

**PROFUNDS**

**STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Government Money Market ProFund**

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This Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) describes the Government Money Market ProFund (“Government Money Market ProFund” or “Fund”), a series of ProFunds, a Delaware statutory trust (the “Trust”).

Government Money Market ProFund offers two classes of shares: Investor Class Shares and Service Class Shares, each of which is discussed herein. The Fund may be used by professional money managers and investors as part of an asset-allocation or market-timing investment strategy.

Government Money Market ProFund seeks a high level of current income consistent with liquidity and preservation of capital. Unlike other series of the Trust (each, a “ProFund”), Government Money Market ProFund currently seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing substantially all of its assets in the Government Cash Management Portfolio (the “Portfolio”), a separate registered investment company with a comparable investment objective. The performance of Government Money Market ProFund will correspond to the investment performance of the Portfolio, less additional fees and expenses relating to the Fund. Because of the inherent risks in any investment, there can be no assurance that the Fund’s investment objective will be achieved.

This SAI is not a prospectus. It should be read in conjunction with the Government Money Market ProFund Investor Class and Service Class Prospectus, dated May 1, 2017 ( the “Prospectus”), which incorporates this SAI by reference. Capitalized terms used herein that are not defined have the same meaning as in the Prospectus, unless otherwise noted. The financial statements and notes thereto are included in the Fund’s annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 which has been filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated by reference into this SAI. A copy of the Prospectus and the Fund’s Annual Report are available, without charge, upon request to the address above, by telephone at the numbers above or on the Trust’s website at profunds.com.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PROFUNDS

The Trust is an open-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 17, 1997. The Trust is composed of multiple separate series. One series is discussed herein and other series may be added in the future. The Fund may be used independently or in combination with other ProFunds or series of Access One Trust (“Access One Funds”) as part of an overall investment strategy. Investor Class and Service Class Shares of any ProFund may be exchanged, without charge, for shares of any other ProFund or Access One Fund that offers such shares on the basis of the respective net asset values (“NAVs”) of such shares, provided, however, that certain minimum investment levels are maintained, as described in the Prospectus (see “Shareholder Services — Exchanging Shares” in the Prospectus). Access One Trust is a separate open-end management investment company, shares of which are offered through a different prospectus. The investments made by Government Money Market ProFund and the results achieved by the Fund at any given time are not expected to be the same as those made by other mutual funds for which ProFund Advisors LLC (the “Advisor”) acts as investment adviser, including mutual funds with names, investment objectives and policies similar to the Fund. The Advisor is a Maryland limited liability company with offices at 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, East Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Reference is made to the Prospectus for a discussion of the investment objective and policies of Government Money Market ProFund. Set forth below is further information relating to the Fund, which supplements, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus. Government Money Market ProFund currently invests substantially all of its assets in the Portfolio, which has as its investment adviser Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. (“DIMM”), headquartered at 345 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10154.

The investment restrictions of the Fund specifically identified as fundamental policies may not be changed without the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The investment objective and all other investment policies of the Fund not specified as fundamental may be changed by the Trust’s Board of Trustees (the “Board” or the “Board of Trustees” or the “Trustees”), without the approval of shareholders.

The investment techniques and strategies of the Fund discussed below, may be used by the Fund if, in the opinion of the Advisor, these strategies will be advantageous to the Fund. The Fund is free to reduce or eliminate its use of any of these techniques or strategies without changing the Fund’s fundamental policies. There is no assurance that any of the techniques or strategies listed below or any of the other methods of investment available to the Fund will result in the achievement of the Fund’s objective. Also, there can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to, or maintain, an economically viable size, and management may determine to liquidate the Fund at any time, which time may not be an opportune one for shareholders.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

### **Name Policy**

The Fund is subject to the SEC “names rule” (Rule 35d-1 under the 1940 Act) and has adopted a non-fundamental investment policy obligating it to commit, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in U.S. government securities and/or repurchase agreements that are collateralized by U.S. government securities. The Fund considers repurchase agreements with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to be U.S. government securities. Such direct exposure may be obtained through direct investments in the securities and/or through investments with similar economic characteristics. For purposes of such investment policy, “assets” include the Fund’s net assets, as well as amounts borrowed for investment purposes, if any. In addition, for purposes of such investment policy, “assets” includes not only the amount of the Fund’s net assets attributable to investments providing direct investment exposure to the type of investments suggested by its name (e.g., the value of stocks, or the value of derivative instruments such as futures, options or options on futures), but also cash and cash equivalents that are segregated on the Fund’s books and records or being used as collateral, as required by applicable regulatory guidance, or otherwise available to cover such investment exposure. The Board of Trustees has adopted a policy to provide investors with at least 60 days’ notice prior to changes in the Fund’s name policy.

