# STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES July 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

| Assets:   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Investments in securities, at value (See Note 2)                                      | \$<br>81,256,141 |
| Dividends and interest receivable   | 164,730          |
| Total assets  | 81,420,871       |
|   |                  |
| Liabilities:  |                  |
| Accrued investment advisory fees (See Note 4)   | 56,025           |
| Total liabilities   | 56,025           |
| Net Assets  | \$<br>81,364,846 |
|   |                  |
| Net Assets Consist of:  |                  |
| Paid-in capital   | \$<br>52,301,336 |
| Total distributable earnings (accumulated deficit)                                    | 29,063,510       |
| Net Assets:   | \$<br>81,364,846 |
|   |                  |
| Calculation of Net Asset Value Per Share:   |                  |
| Net Assets  | \$<br>81,364,846 |
| Shares Outstanding (unlimited shares of beneficial interest authorized, no par value) | 3,100,000        |
| Net Asset Value per Share   | \$<br>26.25      |
|   |                  |
| Cost of Investments in Securities   | \$<br>62,863,444 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# **KEATING ACTIVE ETF**

# **STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS** For the Period Ended July 31, 2024 (Unaudited)<sup>(1)</sup>

| Investment Income:  |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Dividend income   | \$<br>902,495    |
| Interest income   | 8,729            |
| Total investment income   | 911,224          |
|   |                  |
| Expenses:   |                  |
| Investment advisory fees (See Note 4)                           | <br>215,856      |
| Net expenses  | <br>215,856      |
|   |                  |
| Net Investment Income (Loss)                                    | <br>695,368      |
| Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments:             |                  |
| Net realized gain (loss) on:                                    |                  |
| Investments   | <br>10,601,859   |
|   | 10,601,859       |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:        |                  |
| Investments   | 18,392,698       |
|   | 18,392,698       |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:         | 28,994,557       |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | \$<br>29,689,925 |

(1) The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2024.

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# **KEATING ACTIVE ETF**

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

|   | I  | For the Period Ended<br>July 31, 2024<br>(Unaudited) <sup>(1)</sup> |
|---|----|---|
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets from:   |    |   |
| Operations:   |    |   |
| Net investment income (loss)  | \$ | 695,368   |
| Net realized gain (loss) on investments   |    | 10,601,859  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments                         |    | 18,392,698  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations                             |    | 29,689,925  |
|   |    |   |
| Distributions to Shareholders:  |    |   |
| Distributable earnings  |    | (626,415)   |
| Total distributions to shareholders   |    | (626,415)   |
|   |    |   |
| Capital Share Transactions:   |    |   |
| Proceeds from shares sold   |    | 68,647,644  |
| Payments for shares redeemed  |    | (16,346,308)  |
| Net increase (decrease) in net assets derived from net change in capital share transactions |    | 52,301,336  |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets   |    | 81,364,846  |
|   |    |   |
| Net Assets:   |    |   |
| Beginning of period   |    | —   |
| End of period   | \$ | 81,364,846  |
|   |    |   |
| Changes in Shares Outstanding:  |    |   |
| Shares outstanding, beginning of period   |    | —   |
| Shares sold   |    | 3,750,000   |
| Shares repurchased  |    | (650,000)   |
| Shares outstanding, end of period   |    | 3,100,000   |

(1) The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2024.

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

|   | Net Asset                        | Net   | Net Realized<br>and                         | Net Increase<br>(Decrease) in                   | Distributions |                        |                                      |                                |   |                                      | Net   |  |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
|   | Value,<br>Beginning of<br>Period | Investment<br>Income<br>(Loss) <sup>(1)</sup> | Unrealized<br>Gain (Loss) on<br>Investments | Net Asset Value<br>Resulting from<br>Operations |               | Total<br>Distributions | Net Asset<br>Value, End of<br>Period | Total<br>Return <sup>(2)</sup> | Net Assets,<br>End of Period<br>(000's) | Net<br>Expenses <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup> | Investment<br>Income<br>(Loss) <sup>(3)</sup> | Portfolio<br>Turnover<br>Rate <sup>(6)</sup> |
| For the Period March 26, 2024 <sup>(7)</sup> to July 31, 2024 (Unaudited) | \$24.97                          | 0.24  | 1.25  | 1.49  | (0.21)        | (0.21)                 | \$26.25                              | 5.97%                          | \$81,365                                | 0.85%                                | 2.74%   | 2%   |

(1) Net investment income per share represents net investment income divided by the daily average shares of beneficial interest outstanding throughout the period.

