

RESEARCH AFFILIATES DELETIONS ETF

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2025

ASSETS:		
Investments, at value (See Note 2)	\$	31,669,231
Dividends receivable		35,363
Security lending income receivable (See Note 4)		1,505
Total assets		<u>31,706,099</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Payable to adviser (See Note 3)		2,324
Total liabilities		<u>2,324</u>
NET ASSETS	\$	<u>31,703,775</u>
NET ASSETS CONSISTS OF:		
Paid-in capital	\$	34,029,303
Total accumulated losses		(2,325,528)
Total net assets	\$	<u>31,703,775</u>
Net assets	\$	31,703,775
Shares issued and outstanding ^(a)		1,300,000
Net asset value per share	\$	<u>24.39</u>
COST:		
Investments, at cost	\$	33,161,625

(a) Unlimited shares authorized without par value.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the Period Ended June 30, 2025 ^(a)

INVESTMENT INCOME:	
Dividend income	\$ 539,027
Security lending income (See Note 4)	5,825
Total investment income	544,852
EXPENSES:	
Investment advisory fee (See Note 3)	106,871
Total expenses	106,871
Expense reimbursement by Adviser (See Note 3)	(82,209)
Net expenses	24,662
NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)	520,190
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments	(845,826)
In-kind redemptions	51,110
Net realized gain (loss)	(794,716)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:	
Investments	(1,492,394)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,492,394)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(2,287,110)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ (1,766,920)

(a) Inception date of the Fund was September 9, 2024.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Period Ended June 30, 2025 ^(a)
OPERATIONS:	
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 520,190
Net realized gain (loss)	(794,716)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(1,492,394)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	(1,766,920)
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS:	
From earnings	(520,190)
Return of capital	(271,857)
Total distributions to shareholders	(792,047)
CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS:	
Shares sold	42,567,363
Shares redeemed	(8,304,862)
ETF transaction fees (See Note 1)	241
Net increase (decrease) in net assets from capital transactions	34,262,742
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	31,703,775
NET ASSETS:	
Beginning of the period	—
End of the period	\$ 31,703,775
SHARES TRANSACTIONS	
Shares sold	1,660,000
Shares redeemed	(360,000)
Total increase (decrease) in shares outstanding	1,300,000

(a) Inception date of the Fund was September 9, 2024.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INVESTMENT OPERATIONS:				LESS DISTRIBUTIONS FROM:				SUPPLEMENTAL DATA AND RATIOS:							
For the period ended	Net asset value, beginning of period	Net investment income (loss) ^(a)	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments ^(b)	Total from investment operations	Net investment income	Return of capital	Total distributions	ETF transaction fees per share	Net asset value, end of period	Total return ^(c)	Net assets, end of period (in thousands)	Ratio of expenses to average net assets before expense	Ratio of expenses to average net assets after expense	Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets ^(d)	Portfolio turnover rate ^{(c)(e)}
												reimbursement / recoupment ^(d)	reimbursement / recoupment ^(d)		
6/30/2025 ^(f)	\$24.90	0.38	(0.32)	0.06	(0.37)	(0.20)	(0.57)	0.00 ^(g)	\$24.39	0.18%	\$31,704	0.39%	0.09%	1.90%	48%

- (a) Net investment income per share has been calculated based on average shares outstanding during the period.
- (b) Realized and unrealized gains and losses per share in the caption are balancing amounts necessary to reconcile the change in net asset value per share for the period, and may not reconcile with the aggregate gains and losses in the Statement of Operations due to share transactions for the period.
- (c) Not annualized for periods less than one year.
- (d) Annualized for periods less than one year.
- (e) Portfolio turnover rate excludes in-kind transactions.
- (f) Inception date of the Fund was September 9, 2024.
- (g) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION

Research Affiliates Deletions 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 September 9, 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 track the total return performance, before fees and expenses, of the Research Affiliates Deletions Index (the “Index”). See the Fund’s Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information regarding the risks of investing in shares of the Fund.

Shares of the Fund are listed and traded on the The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (the “Exchange”). 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 a participant of a clearing agency registered with the SEC, which has a written agreement with the Trust or one of its service providers that allows the authorized participant to place orders for the purchase and redemption of creation units. 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 redeem the shares directly from a 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.

The end of the reporting period for the Fund is June 30, 2025, and the period covered by these Notes to Financial Statements is from September 9, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (the “current fiscal period”).

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.

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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 valued by the Adviser in accordance with the Trust's valuation policies during these periodic reports. The use of fair value pricing 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 current fiscal period, 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 the current fiscal period end:

DESCRIPTION	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL
Assets				
Common Stocks	\$ 29,868,682	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 29,868,682
Real Estate Investment Trusts	1,791,294	—	—	1,791,294
Money Market Funds	9,255	—	—	9,255
Total Investments	\$ 31,669,231	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 31,669,231

Refer to the Schedule of Investments for further disaggregation of investment categories.