### **INVESTMENT POLICIES, TECHNIQUES AND RELATED RISKS**

The types of instruments to which Government Money Market ProFund may achieve exposure through its investments in the Portfolio are discussed below.

## **U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES**

The Portfolio may invest in U.S. government securities in pursuit of its investment objectives. U.S. government securities include U.S. Treasury securities, which are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury and which differ only in their

interest rates, maturities, and times of issuance. U.S. Treasury bills, which have initial maturities of one year or less; U.S. Treasury notes, which have initial maturities of one to ten years; and U.S. Treasury bonds, which generally have initial maturities of greater than ten years. Certain U.S. government securities are issued or guaranteed by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. government including, but not limited to, obligations of U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae” or “FNMA”), the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae” or “GNMA”), the Small Business Administration, the Federal Farm Credit Administration, the Federal Home Loan Banks, Banks for Cooperatives (including the Central Bank for Cooperatives), the Federal Land Banks, the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Federal Financing Bank, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the National Credit Union Administration and the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation. Some obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies and instrumentalities, including, for example, GNMA pass-through certificates, are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury. Other obligations issued by or guaranteed by federal agencies, such as those securities issued by FNMA, are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase certain obligations of the federal agency but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, while other obligations issued by or guaranteed by federal agencies, such as those of the Federal Home Loan Banks, are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury. While the U.S. government provides financial support to the U.S. government-sponsored federal agencies and instrumentalities described above, no assurance can be given that the U.S. government will always do so, since the U.S. government is not so obligated by law. U.S. Treasury notes and bonds typically pay coupon interest semi-annually and repay the principal at maturity. All U.S. government securities are subject to credit risk.

U.S. Government securities may include “zero coupon” securities that have been stripped by the U.S. Government of their unmatured interest coupons and collateralized obligations issued or guaranteed by a U.S. Government agency or instrumentality. Because interest on zero coupon securities is not distributed on a current basis but is, in effect, compounded, zero coupon securities tend to be subject to greater risk than interest-paying securities of similar maturities.

Interest rates on U.S. Government securities may be fixed or variable. Interest rates on variable rate obligations are adjusted at regular intervals, at least annually, according to a formula reflecting then current specified standard rates, such as 91-day U.S. Treasury bill rates. These adjustments generally tend to reduce fluctuations in the market value of the securities.

Yields on U.S. government securities depend on a variety of factors, including the general conditions of the money and bond markets, the size of a particular offering and the maturity of the obligation. Debt securities with longer maturities tend to produce higher yields and are generally subject to potentially greater capital appreciation and depreciation than obligations with shorter maturities and lower yields. The market value of U.S. government securities generally varies inversely with changes in market interest rates. An increase in interest rates, therefore, would generally reduce the market value of the Portfolio’s investments in U.S. government securities, while a decline in interest rates would generally increase the market value of the Portfolio’s investments in these securities.

## **FLOATING AND VARIABLE RATE NOTES**

Floating and variable rate notes generally are unsecured obligations issued by financial institutions and other entities. They typically have a stated maturity of more than one year and an interest rate that changes either at specific intervals or whenever a benchmark rate changes.

Variable Rate Demand Securities are variable rate securities that permit a fund to demand payment of the unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest upon a specified number of days’ notice to the issuer or its agent. The demand feature may be backed by a bank letter of credit or guarantee issued with respect to such instrument. A bank that issues a repurchase commitment may receive a fee from a fund for this arrangement. The issuer of a variable rate demand security may have a corresponding right to prepay in its discretion the outstanding principal of the instrument plus accrued interest upon notice comparable to that required for the holder to demand payment.

Variable Rate Master Demand Notes are unsecured instruments that permit the indebtedness thereunder to vary and provide for periodic adjustments in the interest rate. Because variable rate master demand notes are direct lending arrangements between the Portfolio and the issuer, they are not ordinarily traded. Since no active secondary market may exist for these notes, the Portfolio will purchase only those notes under which it may demand and receive payment on principal and accrued interest daily or may resell the note to a third party.

