securities or options on indices if, as a result, the Fund will have more than 5% of the value of its total assets invested in, or at risk with respect to, either such class of options.

The Fund's successful use of options and futures depends on the ability of the Advisor to predict the direction of the market, and is subject to various additional risks. The investment techniques and skills required to use options and futures successfully are different from those required to select equity and equity-linked securities for investment. The correlation between movements in the price of the option or future and the price of the securities being hedged is imperfect and the risk from imperfect correlation increases, with respect to stock index futures and options, as the composition of the Fund's portfolio diverges from the composition of the index underlying such index futures and options. In addition, the ability of the Fund to close out a futures or options position depends on a liquid secondary market. There is no assurance that liquid secondary markets will exist for any particular option or futures contract at any particular time. The securities the Fund is required to maintain in segregated accounts in connection with its hedging transactions are not available for investment in accordance with the Fund's investment objective of long-term capital appreciation.

On U.S. exchanges, once an option contract has been accepted for clearance, the exchange clearing organization is substituted as both buyer and seller of the contract, thereby guaranteeing the financial integrity of the option contract. Options on securities and on indices traded on certain non-U.S. exchanges may not be so guaranteed by a clearing organization. The absence of such a role for a clearing organization on such a non-U.S. exchange would expose the Fund to the credit risk of its counterparty. If its counterparty were to default on its obligations, the Fund could lose the expected benefit of the transaction.

#### Repurchase Agreements

When cash may be available to the Fund for only a few days, the Fund may invest such cash in repurchase agreements until such time as it otherwise may be invested or used for payments of obligations of the Fund. In these transactions, the Fund purchases a security and simultaneously commits to resell that security to the seller at an agreed-upon price and date. The resale price reflects the purchase price plus an agreed-upon market rate of interest, which is unrelated to the coupon rate or maturity of the security purchased. The obligation of the seller to pay the agreed-upon price is secured by the value of the

underlying securities, which is maintained at the Fund's custodian at a value at least equal to the resale price. The Advisor monitors the adequacy of the collateral on a daily basis to ensure that the collateral always equals or exceeds the repurchase price. Repurchase agreements could involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the other party, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities. The Fund could suffer a loss to the extent proceeds from the sale of collateral were less than the value of the contract.

The Fund may not invest its assets in repurchase agreements with a maturity of more than seven days, but the collateral securities may have maturities of more than one year. The Fund has not adopted an investment restriction limiting the value of its total assets not invested in accordance with its fundamental investment policy that may be invested in repurchase agreements. To minimize the risks of such investments, however, the Fund enters into repurchase agreements only with its custodian, other member banks of the Federal Reserve System having assets in excess of \$1 billion, and recognized primary U.S. Government securities dealers determined by the Advisor, subject to review by the Board of Directors of the Fund, to be creditworthy.

Repurchase agreements do not constitute cash, cash items, receivables or government securities for purposes of the federal tax diversification test. Therefore, the Fund limits its investments in repurchase agreements with any one bank, dealer, broker or other entity in order to comply with the federal tax diversification test.

#### **Debt Securities**

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in non-equity linked debt securities including foreign denominated corporate debt and sovereign debt issued by foreign governments, their agencies or instrumentalities, or other government-related entities. Debt securities, such as bonds, involve credit risk. This is the risk that the issuer will not make timely payments of principal and interest. The degree of credit risk depends on the issuer's financial condition and on the terms of the debt securities. Changes in an issuer's credit rating or the market's perception of an issuer's creditworthiness may also affect the value of a Fund's investment in that issuer. All debt securities are subject to interest rate risk. This is the risk that the value of the security may fall when interest rates rise. If interest rates move sharply in a manner not anticipated by the Advisor, a Fund's investments in debt securities could be adversely affected and the Fund could lose money. In general, the market price of debt securities with longer maturities will go up or down more in response to changes in interest rates than will the market price of shorter-term debt securities. In addition, debt securities issued in foreign currency denominations will be subject to currency risk.

Investment in sovereign debt can involve a high degree of risk. The governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due in accordance with the terms of such debt. A governmental entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment

is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the governmental entity's policy towards the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a governmental entity may be subject. Governmental entities may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and others abroad to reduce principal and interest arrearages on their debt. The commitment on the part of these governments, agencies and others to make such disbursements may be conditioned on the implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations. Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the governmental entity, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. Consequently, governmental entities may default on their sovereign debt. Holders of sovereign debt may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities. In the event of a default by a governmental entity, there may be few or no effective legal remedies for collecting on such debt.

#### **Fundamental Investment Restrictions**

The following investment restrictions of the Fund are fundamental and may not be changed without the prior approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. 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 present in person or represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares. The Fund may not:

- 1. Issue senior securities, pledge its assets or borrow money in excess of 10% of the total value of its assets (including the amount borrowed) less its liabilities (not including its borrowings) and other than for temporary or emergency purposes or for the clearance of transactions, except that the Fund may borrow from a bank or other entity in a privately arranged transaction for repurchases and/or tenders for its shares, if after such borrowing there is asset coverage of at least 300% as defined in the 1940 Act, and may pledge its assets to secure any permitted borrowing. For the purposes of this investment restriction, the Fund will not purchase additional portfolio securities while borrowings exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets; and collateral arrangements with respect to the writing of options or the purchase or sale of futures contracts are not deemed a pledge of assets or the issuance of a senior security.
- Underwrite securities of other issuers, except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act in selling portfolio securities.
- 3. Purchase or sell real estate or real estate mortgage loans, except that the Fund may purchase and sell securities secured by real estate or interests therein.
- Buy or sell commodities, commodity contracts or futures contracts (other than as
  described under "Investment Objective and Policies—Hedging Transactions").

- Make loans, except through purchasing debt obligations, lending portfolio securities and entering into repurchase agreements consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies.
- 6. Invest 25% or more of the value of its total assets in a particular industry. This restriction does not apply to securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities, but will apply to foreign government obligations until such time as the SEC permits their exclusion.