(2) All returns reflect reinvested dividends, if any, but do not reflect the impact of taxes. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

(3) For periods of less than one year, these ratios are annualized.

(4) Net expenses include effects of any reimbursement or recoupment.

(5) Net expenses do not include expenses of the investment companies in which the Fund invests.

(6) Portfolio turnover is not annualized and is calculated without regard to short-term securities having a maturity of less than one year. Excludes the impact of in-kind transactions.

(7) Commencement of operations.

#### NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

Keating Active ETF (the "Fund") is a series of the EA Series Trust (the "Trust"), which was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on October 11, 2013. The Trust is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company and the offering of the Fund's shares ("Shares") is registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Fund is considered diversified under the 1940 Act. The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2024. The Fund qualifies as an investment company as defined in the Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946-Financial Services-Investment Companies. The Fund's investment objective is to seek total return which consists of income and capital appreciation.

As part of the Fund's commencement of operations on March 26, 2024, the Fund received an in-kind contribution from accounts managed by the Sub-Adviser, which consisted of \$61,438,228 of securities which were recorded at their current value to align the Fund's performance with ongoing financial reporting. However, as the transaction was determined to be a non-taxable transaction by management, the Fund elected to retain the securities' original cost basis for tax purposes. The cost of the contributed securities as of March 26, 2024, was \$36,262,931, resulting in net unrealized appreciation on investments of \$25,175,297 as of that date. As a result of the in-kind contribution, the Fund issued 2,460,000 shares at a \$24.97 per share net asset value.

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC. Market prices for the shares may be different from their net asset value ("NAV"). The Fund issues and redeems shares on a continuous basis at NAV only in blocks of 10,000 shares, called "Creation Units." Creation Units are issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in a specified universe. Once created, shares generally trade in the secondary market at market prices that change throughout the day in share amounts less than a Creation Unit. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, shares are not redeemable securities of the Fund. Shares of the Fund may only be purchased or redeemed by certain financial institutions ("Authorized Participants"). An Authorized Participant is either (i) a broker-dealer or other participant in the clearing process through the Continuous Net Settlement System of the National Securities Clearing Corporation or (ii) a DTC participant and, in each case, must have executed a Participant Agreement with the Distributor. Most retail investors do not qualify as Authorized Participants nor have the resources to buy and sell whole Creation Units. Therefore, they are unable to purchase or redeement the shares directly from the Fund. Rather, most retail investors may purchase shares in the secondary market with the assistance of a broker and are subject to customary brokerage commissions or fees.

Authorized Participants may be required to pay a transaction fee to compensate the Trust or its custodian for costs incurred in connection with creation and redemption transactions. Certain transactions consisting all or partially of cash may also be subject to a variable charge, which is payable to the relevant Fund, of up to 2.00% of the value of the order in addition to the transaction fee. A Fund may determine to waive the variable charge on certain orders when such waiver is determined to be in the best interests of Fund shareholders. Transaction fees received by a Fund, if any, are displayed in the Capital Share Transactions sections of the Statements of Changes in Net Assets.

## NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

A. Security Valuation. Equity securities that are traded on a national securities exchange, except those listed on the NASDAQ Global Market® ("NASDAQ") are valued at the last reported sale price on the exchange on which the security is principally traded. Securities traded on NASDAQ will be valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price ("NOCP"). If, on a particular day, an exchange-traded or NASDAQ security does not trade, then the most recent quoted bid for exchange-traded or the mean between the most recent quoted bid and ask price for NASDAQ securities will be used. Equity securities that are not traded on a listed exchange are generally valued at the last sale price in the over-the-counter market. If a non-exchange traded security does not trade on a particular day, then the mean between the last quoted closing bid and asked price will be used. Prices denominated in foreign currencies are converted to U.S. dollar equivalents at the current exchange rate, which approximates fair value. Redeemable

securities issued by open-end investment companies are valued at the investment company's applicable net asset value, with the exception of exchange-traded open-end investment companies which are priced as equity securities. Fair values for long-term debt securities, including asset-backed securities ("ABS"), collateralized loan obligations ("CLO"), collateralized mortgage obligations ("CMO"), corporate obligations, whole loans, and mortgage-backed securities ("MBS") are normally determined on the basis of valuations provided by independent pricing services. Vendors typically value such securities based on one or more inputs, including but not limited to, benchmark yields, transactions, bids, offers, quotations from dealers and trading systems, new issues, spreads and other relationships observed in the markets among comparable securities; and pricing models such as yield measurers calculated using factors such as cash flows, financial or collateral performance and other reference data. In addition to these inputs, mBS and ABS may utilize cash flows, prepayment information, default rates, delinquency and loss assumptions, collateral characteristics, credit enhancements and specific deal information. Reverse repurchase agreements are priced at their acquisition cost, and assessed for credit adjustments, which represents fair value. Futures contracts are carried at fair value using the primary exchange's closing (settlement) price.