## **REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

The Portfolio also may enter into repurchase agreements with financial institutions in pursuit of its investment objective or for liquidity purposes. Under a repurchase agreement, the Portfolio purchases a debt security and simultaneously agrees to sell the security back to the seller at a mutually agreed-upon future price and date, normally one day or a few days later. The resale price is greater than the purchase price, reflecting an agreed-upon market interest rate during the purchaser's holding period. While the

maturities of the underlying securities in repurchase transactions may be more than one year, the term of each repurchase agreement will always be less than one year. In addition, the value of the collateral underlying the repurchase agreement will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the repurchase agreement. In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a selling financial institution, the Portfolio will seek to liquidate such collateral which could involve certain costs or delays and, to the extent that proceeds from any sale upon a default of the obligation to repurchase were less than the repurchase price, the Portfolio could suffer a loss. The Portfolio also may experience difficulties and incur certain costs in exercising its rights to the collateral and may lose the interest the Fund expected to receive under the repurchase agreement. Repurchase agreements usually are for short periods, such as one week or less, but may be longer.

## **REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

The Portfolio may enter into “reverse repurchase agreements,” which are repurchase agreements in which the Portfolio, as the seller of securities, agrees to repurchase such securities at an agreed time and price. Under a reverse repurchase agreement, the Portfolio continues to receive any principal and interest payments on the underlying security during the term of the agreement. The Portfolio segregates assets in an amount at least equal to its obligation under outstanding reverse repurchase agreements. Such transactions may increase fluctuations in the market value of the Portfolio assets and its yield.

## **WHEN-ISSUED AND DELAYED-DELIVERY SECURITIES**

To the extent allowable by its investment policies, the Portfolio may from time to time in the ordinary course of business, purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis (i.e., delivery and payment can take place between a month and 120 days after the date of the transaction). These securities are subject to market fluctuations and no interest accrues to the purchaser during this period. At the time the Portfolio makes the commitment to purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis, the Portfolio will record the transaction and thereafter reflect the value of the securities, each day, in determining the Portfolio’s NAV. At the time of delivery of the securities, the value of the securities may be more or less than the purchase price.

To facilitate such acquisitions, the Portfolio identifies on its books cash or liquid assets in an amount at least equal to such commitments. It may be expected that the Portfolio’s net assets will fluctuate to a greater degree when it sets aside portfolio securities to cover such purchase commitments than when it sets aside cash. On delivery dates for such transactions, the Portfolio will meet its obligations from maturities or sales of the segregated securities and/or from cash flow. If the Portfolio chooses to dispose of the right to acquire a when-issued security prior to its acquisition, it could, as with the disposition of any other portfolio obligation, incur a gain or loss due to market fluctuation. When the Portfolio engages in when-issued or delayed-delivery transactions, it relies on the other party to consummate the trade and is, therefore, exposed to counterparty risk. Failure of the seller to do so may result in the Portfolio’s incurring a loss or missing an opportunity to obtain a price considered to be advantageous.

## **INVESTMENTS IN OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

The Portfolio may acquire securities of other registered investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles (collectively, investment funds) to the extent that such investments are consistent with its investment objective, policies, strategies and restrictions and the limitations of the 1940 Act. A money market fund that is operated in accordance with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act may acquire shares of other money market mutual funds to the extent consistent with its investment policies and restrictions set forth in its prospectus. Investment funds may include mutual funds, closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and hedge funds (including investment funds managed by DIMA and its affiliates). The Portfolio will indirectly bear its proportionate share of any management fees and other expenses paid by such other investment funds.

Because the Portfolio may acquire securities of funds managed by DIMA or an affiliate of DIMA, DIMA may have a conflict of interest in selecting funds. DIMA considers such conflicts of interest as part of its investment process and has established practices designed to minimize such conflicts. DIMA and any affiliates of DIMA, as applicable, earn fees at varying rates for providing services to underlying Deutsche funds. DIMA may, therefore, have a conflict of interest in selecting underlying Deutsche funds and in determining whether to invest in an unaffiliated fund from which they will not receive any fees. However, DIMA will select investments that it believes are appropriate to meet the Portfolio’s investment objectives.

## **MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES**

Mortgage-backed securities represent direct or indirect participations in or obligations collateralized by and payable from mortgage loans secured by real property, which may include subprime mortgages. The Portfolio may invest in mortgage -backed securities issued or guaranteed by (i) U.S. Government agencies or instrumentalities such as the GNMA, the FNMA and the FHLMC or (ii) other issuers, including private companies. The mortgage backed securities in which the Portfolio may invest are limited to those which satisfy the requirements contained in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act.