#### Non-Fundamental Investment Restrictions

The Fund has adopted certain investment restrictions that may not be changed without the prior approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Under its non-fundamental investment restrictions, the Fund may not:

- Purchase any securities (other than obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities or securities of other regulated investment companies) if as a result more than 25% of the Fund's total assets would be invested in securities of any single issuer.
- 2. Purchase more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer.
- 3. Make short sales of securities or maintain a short position in any security.
- 4. Purchase securities on margin, except such short-term credits as may be necessary or routine for the clearance or settlement of transactions, and except that the Fund may engage in transactions as described under "Investment Objective and Policies-Hedging Transactions" and post margin in connection therewith consistent with its investment policies.
- 5. Buy, sell or write put or call options (other than as described under "Special Leverage Considerations Hedging Transactions").

As an additional non-fundamental investment restriction, the Fund will not guarantee the obligations of third parties.

#### RISK FACTORS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Investing in the Fund's common stock provides an ownership interest in the Fund. Investing in any investment company security involves significant risk, including the risk that a stockholder may receive little or no return on the stockholder's investment or that the stockholder may lose part or all of the stockholder's investment. The risks below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or not presently deemed material by us may also impair our operations and performance. If any of the following events occur, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In such case, the net asset value and trading price, if any, of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. Therefore, before investing, stockholders should consider carefully the following risks that are assumed when investing in the Fund.

#### Discount from Net Asset Value

Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a market price that is less than the value of the net assets attributable to those shares. The possibility that the Fund's shares will trade at a discount from NAV is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's NAV will decrease. The risk of purchasing shares of a closed-end fund that might trade at a discount or unsustainable premium is more pronounced for investors who wish to sell their shares in a relatively short period of time after purchasing them because, for those investors, realization of a gain or loss on their investments is likely to be more dependent upon the existence of a premium or discount than upon portfolio performance. The Fund's shares are not redeemable at the request of stockholders. The Fund may repurchase its shares in the open market or in private transactions, although it has no present intention to do so. Stockholders desiring liquidity may, subject to applicable securities laws, trade their shares in the Fund on the NASDAQ Capital Market or other markets on which such shares may trade at the then current market value, which may differ from the then current NAV.

The NAV of our common stock may fluctuate significantly. The NAV and liquidity of the market for shares of our common stock may be significantly affected by numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control and may not be directly related to our operating performance. These factors include:

- changes in the value of our portfolio of investments;
- changes in regulatory policies or tax guidelines;
- distributions that exceed our net investment income and net income as reported according to generally accepted account principles in the United States;
- changes in earnings or variations in operating results;
- changes in accounting guidelines governing valuation of our investments;
- departure of our Advisor or certain of their respective key personnel; and
- general economic trends and other external factors.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. The investments we make in accordance with our investment objective may result in a higher amount of risk than alternative investment options and includes volatility or loss of principal. Our investments in portfolio companies may be highly speculative and aggressive and, therefore, an investment in our securities may not be suitable for someone with lower risk tolerance.

#### Risks of Investing in Caribbean Basin Countries

The economies of Caribbean Basin Countries have in the past experienced considerable difficulties, including high inflation rates, high interest rates, and high unemployment. The emergence of the economies and securities markets of the Caribbean Basin Countries will require continued economic and fiscal discipline that has been lacking at times in the past, as well as stable political and social conditions. International economic conditions,

particularly those in the United States, as well as world prices for oil and other commodities may also influence the development of the economies of the Caribbean Basin Countries.

The currencies of foreign countries (including those foreign countries in the definition of the Caribbean Basin) are subject to fluctuations relative to the U.S. Dollar and foreign countries (including those foreign countries in the definition of the Caribbean Basin) have had to make major adjustments in their currencies from time to time. Also many Caribbean Basin Countries have experienced substantial, and in some periods extremely high, rates of inflation for many years. For companies that keep accounting records in the local currency, inflation accounting rules in some Caribbean Basin Countries require, for both tax and accounting purposes, that certain assets and liabilities be restated on the company's balance sheet in order to express items in terms of currency of constant purchasing power. Inflation accounting may indirectly generate losses or profits for certain Caribbean Basin Companies. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and could, in the future, have very negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain Caribbean Basin Countries.

In addition, governments of many Caribbean Basin Countries have exercised and continue to exercise substantial influence over many aspects of the private sector. Governmental actions in the future could have a significant effect on economic conditions in Caribbean Basin Countries, which could affect the companies in which the Fund invests and, therefore, the value of Fund shares. Investments in foreign markets may be adversely affected by governmental actions such as the imposition of punitive taxes. In addition, the governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investing in their capital markets or in certain industries. Substantial limitations may exist in certain countries with respect to the Fund's ability to repatriate investment income, capital or the proceeds of sales of securities. The Fund could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, any required governmental approval for repatriation of capital, as well as by the application to the Fund of any restrictions on investments. Any of these actions could severely affect security prices, impair the Fund's ability to purchase or sell foreign securities or transfer the Fund's assets or income back into the United States, or otherwise adversely affect the Fund's operations.

Certain Caribbean Basin Countries have entered into regional trade agreements that are designed to, among other things, reduce barriers between countries, increase competition among companies and reduce government subsidies in certain industries. No assurance can be given that these changes will be successful in the long term, or that these changes will result in the economic stability intended. There is a possibility that these trade arrangements will not be fully implemented, or will be partially or completely unwound. It is also possible that a significant participant could choose to abandon a trade agreement, which could diminish its credibility and influence. Any of these occurrences could have adverse effects on the markets of both participating and non-participating countries, including sharp appreciation or depreciation of participants' national currencies and a significant increase in exchange rate volatility, a resurgence in economic protectionism, an undermining of confidence in the Caribbean Basin markets, an undermining of Caribbean Basin economic stability, the collapse or slowdown of the drive towards economic unity,

and/or reversion of the attempts to lower government debt and inflation rates that were introduced in anticipation of such trade agreements. Such developments could have an adverse impact on the Fund's investments in the Caribbean Basin generally or in specific countries participating in such trade agreements.

The Caribbean Basin has experienced natural disasters, including hurricanes, droughts and floods, which have caused substantial damage to parts of the Caribbean Basin and have harmed the region's economies. The possibility exists that another natural disaster could materially disrupt and adversely affect the economies of Caribbean Basin Countries. In addition, companies and industries in which the Fund invests may experience substantial disruptions in operations as a result of any such natural disasters.