Subject to its oversight, the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Board") has delegated primary responsibility for determining or causing to be determined the value of the Fund's investments to Empowered Funds, LLC dba EA Advisers (the "Adviser"), pursuant to the Trust's valuation policy and procedures, which have been adopted by the Trust and approved by the Board. In accordance with Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act, the Board designated the Adviser as the "valuation designee" of the Fund. If the Adviser, as valuation designee, determines that reliable market quotations are not readily available for an investment, the investment is valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Adviser in accordance with the Trust's fair valuation policy and procedures. The Adviser will provide the Board with periodic reports, no less frequently than quarterly, that discuss the functioning of the valuation process, if applicable, and that identify issues and valuation problems that have arisen, if any. As appropriate, the Adviser and the Board will review any securities value by the Fund may cause the net asset value of its shares to differ significantly from the net asset value that would be calculated without regard to such considerations. As of July 31, 2024, the Fund did not hold any securities that required fair valuation due to unobservable inputs.

As described above, the Fund may use various methods to measure the fair value of their investments on a recurring basis. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are:

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 inactive 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 relevant observable inputs are not available; representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. 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. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

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 falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The following is a summary of the fair value classification of the Fund's investments as of July 31, 2024:

| DESCRIPTION                            | <br>LEVEL 1      | <br>LEVEL 2 LEVEL 3 |    |  | <br>TOTAL        |  |
|--|------------------|---------------------|----|--|------------------|--|
| Assets                                 |                  |                     |    |  |                  |  |
| Common Stocks                          | \$<br>54,133,728 | \$<br>              | \$ |  | \$<br>54,133,728 |  |
| Exchange Traded Funds                  | 22,953,620       |                     |    |  | 22,953,620       |  |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts          | 3,910,198        |                     |    |  | 3,910,198        |  |
| Money Market Funds                     | 258,595          |                     |    |  | 258,595          |  |
| <b>Total Investments in Securities</b> | \$<br>81,256,141 | \$<br>              | \$ |  | \$<br>81,256,141 |  |

Refer to the Schedule of Investments for additional information.

During the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, the Fund did not invest in any Level 3 investments and recognized no transfers to/from Level 3. Transfers between levels are recognized at the end of the reporting period.

B. Foreign Currency. Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts using the spot rate of exchange at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions. The Fund isolates the portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. That portion of gains (losses) attributable to the changes in market prices and the portion of gains (losses) attributable to changes in foreign exchange rates are included on the "Statement of Operations" under "Net realized gain (loss) – Foreign currency" and "Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) – Foreign Currency," respectively.

The Fund reports net realized foreign exchange gains or losses that arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, and the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest, and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the fair values of assets and liabilities, other than investments in securities at fiscal period end, resulting from changes in exchange rates.

C. Federal Income Taxes. The Fund intends to continue to comply with the requirements of subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as necessary to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute substantially all net taxable investment income and net realized gains to shareholders in a manner which results in no tax cost to the Fund. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. As of and during the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, the Fund did not have any tax positions that did not meet the "more-likely-than-not" threshold of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. As of and during the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, the Fund did not have liabilities for any unrecognized tax benefits. The Fund would/will recognize interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits on uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, the Fund is subject to examination by U.S. taxing authorities for the tax periods since the Fund's commencement of operations.

The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed on realized and unrealized gains on securities of certain foreign countries in which the Fund invests. The foreign tax expense, if any, was recorded on an accrual basis and is included in "Net realized gain (loss) on investments" and "Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation or depreciation on investments" on the accompanying Statements of Operations. The amount of foreign tax owed, if any, is included

in "Payable for foreign taxes" on the accompanying Statements of Assets and Liabilities and is comprised of and taxes on unrealized gains.

D. Security Transactions and Investment Income. Investment securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Gains and losses realized on sales of securities are determined on a specific identification basis. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, net of any foreign taxes withheld at source. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable tax rules and regulations.