GNMA is a government-owned corporation that is an agency of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It guarantees, with the full faith and credit of the United States, full and timely payment of all monthly principal and interest on its mortgage-backed securities. Until recently, FNMA and FHLMC were government-sponsored corporations owned entirely by private stockholders. Both issue mortgage-related securities that contain guarantees as to timely payment of interest and principal but that are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. The value of the companies' securities fell sharply in 2008 due to concerns that the firms did not have sufficient capital to offset losses. In September 2008, the U.S. Treasury announced that FNMA and FHLMC had been placed in conservatorship by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), a newly created independent regulator created under the Federal Housing Finance Regulatory Reform Act of 2008 (Reform Act).

FHFA, as conservator or receiver for FNMA and FHLMC, has the power to repudiate any contract entered into by FNMA or FHLMC prior to FHFA's appointment as conservator or receiver, as applicable, if FHFA determines, in its sole discretion, that performance of the contract is burdensome and that repudiation of the contract promotes the orderly administration of FNMA's or FHLMC's affairs. The Reform Act requires FHFA to exercise its right to repudiate any contract within a reasonable period of time after its appointment as conservator or receiver. FHFA, in its capacity as conservator, has indicated that it has no intention to repudiate the guaranty obligations of FNMA or FHLMC because FHFA views repudiation as incompatible with the goals of the conservatorship. However, in the event that FHFA, as conservator or if it is later appointed as receiver for FNMA or FHLMC, were to repudiate any such guaranty obligation, the conservatorship or receivership estate, as applicable, would be liable for actual direct compensatory damages in accordance with the provisions of the Reform Act. Any such liability could be satisfied only to the extent of FNMA's or FHLMC's assets available therefore.

In the event of repudiation, the payments of interest to holders of FNMA or FHLMC mortgage-backed securities would be reduced if payments on the mortgage loans represented in the mortgage loan groups related to such mortgage-backed securities are not made by the borrowers or advanced by the servicer. Any actual direct compensatory damages for repudiating these guaranty obligations may not be sufficient to offset any shortfalls experienced by such mortgage-backed security holders. Further, in its capacity as conservator or receiver, FHFA has the right to transfer or sell any asset or liability of FNMA or FHLMC without any approval, assignment or consent. Although FHFA has stated that it has no present intention to do so, if FHFA, as conservator or receiver, were to transfer any such guaranty obligation to another party, holders of FNMA or FHLMC mortgage-backed securities would have to rely on that party for satisfaction of the guaranty obligation and would be exposed to the credit risk of that party.

In addition, certain rights provided to holders of mortgage-backed securities issued by FNMA and FHLMC under the operative documents related to such securities may not be enforced against FHFA, or enforcement of such rights may be delayed, during the conservatorship or any future receivership. The operative documents for FNMA and FHLMC mortgage-backed securities may provide (or with respect to securities issued prior to the date of the appointment of the conservator may have provided) that upon the occurrence of an event of default on the part of FNMA or FHLMC, in its capacity as guarantor, which includes the appointment of a conservator or receiver, holders of such mortgage-backed securities have the right to replace FNMA or FHLMC as trustee if the requisite percentage of mortgage-backed securities holders consent. The Reform Act prevents mortgage-backed security holders from enforcing such rights if the event of default arises solely because a conservator or receiver has been appointed. The Reform Act also provides that no person may exercise any right or power to terminate, accelerate or declare an event of default under certain contracts to which FNMA or FHLMC is a party, or obtain possession of or exercise control over any property of FNMA or FHLMC, or affect any contractual rights of FNMA or FHLMC, without the approval of FHFA, as conservator or receiver, for a period of 45 or 90 days following the appointment of FHFA as conservator or receiver, respectively.

## **BORROWING**

The Portfolio may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest costs on borrowings may fluctuate with changing market rates of interest and may partially offset or exceed the returns on the borrowed funds. Under adverse conditions, the Portfolio might have to sell portfolio securities to meet interest or principal payments at a time when investment considerations would not favor such sales.