The Caribbean Basin is vulnerable to natural disasters, for instance Hurricane Maria in the Gulf of Mexico in 2017 had a widespread economic impact on the region. The potential and impact of such occurrences in the future is impossible to gauge.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has resulted in a material disruption of the economies of many Caribbean Basin Countries, due to their dependence on tourism and cruise lines.

Other Caribbean Basin market risks include foreign exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on sovereign debt, difficulties in enforcing contracts, difficulties in enforcing favorable legal judgments in local courts and political and social instability. Legal remedies available to investors in certain Caribbean Basin countries may be less extensive than those available to investors in the United States or other foreign countries.

## Geographic Concentration Risk

The Fund may invest from time to time a substantial amount of its assets in issuers located in a single country or a limited number of countries. If the Fund concentrates its investments in this manner, it assumes the risk that economic, political and social conditions in those countries will have a significant impact on its investment performance. The Fund's investment performance may also be more volatile if it concentrates its investments in certain countries, especially emerging market countries.

## Foreign Securities Risk

Securities traded in foreign markets have often (though not always) performed differently from securities traded in the United States. However, such investments often involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that can increase the chances that the Fund will lose money. In particular, the Fund is subject to the risk that because there may be fewer investors on foreign exchanges and a smaller number of securities traded each day, it may be more difficult for the Fund to buy and sell securities on those exchanges. In addition, prices of foreign securities may go up and down more than prices of securities traded in the United States.

## Foreign Economy Risk

The economies of certain foreign markets may not compare favorably with the economy of the United States with respect to such issues as growth of gross national product,

reinvestment of capital, resources and balance of payments position. Certain foreign economies may rely heavily on particular industries or foreign capital and are more vulnerable to diplomatic developments, the imposition of economic sanctions against a particular country or countries, changes in international trading patterns, trade barriers and other protectionist or retaliatory measures. Investments in foreign markets may also be adversely affected by governmental actions such as the imposition of capital controls, nationalization of companies or industries, expropriation of assets or the imposition of punitive taxes. In addition, the governments of certain countries may prohibit or impose substantial restrictions on foreign investments in their capital markets or in certain industries. Any of these actions could severely affect securities prices or impair the Fund's ability to purchase or sell foreign securities or transfer the Fund's assets or income back into the United States, or otherwise adversely affect the Fund's operations.

Other potential foreign market risks include foreign exchange controls, difficulties in pricing securities, defaults on foreign government securities, difficulties in enforcing legal judgments in foreign courts and political and social instability. Legal remedies available to investors in certain foreign countries may be less extensive than those available to investors in the United States.

#### Currency Risk

Securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests may be denominated or quoted in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates may affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Because the Fund's assets are primarily invested in securities of Caribbean Basin Companies, and because some portion of revenues and income may be received in foreign currencies while Fund distributions will be made in dollars, the dollar equivalent of the Fund's net assets and distributions would be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the foreign currencies relative to the dollar. For this reason, changes in foreign currency exchange rates can affect the value of the Fund's portfolio. Generally, when the U.S. Dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency loses value because the currency is worth fewer U.S. Dollars. Conversely, when the U.S. Dollar decreases in value against a foreign currency, a security denominated in that currency gains value because the currency is worth more U.S. Dollars. This risk, generally known as "currency risk," means that a strong U.S. Dollar may reduce returns for U.S. investors while a weak U.S. Dollar may increase those returns. The Fund is managed with the assumption that most of its stockholders hold their assets in U.S. Dollars. As a result, and because distributions are made in U.S. Dollars, other non-U.S. investors will be adversely affected by reductions in the value of the U.S. Dollar relative to their home currency.

#### Governmental Supervision and Regulation/Accounting Standards

Foreign issuers are generally not bound by uniform accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements and standards of practice comparable to those applicable to U.S. issuers. Some of the securities held by the Fund may not be registered with the SEC nor may the issuers be subject to the SEC's reporting requirements. Thus, there may be less available information concerning foreign issuers of securities held by the Fund than is

not be available, and it may be difficult to secure dividends and information regarding corporate actions on a timely basis. In general, there is less overall governmental supervision and regulation of securities exchanges, brokers, and listed companies than in the United States. OTC markets tend to be less regulated than stock exchange markets and, in certain countries, may be totally unregulated. Regulatory enforcement may be influenced by economic or political concerns, and investors may have difficulty enforcing their legal rights in foreign countries.

In addition, the U.S. Government has from time to time imposed restrictions, through penalties and otherwise, on foreign investments by U.S. investors, including current prohibitions on U.S. investment in Cuba. Investments in securities of Cuban companies, if permitted by U.S. law, may be subject to certain political and economic risks in addition to the risks associated with investment in the securities of issuers domiciled in other foreign countries. The risks include (i) less social, political and economic stability; (ii) the small current size of the markets for such securities and the currently low or nonexistent volume of trading, which result in a lack of liquidity and in greater price volatility; (iii) certain national policies which may restrict the Fund's investment opportunities, including restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests; (iv) the absence of developed legal structures governing private or foreign investment or allowing for judicial redress for injury to private property; (v) the absence of a capital market structure or market-oriented economy; and (vi) the possibility that recent favorable economic developments may be slowed or reversed by unanticipated political or social events in such countries. Investments in securities of Cuban companies, if and when the Fund is permitted to invest in such securities, will be speculative and involve risks not usually associated with investments in securities of issuers in more developed market economies. See "Emerging Markets Risk" below.

Some foreign securities or nations impose restrictions on transfer within the United States or to U.S. persons. Although securities subject to such transfer restrictions may be marketable abroad, they may be less liquid than foreign securities of the same class that are not subject to such restrictions.

Accounting standards in other countries are not necessarily the same as in the United States. If the accounting standards in another country do not require as much detail as U.S. accounting standards, it may be harder for the Advisor to completely and accurately determine a company's financial condition. In instances where the financial statements of an issuer are not deemed to reflect accurately the financial situation of the issuer, the Advisor will take appropriate steps to evaluate the proposed investment, which may include on-site inspection of the issuer (including Cuba, if U.S. restrictions on travel to Cuba are lifted), interviews with its management and consultation with accountants, bankers and other specialists.