Distributions to shareholders from net investment income for the Fund are declared and paid on a quarterly basis and distributions to shareholders from net realized gains on securities normally are declared and paid on an annual basis. Distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The Fund may distribute more frequently, if necessary, for tax purposes.

- E. Use of Estimates. 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 at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
- F. *Share Valuation.* The NAV per share of the Fund is calculated by dividing the sum of the value of the securities held by the Fund, plus cash and other assets, minus all liabilities (including estimated accrued expenses) by the total number of shares outstanding for the Fund, rounded to the nearest cent. The Fund's shares will not be priced on the days on which the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is closed for regular trading. The offering and redemption price per share for the Fund is equal to the Fund's net asset value per share.
- G. *Guarantees and Indemnifications*. In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. Additionally, as is customary, the Trust's organizational documents permit the Trust to indemnify its officers and trustees against certain liabilities under certain circumstances. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be against the Fund that have not yet occurred. As of the date of this Report, no claim has been made for indemnification pursuant to any such agreement of the Fund.
- H. Reclassification of Capital Accounts. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. GAAP requires that certain components of net assets relating to permanent differences be reclassified between financial and tax reporting. These reclassifications have no effect on net assets or net asset value per share. The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2024; therefore, no reclassifications have been made yet.

#### NOTE 3 – RISKS

Markets may perform poorly and the returns from the securities in which the Fund invests may underperform returns from the general securities markets. Securities markets may experience periods of high volatility and reduced liquidity in response to governmental actions or intervention, economic or market developments, or other external factors. The value of a company's securities may rise or fall in response to company, market, economic or other news.

**Large-Capitalization Companies Risk.** Large-capitalization companies may be less able than smaller capitalization companies to adapt to changing market conditions. Large capitalization companies may be more mature and subject to more limited growth potential compared with smaller capitalization companies. During different market cycles, the performance of large-capitalization companies has trailed the overall performance of the broader securities markets.

Small and Mid-Capitalization Companies Risk. Investing in securities of small- and mid-capitalization companies involves greater risk than is customarily associated with investing in larger, more established companies. These companies' securities

may be more volatile and less liquid than those of more established companies. As a result, a company's share price may be affected by poorly executed trades, even if the underlying business of the company is unchanged. These securities may have returns that vary, sometimes significantly, from the overall securities market. Small- and mid-capitalization companies are sometimes more dependent on key personnel or limited product lines than larger, more diversified companies. Often small- and mid-capitalization companies and the industries in which they focus are still evolving and, as a result, they may be more sensitive to changing market conditions.

**Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in non-U.S. securities involve risks that may not be present with investments in U.S. securities. For example, investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to risk of loss due to foreign currency fluctuations or to political or economic instability. There may be less information publicly available about a non-U.S. issuer than a U.S. issuer. Non-U.S. issuers may be subject to different accounting, auditing, financial reporting and investor protection standards than U.S. issuers. Changes to the financial condition or credit rating of foreign issuers may also adversely affect the value of the Fund's securities. Investments in non-U.S. securities may be subject to withholding or other taxes and may be subject to additional trading, settlement, custodial, and operational risks. Because legal systems differ, there is also the possibility that it will be difficult to obtain or enforce legal judgments in some countries. Since foreign exchanges may be open on days when the Fund does not price its Shares, the value of the securities in the Fund's portfolio may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or sell the Fund's Shares. Conversely, Shares may trade on days when foreign exchanges are closed. Investment in foreign securities may involve higher costs than investment in U.S. securities, including higher transaction and custody costs as well as the imposition of additional taxes by foreign governments. Each of these factors can make investments in the Fund more volatile and potentially less liquid than other types of investments.

**Depositary Receipts Risk.** Depositary receipts are generally subject to the same risks as the foreign securities that they evidence or into which they may be converted. In addition, the underlying issuers of certain depositary receipts, particularly unsponsored or unregistered depositary receipts, are under no obligation to distribute shareholder communications to the holders of such receipts, or to pass through to them any voting rights with respect to the deposited securities. Depositary receipts that are not sponsored by the issuer may be less liquid and there may be less readily available public information about the issuer.

**Emerging Markets Risk.** Many emerging market countries have a history of, and continue to experience serious, and potentially continuing, economic and political problems. Similar to foreign issuers, emerging market issuers may not be subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and there may be less publicly available financial and other information about such issuers, comparable to U.S. issuers. Stock markets in many emerging market countries are relatively small, expensive to trade in and generally have higher risks than those in developed markets. Securities in emerging markets also may be less liquid than those in developed markets and foreigners are often limited in their ability to invest in, and withdraw assets from, these markets. Additional restrictions may be imposed under other conditions.