Consistent with the requirement of the 1940 Act, the Portfolio must maintain continuous asset coverage (total assets, including assets acquired with borrowed funds, less liabilities exclusive of borrowings) of 300% of all amounts borrowed. Maintenance of this percentage limitation may result in the sale of Portfolio securities at a time when investment considerations would not favor such sale. In addition to the foregoing, the Portfolio is authorized to borrow money as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes in amounts not in excess of 5% of the value of the Portfolio's total assets. This borrowing is not subject to the foregoing 300% asset coverage requirement. The Portfolio is authorized to pledge Portfolio securities as DIMA deems appropriate in connection with any borrowings.

**PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The Fund's portfolio turnover rate, to a great extent, will depend on the purchase, redemption and exchange activity of the Fund's investors. Consequently, it is difficult to estimate what the Fund's actual portfolio turnover rate will be in the future. However,

it is expected that the portfolio turnover experienced by the Fund from year to year, as well as within a year, may be substantial. In addition, the Fund's portfolio turnover level may adversely affect the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective. "Portfolio Turnover Rate" is defined under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") as the value of the securities purchased or securities sold, excluding all securities whose maturities at time of acquisition were one year or less, divided by the average monthly value of such securities owned during the year. Based on this definition, instruments with remaining maturities of less than one year, including options and futures contracts in which the Fund invests, are excluded from the calculation of portfolio turnover rate.

## **FIXED INCOME SECURITIES**

Fixed income securities generally expose the Portfolio to the following types of risk: (1) interest rate risk (the potential for fluctuations in bond prices due to changing interest rates); (2) income risk (the potential for a decline in the Portfolio's income due to falling market interest rates); (3) credit risk (the possibility that a bond issuer will fail to make timely payments of either interest or principal to the Portfolio); (4) prepayment risk or call risk (the likelihood that, during periods of falling interest rates, securities with high stated interest rates will be prepaid, or "called" prior to maturity, requiring the Portfolio to invest the proceeds at generally lower interest rates); and (5) extension risk (the likelihood that as interest rates increase, slower than expected principal payments may extend the average life of fixed income securities, which will have the effect of locking in a below-market interest rate, increasing the security's duration and reducing the value of the security).

In periods of declining interest rates, the yield (income from a fixed income security held by the Portfolio over a stated period of time) of a fixed income security may tend to be higher than prevailing market rates, and in periods of rising interest rates, the yield of a fixed income security may tend to be lower than prevailing market rates. In addition, when interest rates are falling, the inflow of net new money to the Portfolio will likely be invested in portfolio instruments producing lower yields than the balance of the Portfolio, thereby reducing the yield of the Portfolio. In periods of rising interest rates, the opposite can be true. The net asset value of the Portfolio can generally be expected to change as general levels of interest rates fluctuate. The value of fixed income securities in the Portfolio generally varies inversely with changes in interest rates. Prices of fixed income securities with longer effective maturities are more sensitive to interest rate changes than those with shorter effective maturities.

## **IMPACT OF LARGE REDEMPTIONS AND PURCHASES OF FUND SHARES**

From time to time, shareholders of the Portfolio (which may include affiliated and/or non-affiliated registered investment companies that invest in the Portfolio) may make relatively large redemptions or purchases of Portfolio shares. These transactions may cause the Portfolio to have to sell securities or invest additional cash, as the case may be. While it is impossible to predict the overall impact of these transactions over time, there could be adverse effects on the Fund's and the Portfolio's performance to the extent that the Portfolio may be required to sell securities or invest cash at times when it would not otherwise do so. These transactions could also accelerate the realization of taxable income if sales of securities resulted in capital gains or other income and could also increase transaction costs, which may impact the Portfolio's expense ratio and adversely affect the Fund's and the Portfolio's performance.

## **STABLE NET ASSET VALUE**

The Fund effects purchases and redemptions at net asset value per share. In fulfillment of its responsibilities under Rule 2a-7 of the 1940 Act, the Fund's Board has approved policies reasonably designed, taking into account current market conditions and the Fund's investment objective, to stabilize the Fund's net asset value per share. The Fund's Board will periodically review the Advisor's operations under such policies at regularly scheduled Board meetings. The result of those policies may be that the yield on shares of the Fund will be lower than would be the case if the policies were not in effect. Such policies also provide for certain action to be taken with respect to portfolio securities which experience a downgrade in rating or suffer a default. In addition, a low interest rate environment may prevent the Fund from providing a positive yield or paying Fund expenses out of current income and, at times, could impair the Fund's ability to maintain a stable \$1.00 share price. There is no assurance that the Fund's net asset value per share will be maintained at \$1.00.