## Certain Risks of Holding Fund Assets Outside the United States

The Fund generally holds its foreign securities and cash in foreign banks and securities depositories. Some foreign banks and securities depositories may be recently organized or new to the foreign custody business. In addition, there may be limited or no regulatory

oversight of their operations. Also, the laws of certain countries limit the Fund's ability to recover its assets if a foreign bank, depository or issuer of a security, or any of their agents, goes bankrupt. In addition, it is often more expensive for the Fund to buy, sell and hold securities in certain foreign markets than in the United States. The increased expense of investing in foreign markets reduces the amount the Fund can earn on its investments and typically results in a higher operating expense ratio for the Fund than for investment companies invested only in the United States.

#### Settlement Risk

Settlement and clearance procedures in certain foreign markets differ significantly from those in the United States. Foreign settlement and clearance procedures and trade regulations also may involve certain risks (such as delays in payment for or delivery of securities) not typically associated with the settlement of U.S. investments. Communications between the United States and emerging market countries may be unreliable, increasing the risk of delayed settlements or losses of security certificates in markets that still rely on physical settlement. At times, settlements in certain foreign countries have not kept pace with the number of securities transactions. These problems may make it difficult for the Fund to carry out transactions. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a purchase of securities, it may miss attractive investment opportunities and certain of its assets may be uninvested with no return earned thereon for some period. If the Fund cannot settle or is delayed in settling a sale of securities, it may lose money if the value of the security then declines or, if it has contracted to sell the security to another party, the Fund could be liable for any losses incurred. Dividends or interest on, or proceeds from the sale of, foreign securities may be subject to foreign withholding taxes.

## Stock Dividend Risk

We have declared, and may in the future declare, taxable dividends that are payable to our stockholders in cash or in shares of our common stock at the election of stockholders subject to a limitation on the total amount of cash that may be distributed. In addition, if a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on distributions, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock.

## **Emerging Markets Risk**

The risks of foreign investments are usually much greater for emerging markets. Investments in emerging markets, including many Caribbean Basin Countries, may be considered speculative. Emerging markets are riskier than more developed markets because they tend to develop unevenly and may never fully develop. Since these markets are often small, they may be more likely to suffer sharp and frequent price changes or long-term price depression because of adverse publicity, investor perceptions or the actions of a few large investors. Many emerging markets have histories of political instability and abrupt changes in policies. As a result, their governments are more likely to take actions that are hostile or detrimental to private enterprise or foreign investment than those of more developed countries. Certain emerging markets may also face other

significant internal or external risks, including the risk of war, and civil unrest. In addition, governments in many emerging market countries participate to a significant degree in their economies and securities markets, which may impair investment and economic growth.

Investments in the securities of issuers domiciled in countries with emerging capital markets involve certain additional risks that do not generally apply to investments in securities of issuers in more developed capital markets, such as (i) low or non-existent trading volume, resulting in a lack of liquidity and increased volatility in prices for such securities, as compared to securities of comparable issuers in more developed capital markets; (ii) uncertain national policies and social, political and economic instability, increasing the potential for expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, high rates of inflation or unfavorable diplomatic developments; (iii) possible fluctuations in exchange rates, differing legal systems and the existence or possible imposition of exchange controls, custodial restrictions or other foreign or U.S. governmental laws or restrictions applicable to such investments; (iv) national policies that may limit the Fund's investment opportunities such as restrictions on investment in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to national interests; and (v) the lack or relatively early development of legal structures governing private and foreign investments and private property. In addition to withholding taxes on investment income, some countries with emerging markets may impose differential capital gains taxes on foreign investors.

Emerging capital markets are developing in a dynamic political and economic environment brought about by events over recent years that have reshaped political boundaries and traditional ideologies. In such a dynamic environment, there can be no assurance that any or all of these capital markets will continue to present viable investment opportunities for the Fund. In the past, governments of such nations have expropriated substantial amounts of private property, and most claims of the property owners have never been fully settled. There is no assurance that such expropriations will not reoccur. In such an event, it is possible that the Fund could lose the entire value of its investments in the affected market.

Also, there may be less publicly available information about issuers in emerging markets than would be available about issuers in more developed capital markets, and such issuers may not be subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and requirements comparable to those to which U.S. companies are subject. In certain countries with emerging capital markets, reporting standards vary widely. As a result, traditional investment measurements used in the United States, such as price/ earnings ratios, may not be applicable. Emerging market securities may be substantially less liquid and more volatile than those of mature markets, and company shares may be held by a limited number of persons. This may adversely affect the timing and pricing of the Fund's acquisition or disposal of securities. Communications between the United States and emerging market countries may be unreliable, increasing the risk of delayed settlements or losses of security certificates.

Practices in relation to settlement of securities transactions in emerging markets involve higher risks than those in developed markets, in part because the Fund may need to use brokers and counterparties that are less well capitalized, and custody and registration of assets in some countries may be unreliable. The possibility of fraud, negligence, undue

influence being exerted by the issuer or refusal to recognize ownership exists in some emerging markets, and, along with other factors, could result in ownership registration being completely lost. The Fund would absorb any loss resulting from such registration problems and may have no successful claim for compensation.

## Risks Related to Equity and Equity-Linked Securities

## Common Stock Risks

The Fund may invest in common stock. Common stock is issued by a company principally to raise cash for business purposes and represents an equity or ownership interest in the issuing company. Common stockholders are typically entitled to vote on important matters of the issuing company, including the selection of directors, and may receive dividends on their holdings. The Fund participates in the success or failure of any company in which it holds common stock. In the event a company is liquidated or declares bankruptcy, the claims of bondholders, other debt holders, owners of preferred stock and general creditors take precedence over the claims of those who own common stock.

The prices of common stocks change in response to many factors including the historical and prospective earnings of the issuing company, the value of its assets, general economic conditions, interest rates, investor perceptions and market liquidity.

## Preferred Stock Risks

The Fund may invest in preferred stock. Preferred stock, unlike common stock, often offers a specified dividend rate payable from a company's earnings. Preferred stock also generally has a preference over common stock on the distribution of a company's assets in the event the company is liquidated or declares bankruptcy; however, the rights of preferred stockholders on the distribution of a company's assets in the event of a liquidation or bankruptcy are generally subordinate to the rights of the company's debt holders and general creditors. If interest rates rise, the fixed dividend on preferred stocks may be less attractive, causing the price of preferred stocks to decline.