**Investment Risk.** When you sell your Shares of the Fund, they could be worth less than what you paid for them. The Fund could lose money due to short-term market movements and over longer periods during market downturns. Securities may decline in value due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular asset classes or industries represented in the markets. The value of a security may decline due to general market conditions, economic trends or events that are not specifically related to the issuer of the security or to factors that affect a particular industry or group of industries. During a general downturn in the securities markets, multiple asset classes may be negatively affected. Therefore, you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

**Equity Investing Risk.** An investment in the Fund involves risks similar to those of investing in any fund holding equity securities, such as market fluctuations, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock prices. The values of equity securities could decline generally or could underperform other investments. In addition, securities may decline in value due to factors affecting a specific issuer, market or securities markets generally.

**Risk of Investing in Other ETFs.** Because the Fund may invest in other ETFs, the Fund's investment performance is impacted by the investment performance of the selected underlying ETFs. An investment in the Fund is subject to the risks associated with the ETFs that then-currently comprise the Fund's portfolio. At times, certain of the segments of the market represented by the Fund's underlying ETFs may be out of favor and underperform other segments. The Fund will indirectly

pay a proportional share of the expenses of the underlying ETFs in which it invests (including operating expenses and management fees), which are identified in the fee schedule above as "Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses."

REIT Investment Risk. Investments in REITs involve unique risks. REITs may have limited financial resources, may trade less frequently and in limited volume, and may be more volatile than other securities. In addition, to the extent the Fund holds interests in REITs, it is expected that investors in the Fund will bear two layers of asset-based management fees and expenses (directly at the Fund level and indirectly at the REIT level). The risks of investing in REITs include risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate and the real estate industry in general. These include risks related to general, regional and local economic conditions; fluctuations in interest rates and property tax rates; shifts in zoning laws, environmental regulations and other governmental action like the exercise of eminent domain; cash flow dependency; increased operating expenses; lack of availability of mortgage funds; losses due to natural disasters; overbuilding; losses due to casualty or condemnation; changes in property values and rental rates; and other factors. In addition to these risks, residential/diversified REITs and commercial equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Further, REITs are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers and self-liquidation. In addition, REITs could possibly fail to qualify for the beneficial tax treatment available to REITs under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), or to maintain their exemptions from registration under the 1940 Act. The Fund expects that dividends received from a REIT and distributed to Fund shareholders generally will be taxable to the shareholder as ordinary income. The above factors may also adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting investments.

**U.S. Government Securities Risk.** The Fund may invest in U.S. Treasury obligations and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury. U.S. government securities are subject to market risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. Securities, such as those issued or guaranteed the U.S. Treasury, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States are guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity and the market prices for such securities will fluctuate. Notwithstanding that these securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, circumstances could arise that would prevent the payment of interest or principal. This would result in losses to the Fund.

**Focus Investing Risk.** The Fund will hold 25 to 40 companies within the portfolio. As a result, the Fund invests a high percentage of its assets in a small number of companies, which may add to Fund volatility.

See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information regarding the risks of investing in shares of the Fund.

#### NOTE 4 – COMMITMENTS AND OTHER RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.

Empowered Funds, LLC dba EA Advisers (the "Adviser") serves as the investment adviser to the Fund. Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") between the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, and the Adviser, the Adviser provides investment advice to the Fund and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Fund, subject to the direction and control of the Board and the officers of the Trust. Under the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser is also responsible for arranging transfer agency, custody, fund administration and accounting, and other non-distribution related services necessary for the Fund to operate. The Adviser administers the Fund's business affairs, provides office facilities and equipment and certain clerical, bookkeeping and administrative services. The Adviser agrees to pay all expenses incurred by the Fund except for the fee paid to the Adviser pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, payments under any distribution plan adopted pursuant to Rule 12b-1, brokerage expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses, taxes (including tax-related services), interest (including borrowing costs), litigation expense (including class action-related services) and other non-routine or extraordinary expenses.

Keating Investment Counselors, Inc. (the "Sub-Adviser"), serves as a discretionary investment sub-adviser to the Fund. Pursuant to an investment sub-advisory agreement (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") among the Trust, the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser is responsible to select the Fund's investments in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives, policies and restrictions.