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING MASTER-FEEDER FUND STRUCTURE**

Unlike other open-end management investment companies (mutual funds) that directly acquire and manage their own portfolio securities, Government Money Market ProFund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing substantially all of its assets in the Portfolio, a separate registered investment company with a comparable investment objective as Government Money Market ProFund. Therefore, an investor's interest in the Portfolio's securities is indirect. In addition to selling beneficial interests to Government Money Market ProFund, the Portfolio may sell beneficial interests to other mutual funds or institutional investors. Such investors will invest in the Portfolio on the same terms and conditions and will pay a proportionate share of the Portfolio's expenses.

However, the other investors investing in the Portfolio are not required to sell their shares at the same public offering price as Government Money Market ProFund and are not subject to comparable variations in sales loads and other operating expenses. Therefore, investors in Government Money Market ProFund should be aware that these differences may result in differences in returns experienced by investors in the different funds that may invest in the Portfolio. Such differences in returns are also present in other mutual fund structures.

The Board of Trustees believes that Government Money Market ProFund will achieve certain efficiencies and economies of scale through the master-feeder structure and that the aggregate expenses of Government Money Market ProFund are no higher than if Government Money Market ProFund invested directly in the securities held by the Portfolio.

Smaller funds investing in the Portfolio may be materially affected by the actions of larger funds investing in the Portfolio. For example, if a large fund withdraws from the Portfolio, the remaining funds may experience higher pro rata operating expenses, thereby producing lower returns (however, this possibility exists as well for traditionally structured funds which have large institutional investors). Additionally, the Portfolio may become less diverse, resulting in increased portfolio concentration and potential risk. Also, funds with a greater pro rata ownership in the Portfolio could have effective voting control of the operations of the Portfolio. Except as permitted by the SEC, whenever Government Money Market ProFund is requested to vote on matters pertaining to the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of shareholders of Government Money Market ProFund and will cast all of its votes in the same proportion as the votes of Government Money Market ProFund's shareholders. Government Money Market ProFund shareholders who do not vote will not affect the Trust's votes at the Portfolio meeting. The percentage of the Trust's votes representing Government Money Market ProFund shareholders not voting will be voted by the Trustees or officers of the Trust in the same proportion as Government Money Market ProFund shareholders who do, in fact, vote.

Certain changes in the Portfolio's investment objective, policies or restrictions may require Government Money Market ProFund to withdraw its interest in the Portfolio. Such withdrawal could result in a distribution "in kind" of portfolio securities (as opposed to a cash distribution from the Portfolio). If securities are distributed, Government Money Market ProFund could incur brokerage, tax or other charges in converting the securities to cash. In addition, the distribution in kind may result in a less diversified portfolio of investments or adversely affect the liquidity of Government Money Market ProFund. Notwithstanding the above, there are other means for meeting redemption requests, such as borrowing.

#### **Potential Future Change to the Master-Feeder Fund Structure**

At a meeting held on April 25, 2001, shareholders of Government Money Market ProFund approved an investment advisory agreement under which the Advisor may serve as investment adviser to Government Money Market ProFund. Under the agreement, the Advisor is authorized to manage the assets of Government Money Market ProFund directly, at which point Government Money Market ProFund would no longer operate as a feeder fund investing its assets in the Portfolio. However, Government Money Market ProFund's investment objective would not change, and the Advisor anticipates investing Government Money Market ProFund's assets in the same types of high-quality, short-term, dollar-denominated money market securities in which the Portfolio may invest. In addition, it is anticipated that Government Money Market ProFund generally would be subject to the same types of risks to which it currently is subject as a feeder fund investing its assets in the Portfolio. It is not anticipated that Government Money Market ProFund's total operating expenses would exceed its current operating expenses as a feeder fund investing in the Portfolio.

#### **RISKS TO MANAGEMENT**

There may be circumstances outside the control of the Advisor, DIMA, Trust, Administrator (as defined below), transfer agent, Custodian (as defined below), any sub-custodian, Distributor (as defined below), and/or the Fund that make it, for all practical purposes, impossible to re-position the Fund and/or to process a purchase or redemption order. Examples of such circumstances include: natural disasters; public service disruptions or utility problems such as those caused by fires, floods, extreme weather conditions, and power outages resulting in telephone, teletype, and computer failures; market conditions or activities causing trading halts; systems failures involving computer or other information systems affecting the aforementioned parties, as well as The Depository Trust Company, the National Securities Clearing Corporation, or any other participant in the purchase process; and similar extraordinary events. Accordingly, while the Advisor has implemented and tested a business continuity plan that transfers functions of any disrupted facility to another location and has effected a disaster recovery plan, circumstances, such as those above, may prevent the Fund from being operated in a manner consistent with its investment objectives and/or principal investment strategies.