Some fixed rate preferred stock may have mandatory sinking fund provisions that provide for the stock to be retired or redeemed on a predetermined schedule, as well as call/redemption provisions prior to maturity, which can limit the benefit of any decline in interest rates that might positively affect the price of preferred stocks. Preferred stock dividends may be "cumulative," requiring all or a portion of prior unpaid dividends to be paid before dividends are paid on the issuer's common stock. Preferred stock may be "participating," which means that it may be entitled to a dividend exceeding the stated dividend in certain cases.

#### Convertible Securities Risks

The Fund may invest in convertible securities. Convertible securities are generally bonds, debentures, notes, preferred stocks or other securities or investments that may be converted or exchanged (by the holder or by the issuer) into shares of the underlying common stock (or cash or securities of equivalent value) at a stated exchange ratio or predetermined

price (the conversion price). A convertible security is designed to provide current income and also the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from increases in the market price of the underlying common stock. A convertible security may be called for redemption or conversion by the issuer after a particular date and under certain circumstances (including a specified price) established upon issue. If a convertible security held by the Fund is called for redemption or conversion, the Fund could be required to tender it for redemption, convert it into the underlying common stock, or sell it to a third party, which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. Convertible securities have general characteristics similar to both debt and equity securities.

A convertible security generally entitles the holder to receive interest paid or accrued until the convertible security matures or is redeemed, converted or exchanged. Before conversion, convertible securities have characteristics similar to non-convertible debt obligations and are designed to provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks. However, there can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. Convertible securities rank senior to common stock in a corporation's capital structure and, therefore, generally entail less risk than the corporation's common stock. Convertible securities are subordinate in rank to any senior debt obligations of the issuer, and, therefore, an issuer's convertible securities entail more risk than its debt obligations. Moreover, convertible securities are often rated below investment grade or not rated because they fall below debt obligations and just above common stock in order of preference or priority on an issuer's balance sheet. To the extent that the Fund invests in convertible securities with credit ratings below investment grade, such securities may have a higher likelihood of default, although this may be somewhat offset by the convertibility feature.

Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than nonconvertible debt securities of similar credit quality because of the potential for capital appreciation. The common stock underlying convertible securities may be issued by a different entity than the issuer of the convertible securities.

The value of convertible securities is influenced by both the yield of non-convertible securities of comparable issuers and by the value of the underlying common stock. The value of a convertible security viewed without regard to its conversion feature (i.e., strictly on the basis of its yield) is sometimes referred to as its "investment value." The investment value of the convertible security typically will fluctuate based on the credit quality of the issuer and will fluctuate inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates. However, at the same time, the convertible security will be influenced by its "conversion value," which is the market value of the underlying common stock that would be obtained if the convertible security were converted. Conversion value fluctuates directly with the price of the underlying common stock, and will therefore be subject to risks relating to the activities of the issuer and general market and economic conditions. Depending upon the relationship of the conversion price to the market value of the underlying security, a convertible security may trade more like an equity security than a debt instrument.

The Fund will invest in convertible securities based primarily on the characteristics of the equity security into which it converts, and without regard to the credit rating of the convertible security (even if the credit rating is below investment grade). To the extent that the Fund invests in convertible securities with credit ratings below investment grade, such securities may have a higher likelihood of default, although this may be somewhat offset by the convertibility feature.

If, because of a low price of the common stock, the conversion value is substantially below the investment value of the convertible security, the price of the convertible security is governed principally by its investment value. Generally, if the conversion value of a convertible security increases to a point that approximates or exceeds its investment value, the value of the security will be principally influenced by its conversion value. A convertible security will sell at a premium over its conversion value to the extent investors place value on the right to acquire the underlying common stock while holding an income-producing security.

## Risks of Other Equity-Linked Securities

Equity-linked securities are instruments whose value is based upon the value of one or more underlying equity securities, a reference rate or an index. Equity-linked securities come in many forms and may include features, among others, such as the following: (i) may be issued by the issuer of the underlying equity security or by a company other than the one to which the instrument is linked (usually an investment bank), (ii) may convert into equity securities, such as common stock, within a stated period from the issue date or may be redeemed for cash or some combination of cash and the linked security at a value based upon the value of the underlying equity security within a stated period from the issue date, (iii) may have various conversion features prior to maturity at the option of the holder or the issuer or both, (iv) may limit the appreciation value with caps or collars of the value of the underlying equity security, and (v) may have fixed, variable or no interest payments during the life of the security which reflect the actual or a structured return relative to the underlying dividends of the linked equity security.

Investments in equity-linked securities may subject the Fund to additional risks not ordinarily associated with investments in other equity securities. Because equity-linked securities are sometimes issued by a third party other than the issuer of the linked security, the Fund is subject to risks if the underlying equity security, reference rate or index underperforms, or if the issuer defaults on the payment of the dividend or the common stock at maturity. In addition, the trading market for particular equity-linked securities may be less liquid, making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of a particular security when necessary and reduced liquidity in the secondary market for any such securities may make it more difficult to obtain market quotations for valuing the Fund's portfolio.

# Fee and Expense Table (unaudited)

## Fee Table (as of June 30, 2023)

Stockholder Transaction Expenses:

Sales load (as a percentage of the offering price)

Offering expenses borne by us

Dividend reinvestment plan fees

None

Total stockholder transaction expenses (as a percentage of offering price)

Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common shares):

Management Fees (1)	1.45%
Other expenses (estimated) (2)	2.00%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses (3)	0.00%
Total Annual Expenses (estimated) (3)	3.45%

- \* The actual amounts in connection with any offering of securities by the Fund will be set forth in a supplement to the Fund's prospectus if applicable.
- (1) During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Advisor voluntarily waived its management fee by 10 basis points (from 1.45% to 1.35%) in support of the Fund's initiative to attempt to reduce the stock price discount to NAV.
- (2) "Other Expenses" do not include expenses of the Fund incurred in connection with any offer of the Fund's securities. However, these expenses will be borne by the holders of the shares of common stock of the Fund and result in a reduction in the net asset value, or "NAV", of the shares of common stock.
- (3) "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses" are less than 0.005%. Total Annual Expenses may not correlate to the ratio of expenses to average net assets disclosed in the Fund's annual and semi-annual reports to stockholders in the financial highlights table, which reflects operating expenses of the Fund and does not include "Acquired Fund" fees and expenses. The Fund's Total Annual Expenses, after the Advisor's voluntary waiver of 10 basis points of its management fee, is 3.35%.