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During the current fiscal period, 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. *Federal Income Taxes.* The Fund's policy is to comply with the provisions of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of their net investment income and net capital gains to shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. Each Fund plans to file U.S. Federal and various state and local tax returns.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only when the position is more likely than not to be sustained. Management has analyzed the Fund's uncertain tax positions and concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions. Management is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next 12 months. Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits on uncertain tax positions as income tax expenses in the Statements of Operations. During the current fiscal period, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

- C. *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 received from a Funds' investments in REITs and MLPs may be characterized as ordinary income, net capital gain, or return of capital. The proper characterization of such distributions is generally not known until after the end of each calendar year. As such, the Funds must use estimates in reporting the character of their income and distributions for financial statement purposes. Such estimates are based on historical information available from each MLP and other industry sources. The actual character of distributions to each Fund's shareholders will be reflected on the Form 1099 received by shareholders after the end of the calendar year. Due to the nature of such investments, a portion of the distributions received by each Fund's shareholders may represent a return of capital.

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.

- D. *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.
- E. *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.
- F. *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

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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.

- G. *Segment Reporting:* The Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) – Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures (“ASU 2023-07”) during the current fiscal period. The Fund’s adoption of the new standard impacted financial statement disclosures only and did not affect the Fund’s financial position or results of operations.

The Treasurer (principal financial officer) acts as the Fund’s Chief Operating Decision Maker (“CODM”) and is responsible for assessing performance and allocating resources with respect to the Fund. The CODM has concluded that the Fund operates as a single operating segment since the Fund has a single investment strategy as disclosed in its prospectus, against which the CODM assesses performance. The financial information provided to and reviewed by the CODM is presented within the Fund’s financial statements.

- 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. The Fund’s realized net capital gains resulting from in-kind redemptions, in which shareholders exchanged Fund shares for securities held by the Fund rather than for cash, are not taxable to the Fund and are not distributed to shareholders. As such, they have been reclassified from distributable earnings to paid-in capital. For the current fiscal period end, the following table shows the reclassifications made:

Distributable	
Earnings	Paid-in Capital
\$ (38,418)	\$ 38,418

NOTE 3 – 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. Per the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays an annual rate of 0.39% to the Adviser monthly based on average daily net assets. The Fund’s investment adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its management fee from 0.39% to 0.09% of the Fund’s average daily net assets. The Fee Waiver Agreement does not provide for recoupment of waived management fees and it will remain in place until September 3, 2025 unless terminated sooner by the Trustees. For the current fiscal period, the Adviser waived \$82,209 of its advisory fee.

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

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

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NOTE 4 – SECURITIES LENDING

The Fund may lend up to 33^{1/3}% 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 the loan plus accrued interest. The Fund receives compensation in the form of fees and earns interest on the cash collateral. The amount 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 current fiscal period, the Fund had loaned securities and received cash collateral for the loans. The cash collateral was 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 current 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") would have been reflected in the Fund's Statement of Operations. Securities lending income earned on collateral investments and recognized by the Fund during the current fiscal period was \$5,825.

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 5 – PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

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

Purchases		Sales	
\$	15,315,369	\$	15,124,807

For the current fiscal period, in-kind transactions associated with creations and redemptions were as follows:

Purchases		Sales	
\$	42,254,137	\$	8,196,323

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

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NOTE 6 – TAX INFORMATION

The components of tax basis cost of investments and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for federal income tax purposes at the current fiscal period were as follows:

Tax cost of Investments	\$ 33,226,620
Gross tax unrealized appreciation	2,129,424
Gross tax unrealized depreciation	(3,686,813)
Net tax unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ (1,557,389)
Undistributed ordinary income	—
Undistributed long-term gain	—
Total distributable earnings	—
Other accumulated gain (loss)	(768,139)
Total accumulated gain (loss)	\$ (2,325,528)

Under tax law, certain capital and foreign currency losses realized after October 31st and within the taxable year are deemed to arise on the first business day of the Fund's next taxable year.

For the current fiscal period, the Fund did not defer any post-October capital losses.

At the current fiscal period, the Fund had the following capital loss carryforwards that do not expire:

Unlimited Short-Term	Unlimited Long-Term
\$ (768,139)	N/A

NOTE 7 – DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

The tax character of distributions paid by the Fund during the current fiscal period was as follows:

	Current Fiscal Period ^(a)
Ordinary Income	\$ 520,190
Return of Capital	271,857
Total	\$ 792,047

(a) Inception date of the Fund was September 9, 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 transactions that occurred during the period subsequent to current fiscal period, that materially impacted the amounts or disclosures in the Fund's financial statements.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**To the Shareholders of Research Affiliates Deletions ETF and
The Board of Trustees of EA Series Trust**

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Research Affiliates Deletions ETF (the “Fund”), a series of EA Series Trust (the “Trust”), including the schedule of investments, as of June 30, 2025, the related statement of operations, the statement of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the period of September 9, 2024 (commencement of operations) to June 30, 2025, 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, 2025, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the period of September 9, 2024 (commencement of operations) to June 30, 2025, 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 audit. 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 auditor of one or more of the funds in the Trust since 1999.

We conducted our audit 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 audit 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 audit 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 audit 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, 2025 by correspondence with the custodian. We believe that our audit provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.



TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 28, 2025**

FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the current fiscal period, certain dividends paid by the Fund may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 23.8%, as provided for by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The percentage of dividends declared from ordinary income designated as qualified dividend income for the Fund was 70.98%.

For corporate shareholders, the percent of ordinary income distributions qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction for the current fiscal period, for the Fund was 69.65%.

The percentage of taxable ordinary income distributions that are designated as short-term capital gain distributions under the Internal Revenue Section 871(k)(2)(C) for the Fund was 0.00%.