#### **RISKS TO CYBERSECURITY**

With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet and the dependence on computer systems to perform necessary business functions, the Fund is susceptible to operational and information security risks. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. Cyber attacks may also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites. Cyber security failures or breaches of the Fund's third party service provider (including, but not limited to, the administrator and transfer agent) or the issuers of securities in which the Fund invests, have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, the inability of Fund shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable



privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs. In addition, substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent or respond to any cyber incidents in the future. The Fund and its shareholders could be negatively impacted as a result. While the Fund has established business continuity plans and systems designed to prevent such cyber attacks, there are inherent limitations in such plans and systems including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. Furthermore, the Fund cannot control the cyber security plans and systems put in place by issuers in which the Fund invests.

## PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT POLICIES

**Asset Segregation.** Certain investment transactions expose the Portfolio to an obligation to make future payments to third parties. Examples of these types of transactions, include, but are not limited to, reverse repurchase agreements, short sales, dollar rolls, when-issued, delayed-delivery or forward commitment transactions and certain derivatives such as swaps, futures, forwards, and options. To the extent that the Portfolio engages in such transactions, the Portfolio will (to the extent required by applicable law) either: (1) segregate cash or liquid assets in the prescribed amount; or (2) otherwise “cover” its future obligations under the transaction, such as by holding an offsetting investment. If the Portfolio segregates sufficient cash or other liquid assets or otherwise “covers” its obligations under such transactions, the Portfolio will not consider the transactions to be borrowings for purposes of its investment restrictions or “senior securities” under the 1940 Act, and therefore, such transactions will not be subject to the 300% asset coverage requirement under the 1940 Act otherwise applicable to borrowings by the Portfolio.

Assets used as segregation or “cover” cannot be sold while the position in the corresponding transaction is open, unless they are replaced with other appropriate assets. As a result, the commitment of a large portion of the Portfolio’s assets for segregation and “cover” purposes could impede portfolio management or the Portfolio’s ability to meet redemption requests or other current obligations.

Segregating assets or otherwise “covering” for these purposes does not necessarily limit the percentage of the assets of the Portfolio that may be at risk with respect to certain derivative transactions.

**Commodity Pool Operator Exclusion.** DIMA currently intends to operate the Portfolio in compliance with the requirements of Rule 4.5 of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”). As a result, the Portfolio is not deemed to be a “commodity pool” under the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”) and will be limited in its ability to use futures and options on futures or commodities or engage in swap transactions for other than bona fide hedging purposes. Provided the Portfolio operates within the limits of Rule 4.5 of the CFTC, the Portfolio will be excluded from registration with and regulation under the CEA, and DIMA will not be deemed to be a “commodity pool operator” with respect to the operations of the Portfolio. If the Portfolio were no longer able to claim the exclusion, the Portfolio and DIMA would be subject to regulation under the CEA.

**Credit Enhancement.** Mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are often backed by a pool of assets representing the obligations of a number of different parties. To lessen the effect of failure by obligors on underlying assets to make payments, such securities may contain elements of credit enhancement. Such credit enhancement falls into two categories: (1) liquidity protection and (2) protection against losses resulting from ultimate default by an obligor on the underlying assets. Liquidity protection refers to the provision of advances, generally by the entity administering the pool of assets, to ensure that the pass-through of payments due on the underlying pool occurs in a timely fashion. Protection against losses resulting from ultimate default enhances the likelihood of ultimate payment of the obligations on at least a portion of the assets in the pool. Such protection may be provided through guarantees, insurance policies or letters of credit obtained by the issuer or sponsor from third parties; through various means of structuring the transaction; or through a combination of such approaches. The Portfolio may pay any additional fees for such credit enhancement, although the existence of credit enhancement may increase the price of a security.

The ratings of mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities for which third-party credit enhancement provides liquidity protection or protection against losses from default are generally dependent upon the continued creditworthiness of the provider of the credit enhancement. The ratings of such securities could be subject to reduction in the event of deterioration in the creditworthiness of the credit enhancement provider even in cases where the delinquency and loss experience on the underlying pool of assets is better than expected.