#### Example

The following example demonstrates the projected dollar amount of total cumulative expenses that would be incurred over various periods with respect to a hypothetical investment in our common stock.

#### Cumulative Expenses Paid for the Period Ended June 30, 2023:

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	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
An investor would pay the following expenses on a \$1,000 investment, assuming a 5% annual return:	\$35	\$106	\$179	\$373

The example and the expenses in the tables above should not be considered a representation of past or future expenses or annual rates of return and actual expenses or annual rates of return may be more or less than those shown. The

# Fee and Expense Table (unaudited) (continued)

foregoing table and example are intended to assist investors in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in the Fund will bear directly or indirectly. "Other Expenses" are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

The example assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV and an expense ratio of 3.45%. The tables above and the assumption in the example of a 5% annual return are required by SEC regulations applicable to all investment companies. In addition, while the example assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions at NAV, participants in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan may receive shares purchased or issued at a price or value different from NAV.

Additional information about the tables above is included in the Fund's prospectus. See also, "Fees and Expenses", "Management of the Fund" and "Dividends and Distributions; Dividend Reinvestment Plan" in the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

## Share Price Data (unaudited)

The Fund's shares are traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market. During each completed fiscal quarter of the Fund within the two most recent fiscal years, the highest and lowest NAV and Market Price per share, and the highest and lowest premium/discount were as follows:

	Pr	ice	NAV		Premium/(Discount)	
Quarter Ended	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
6/30/2023	\$3.95	\$3.59	\$4.98	\$4.48	-15.96%	-21.53%
3/31/2023	\$4.31	\$3.60	\$5.19	\$4.36	-16.15%	-20.57%
12/31/2022	\$4.36	\$3.62	\$5.20	\$4.48	-14.92%	-20.29%
9/30/2022	\$4.99	\$3.62	\$5.52	\$4.48	-8.61%	-20.94%
6/30/2022	\$5.31	\$3.83	\$6.05	\$4.52	-7.30%	-16.28%
3/31/2022	\$5.74	\$4.80	\$6.70	\$5.36	-7.24%	-16.34%
12/31/2021	\$6.17	\$5.24	\$7.16	\$6.10	-10.07%	-16.87%
9/30/2021	\$6.37	\$5.47	\$7.11	\$6.45	-7.45%	-19.08%

The closing market price, net asset value and percentage discount to net asset value per share of the Fund's Common Stock on June 30, 2023 were \$3.95, \$4.98 and -20.68%, respectively.

Our common stock has historically traded at a premium or at a discount to its NAV. We cannot predict whether our common stock will trade at a premium or discount to NAV in the future. The Board of Directors approved a self-tender offer policy (the "Self-Tender Policy") beginning in 2020. Under the Self-Tender Policy, as amended effective August 20, 2021, the Fund has undertaken to conduct a tender offer by the end of October following each fiscal year-end (June 30th) of 5% of outstanding shares of the Fund at 97.5% of NAV if the average discount was greater than 10% for the fiscal year just ended. In the exercise of its business judgement, in determining whether to undertake a tender offer, the Board of Directors of will generally consider, to the extent known at the time, the timing and procedures associated with a proposed tender offer, including when and how the purchase price will be determined, and how the Fund will fund the tender offer. The Board of Directors may consider all other information that it deems relevant in the exercise of its fiduciary duty. These tender offers may be commenced or suspended at any time or from time to time without any notice. The Board of Directors may in the future determine to suspend the tender offer policy in light of prevailing economic conditions, heightened volatility in the financial markets, or other factors that the Board of Directors determines to be relevant in the exercise of its fiduciary duty.

On August 10, 2023, the Board also modified the Fund's Self-Tender Policy. Because of the uncertainty regarding the timing of the Rights Offer, the Board modified the Tender Policy to allow for the Fund to commence the tender offer within a reasonable amount of time following the conclusion of the Rights Offering, which is estimated to conclude in November 2023.

Additional information about the table above is included in the Fund's Prospectus. See also, "Price Range of Common Stock" and "Description of Common Stock - Share Repurchases and Tender Offers" in the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

# Section 19(a) Notices (unaudited)

The Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc.'s (CUBA) (the "Fund") amounts and sources of distributions reported are estimates and are being provided to you pursuant to regulatory requirements and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the Fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund will provide a Form 1099-DIV each calendar year that will tell you how to report these distributions for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

						% Breakdown
				Total Cumulative		of the Total
						Cumulative
	Currency		% Breakdown	Di	stributions	Distributions
			of the Current	for the Fiscal		for the Fiscal
	D	istribution	Distribution	Year to Date		Year to Date <sup>(a)</sup>
Net Investment Income	\$	0.00	0%	\$	0.00	0%
Net Realized Short-						
Term Capital Gains	\$	0.00	0%	\$	0.00	0%
Net Realized Long-						
Term Capital Gains	\$	0.103505	60%	\$	0.1035	15%
Return of Capital(b)	\$	0.070120	40%	\$	0.5910	85%
Total						
(per common share)	\$	0.173625	100%	\$	0.6945	100%

<sup>(</sup>a) For the year ended June 30, 2023.

Section 19(a) notices for the Fund, are available on the Fund's website <a href="http://www.herzfeld.com/cuba">http://www.herzfeld.com/cuba</a>.

<sup>(</sup>b) The Fund estimates that it has distributed more than the amount of earned income and net realized gains; therefore, a portion of the distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the shareholder's investment in the Fund are returned to the shareholder. A return of capital does not necessarily reflect the Fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income". When distributions exceed total return performance, the difference will reduce the Fund's net asset value per share.

# Privacy Policy (unaudited)

We consider customer privacy to be an essential part of our investor relationships and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity and security of our current, prospective and former stockholders' non-public personal information. We have developed policies that are designed to protect this confidentiality, while permitting stockholder needs to be served.