At a Board meeting held on December 12, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the "Trustees") including each Trustee who is not an "interested person" of the Trust, as defined in the 1940 Act, approved the Advisory and Sub-Advisory

Agreements. Per the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays an annual rate of 0.85% to the Adviser monthly based on average daily net assets.

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("Fund Services" or "Administrator"), doing business as U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, acts as the Funds' Administrator and, in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for the Funds. The Administrator prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, reports and returns for the Funds, including regulatory compliance monitoring and financial reporting; prepares reports and materials to be supplied to the trustees; monitors the activities of the Funds' Custodian, transfer agent and fund accountant. Fund Services also serves as the transfer agent and fund accountant to the Funds. U.S. Bank N.A. (the "Custodian"), an affiliate of the Administrator, serves as the Funds' Custodian.

The Custodian acts as the securities lending agent (the "Securities Lending Agent") for the Fund.

## **NOTE 5 – SECURITIES LENDING**

The Fund may lend up to 33<sup>1/3</sup>% of the value of the securities in its portfolio to brokers, dealers and financial institutions (but not individuals) under terms of participation in a securities lending program administered by the Securities Lending Agent. The securities lending agreement requires that loans are collateralized at all times in an amount equal to at least 102% of the value of any domestic loaned securities at the time of the loan, plus accrued interest. The use of loans of foreign securities, which are denominated and payable in U.S. dollars, shall be collateralized in an amount equal to 105% of the value of any loaned securities at the time of fees depends on a number of factors including the type of security and length of the loan. The Fund continues to receive interest payments or dividends on the securities loaned during the borrowing period. Gain or loss on the value of securities loaned that may occur during the term of the loan will be for the account of the Fund. The Fund has the right under the terms of the securities lending agreement to recall the securities from the borrower on demand.

The securities lending agreement provides that, in the event of a borrower's material default, the Securities Lending Agent shall take all actions the Securities Lending Agent deems appropriate to liquidate the collateral, purchase replacement securities at the Securities Lending Agent's expense or pay the Fund an amount equal to the market value of the loaned securities, subject to certain limitations which are set forth in detail in the securities lending agreement between the Fund and the Securities Lending Agent.

During the fiscal period, the Fund had not loaned securities and received cash collateral for the loans. The cash collateral is invested by the Securities Lending Agent in accordance with the Trust approved investment guidelines. Those guidelines require the cash collateral to be invested in readily marketable, high quality, short-term obligations; however, such investments are subject to risk of payment delays or default on the part of the issuer or counterparty or otherwise may not generate sufficient interest to support the costs associated with securities lending. The Fund could also experience delays in recovering its securities and possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the borrowed securities, although the Fund is indemnified from this risk by contract with the Securities Lending Agent. As of the end of the fiscal period, the Fund did not have any securities on loan.

The interest income earned by the Fund on the investment of cash collateral received from borrowers for the securities loaned to them ("Securities Lending Income, Net") would have been reflected in the Fund's Statement of Operations. As of the end of the fiscal period, there was no net securities lending income earned on collateral investments.

Due to the absence of a master netting agreement related to the Fund's participation in securities lending, no additional offsetting disclosures have been made on behalf of the Fund for the total borrowings listed above.

#### NOTE 6 – PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

For the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, purchases and sales of securities for the Fund, excluding short-term securities and in-kind transactions, were as follows:

| Purchases    |   | Sales           |
|--------------|---|-----------------|
| \$ 16,120,78 | 5 | \$<br>1,208,782 |

For the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, in-kind transactions associated with creations and redemptions were as follows:

| Purchases |            | <br>Sales        |
|-----------|------------|------------------|
| \$        | 16,684,734 | \$<br>15,837,351 |

For the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, short-term and long-term gains on in-kind transactions were as follows:

| <br>Short-Term | <br>Long-Term    |
|----------------|------------------|
| \$<br>37,464   | \$<br>10,573,955 |

There were no purchases or sales of U.S. Government securities during the fiscal period.

#### NOTE 7 – DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The tax character of distributions paid by the Fund during the fiscal period ended July 31, 2024, was as follows:

| Ordinary Income <sup>(1)</sup>                                  |
|---|
| \$626,415   |
| <sup>(1)</sup> The Fund commenced operations on March 26, 2024. |

#### **NOTE 8 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, management of the Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued. There were no other transactions that occurred during the period subsequent to July 31, 2024, that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Fund's financial statements other than the below:

Effective September 16, 2024, Michael D. Barolsky is President (principal executive officer) of the Trust.