## **Obtaining Personal Information**

While providing stockholders with products and services, we, and certain service providers, such as the Fund's Transfer Agents and/or Administrators, may obtain non-public personal information about stockholders, which may come from sources such as (i) account applications, subscription agreements and other forms, (ii) written, electronic or verbal correspondence, (iii) stockholder transactions, (iv) a stockholder's brokerage or financial advisory firm, financial advisor or consultant, and/or (v) from information captured on applicable websites. The non-public personal information that may be collected from stockholders may include the stockholder's name, address, tax identification number, birth date, investment selection, beneficiary information, and possibly the stockholder's personal bank account information and/or email address if the stockholder has provided that information, as well as the stockholder's transaction and account history with the Fund.

## **Respecting Your Privacy**

We do not disclose any non-public personal information provided by stockholders or gathered by us to third parties, except as required or permitted by law or as necessary for such third parties to perform their agreements with respect to the Fund. Non-affiliated companies may from time to time be used to provide certain services, such as maintaining stockholder accounts, preparing and mailing prospectuses, reports, account statements and other information, and gathering stockholder proxies. In many instances, the stockholders will be clients of a third party, but we may also provide a stockholder's personal and account information to the stockholder's respective brokerage or financial advisory firm and/or financial advisor or consultant.

## **Sharing Information with Third Parties**

We reserve the right to report or disclose personal or account information to third parties in circumstances where we believe in good faith that disclosure is required or permitted under law, to cooperate with regulators or law enforcement authorities, to protect their rights or property, or upon reasonable request by the Fund's Investment Advisor. In addition, we may disclose information about a stockholder or a stockholder's accounts to a third party at the stockholder's request or with the consent of the stockholder.

## **Procedures to Safeguard Private Information**

We are committed to our obligation to safeguard stockholder non-public personal information. In addition to this policy, we have implemented procedures that are designed to limit access to a stockholder's non-public personal information to internal personnel who require the information to complete tasks, such as processing transactions, maintaining

# Privacy Policy (unaudited) (continued)

stockholder accounts or otherwise providing services the stockholder requested. Physical, electronic and procedural safeguards are in place to guard a stockholder's non-public personal information.

#### **Information Collected from Websites**

Websites maintained by the Fund, the Investment Advisor or their service providers may use a variety of technologies to collect information that helps the Fund, the Investment Advisor and their service providers understand how the website is used. Information collected from your web browser (including small files stored on your device that are commonly referred to as "cookies") allow the websites to recognize your web browser and help to personalize and improve your user experience and enhance navigation of the website. If you are a registered user of the Fund's or the Investment Advisor's and/or their service providers, website, the Fund or the Investment Advisor and/or their service providers, may collect or share information submitted by you, which may include personally identifiable information. You can change your cookie preferences by changing the setting on your web browser to delete or reject cookies. If you delete or reject cookies, some website pages may not function properly. The Fund and the Investment Advisor do not look for web browser "do not track" requests.

## **Changes to the Privacy Policy**

From time to time, we may update or revise this privacy policy. If there are changes to the terms of this privacy policy, documents containing the revised policy on the relevant website will be updated.

Registered holders ("Stockholders") of shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value ("Common Stock") of Herzfeld Caribbean Basin Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") will automatically be enrolled ("Participants") in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan") and are advised as follows:

- Equiniti & Trust Company, LLC (the "Agent") will act as agent for each Participant.
  The Agent will open an account for each registered shareholder as a Participant under
  the Plan in the same name in which such Participant's shares of Common Stock are
  registered.
- 2. CASH OPTION. Pursuant to the Fund's Plan, unless a holder of Common Stock otherwise elects, all dividend and capital gains distributions payable in cash ("Distributions") will be automatically reinvested by the Agent in additional Common Stock of the Fund. Stockholders who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all cash distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or, if the shares are held in street or other nominee name then to such nominee) by the Agent, as dividend paying agent. Stockholders and Participants may elect not to participate in the Plan and to receive all cash distributions of dividends and capital gains in cash by sending written instructions to the Agent, as dividend paying agent, at the address set forth below.
- 3. MARKET PREMIUM ISSUANCES. If on the payment date for a Distribution, the net asset value per Common Stock is equal to or less than the market price per Common Stock plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Agent shall receive newly issued Common Stock ("Additional Common Stock") from the Fund for each Participant's account. The number of Additional Common Stock to be credited shall be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the Distribution by the greater of (i) the net asset value per Common Share on the payment date, or (ii) 95% of the market price per Common Share on the payment date.
- 4. MARKET DISCOUNT PURCHASES. If the net asset value per Common Stock exceeds the market price plus estimated brokerage commissions on the payment date for a Distribution, the Agent (or a broker-dealer selected by the Agent) shall endeavor to apply the amount of such Distribution on each Participant's Common Stock to purchase Common Stock on the open market. In the event of a market discount on the payment date, the Agent will have 30 days after the dividend payment date (the "last purchase date") to invest the dividend amount in shares acquired in open-market purchases. The weighted average price (including brokerage commissions) of all Common Stock purchased by the Agent as Agent shall be the price per Common Stock allocable to each Participant. If, before the Agent has completed its purchases, the market price plus estimated brokerage commissions exceeds the net asset value of the Common Stock as of the payment date, the purchase price paid by Agent may exceed the net asset value of the Common Stock, resulting in the acquisition of fewer Common Stock than if such Distribution had been paid in Common Stock issued by the Fund. Because of the foregoing difficulty with respect to open-market purchases, the Plan provides that if the Plan Agent is unable to invest the full dividend amount in open-market purchases during the purchase period or if the market discount shifts

# Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited) (continued)

to a market premium during the purchase period, the Plan Agent may cease making open-market purchases and may invest the uninvested portion of the dividend amount in newly issued Common Stock at the net asset value per Common Stock at the close of business on the last purchase date. Participants should note that they will not be able to instruct the Agent to purchase Common Stock at a specific time or at a specific price. Open-market purchases may be made on any securities exchange where Common Stock are traded, in the over-the-counter market or in negotiated transactions, and may be on such terms as to price, delivery and otherwise as the Agent shall determine. Each Participant's uninvested funds held by the Agent will not bear interest. The Agent shall have no liability in connection with any inability to purchase Common Stock within the time provided, or with the timing of any purchases effected. The Agent shall have no responsibility for the value of Common Stock acquired. The Agent may commingle Participants' funds to be used for openmarket purchases of the Fund's shares and the price per share allocable to each Participant in connection with such purchases shall be the average price (including brokerage commissions and other related costs) of all Fund shares purchased by Agent. The rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission may require the Agent to limit the Agent's market purchases or temporarily cease making market purchases for Participants.

- 5. The market price of Common Stock on a particular date shall be the last sales price on the securities exchange where the Common Stock are listed on that date (currently the NASDAQ Capital Market)(the "Exchange"), or, if there is no sale on the Exchange on that date, then the average between the closing bid and asked quotations on the Exchange on such date will be used. The net asset value per Common Stock on a particular date shall be the amount calculated on that date (or if not calculated on such date, the amount most recently calculated) by or on behalf of the Fund.
- 6. Whenever the Agent receives or purchases shares or fractional interests for a Participant's account, the Agent will send such Participant a notification of the transaction as soon as practicable. The Agent will hold such shares and fractional interests as such Participant's agent and may hold them in the Agent's name or the name of the Agent's nominee. The Agent will not send a Participant stock certificates for shares unless a Participant so requests in writing or unless a Participant's account is terminated as stated below. The Agent will vote any shares so held for a Participant in accordance with any proxy returned to the Fund by such Participant in respect of the shares of which such Participant is the record holder.
- 7. There is presently no service charge for the Agent serving as Participants' agent and maintaining Participants' accounts. The Agent may, however, charge Participants for extra services performed at their request. The Plan may be amended in the future to impose a service charge. In acting as Participants' agent under the Plan, the Agent shall be liable only for acts, omissions, losses, damages or expenses caused by the Agent's willful misconduct or gross negligence. In addition, the Agent shall not be liable for any taxes, assessments or governmental charges which may be levied or assessed on any basis whatsoever in connection with the administration of the Plan.

# Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited) (continued)

8. The Agent may hold each Participant's Common Stock acquired pursuant to the Plan together with the Common Stock of other Stockholders of the Fund acquired pursuant to the Plan in non-certificated form in the Agent's name or that of the Agent's nominee. Each Participant will be sent a confirmation by the Agent of each acquisition made for his or her account as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 60 days, after the date thereof. Participants may request to sell a portion of the Common Stock held by the Agent in their Plan accounts by calling the Agent, writing to the Agent, or completing and returning the transaction form attached to each Plan statement. The Agent will sell such Common Stock through a broker-dealer selected by the Agent within 5 business days of receipt of the request. The sale price will equal the weighted average price of all Common Stock sold through the Plan on the day of the sale, less brokerage commissions. Participants should note that the Agent is unable to accept instructions to sell on a specific date or at a specific price. Any share dividends or split shares distributed by the Fund on Common Stock held by the Agent for Participants will be credited to their accounts. In the event that the Fund makes available to its Stockholders rights to purchase additional Common Stock, the Common Stock held for each Participant under the Plan will be added to other Common Stock held by the Participant in calculating the number of rights to be issued to each Participant.

If a Participant holds more than one Common Stock Certificate registered in similar but not identical names or if more than one address is shown for a Participant on the Fund's records, all of such Participant's shares of Common Stock must be put into the same name and address if all of them are to be covered by one account. Additional shares subsequently acquired by a Participant otherwise than through the Plan will be covered by the Plan.

- 9. The reinvestment of Distributions does not relieve Participants of any federal, state or local taxes which may be payable (or required to be withheld on Distributions.) Participants will receive tax information annually for their personal records and to help them prepare their federal income tax return. For further information as to tax consequences of participation in the Plan, Participants should consult with their own tax advisors.
- 10. Each registered Participant may terminate his or her account under the Plan by calling the Agent at (877) 283-0317. Such termination will be effective with respect to a particular Distribution if the Participant's notice is received by the Agent prior to such Distribution record date. The Plan may be terminated by the Agent or the Fund upon notice in writing mailed to each Participant at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the termination. Upon any termination, the Agent will cause a certificate or certificates to be issued for the full shares held for each Participant under the Plan and cash adjustment for any fraction of a Common Share at the then current market value of the Common Shares to be delivered to him. If preferred, a Participant may request the sale of all of the Common Shares held by the Agent in his or her Plan account in order to terminate participation in the Plan. If any Participant elects in advance of such termination to have Agent sell part or all of his shares, Agent is authorized to

# Dividend Reinvestment Plan (unaudited) (continued)

deduct from the proceeds the brokerage commissions incurred for the transaction. If a Participant has terminated his or her participation in the Plan but continues to have Common Shares registered in his or her name, he or she may re-enroll in the Plan at any time by notifying the Agent in writing at the address above.

- 11. These terms and conditions may be amended by the Agent or the Fund at any time but, except when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law or the rules or policies of the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other regulatory authority, only by mailing to each Participant appropriate written notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date thereof. The amendment shall be deemed to be accepted by each Participant unless, prior to the effective date thereof, the Agent receives notice of the termination of the Participant's account under the Plan. Any such amendment may include an appointment by the Agent of a successor Agent, subject to the prior written approval of the successor Agent by the Fund.
- 12. These terms and conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

As of: December 13, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Fund suspended the dividend reinvestment plan in connection with the Fund's managed distribution plan for the quarterly distributions paid on September 30, 2021, December 31, 2021, March 31, 2022, June 30, 2022, September 30, 2022, December 30, 2022, March 31, 2023 and June 30, 2023 in connection with stock or cash distributions made on such dates. The Board of Directors has not suspended the dividend reinvestment plan for the quarter ending September 30, 2023 due to the proposed rights offering. The Board of Directors may suspend the dividend reinvestment plan in connection with future cash or stock distributions, and any such suspension will be announced to shareholders via press release. In a stock or cash distribution, distributions will be paid in cash or shares of our common stock at the election of stockholders. The total amount of cash distributed to all stockholders will be limited to 20% of the total distribution to be paid, excluding any cash paid for fractional shares. The remainder of the distribution (approximately 80%) will be paid in the form of shares of our common stock. The exact distribution of cash and stock to any given stockholder will be dependent upon his/her election as well as elections of other stockholders, subject to the pro-rata limitation.



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