Examples of credit enhancement arising out of the structure of the transaction include “senior-subordinated securities” (multiple class securities with one or more classes subordinate to other classes as to the payment of principal thereof and interest thereon, with the result that defaults on the underlying assets are borne first by the holders of the subordinated class), creation of “reserve funds” (where cash or investments, sometimes funded from a portion of the payments on the underlying assets, are held in reserve against future losses) and “over-collateralization” (where the scheduled payments on, or the principal amount of, the underlying assets exceed those required to make payment of the securities and pay any servicing or other fees). The degree of credit enhancement provided for each

issue is generally based on historical information with respect to the level of credit risk associated with the underlying assets. Delinquency or loss in excess of that which is anticipated could adversely affect the return on an investment in such a security.



Certain of the Portfolio's other investments may be credit-enhanced by a guaranty, letter of credit, or insurance from a third party. Any bankruptcy, receivership, default, or change in the credit quality of the third party providing the credit enhancement may adversely affect the quality and marketability of the underlying security and could cause losses to the Portfolio and affect the Portfolio's share price.

**Illiquid Securities.** Historically, illiquid securities have included securities subject to contractual or legal restrictions on resale because they have not been registered under the 1933 Act, securities which are otherwise not readily marketable and repurchase agreements having a maturity of longer than seven days. Securities which have not been registered under the 1933 Act are referred to as private placements or restricted securities and are purchased directly from the issuer or in the secondary market. Non-publicly traded securities (including Rule 144A Securities) may involve a high degree of business and financial risk and may result in substantial losses. These securities may be less liquid than publicly traded securities, and it may take longer to liquidate these positions than would be the case for publicly traded securities. Companies whose securities are not publicly traded may not be subject to the disclosure and other investor protection requirements applicable to companies whose securities are publicly traded. Certain securities may be deemed to be illiquid as a result of DIMA's receipt from time to time of material, non-public information about an issuer, which may limit DIMA's ability to trade such securities for the account of any of its clients, including the Portfolio. In some instances, these trading restrictions could continue in effect for a substantial period of time. Limitations on resale may have an adverse effect on the marketability of portfolio securities and a mutual fund might be unable to dispose of restricted or other illiquid securities promptly or at reasonable prices and might thereby experience difficulty satisfying redemptions within seven days. An investment in illiquid securities is subject to the risk that should the Portfolio desire to sell any of these securities when a ready buyer is not available at a price that is deemed to be representative of their value, the value of the Portfolio's net assets could be adversely affected.

Mutual funds do not typically hold a significant amount of these restricted or other illiquid securities because of the potential for delays on resale and uncertainty in valuation. A mutual fund might also have to register such restricted securities in order to dispose of them, resulting in additional expense and delay. The Portfolio selling its securities in a registered offering may be deemed to be an "underwriter" for purposes of Section 11 of the 1933 Act. In such event, the Portfolio may be liable to purchasers of the securities under Section 11 if the registration statement prepared by the issuer, or the prospectus forming a part of it, is materially inaccurate or misleading, although the Portfolio may have a due diligence defense. Adverse market conditions could impede such a public offering of securities.

A large institutional market has developed for certain securities that are not registered under the 1933 Act, including repurchase agreements, commercial paper, non-U.S. securities, municipal securities and corporate bonds and notes. Institutional investors depend on an efficient institutional market in which the unregistered security can be readily resold or on an issuer's ability to honor a demand for repayment. The fact that there are contractual or legal restrictions on resale of such investments to the general public or to certain institutions may not be indicative of their liquidity.

The SEC has adopted Rule 144A, which allows a broader institutional trading market for securities otherwise subject to restriction on their resale to the general public. Rule 144A establishes a "safe harbor" from the registration requirements of the 1933 Act for resales of certain securities to qualified institutional buyers.

An investment in Rule 144A Securities will be considered illiquid and therefore subject to the Portfolio's limit on the purchase of illiquid securities unless the Portfolio's Board or its delegates determines that the Rule 144A Securities are liquid. In reaching liquidity decisions, the Portfolio's Board and its delegates may consider, inter alia, the following factors: (i) the unregistered nature of the security; (ii) the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; (iii) the number of dealers wishing to purchase or sell the security and the number of other potential purchasers; (iv) dealer undertakings to make a market in the security; and (v) the nature of the security and the nature of the marketplace trades (e.g., the time needed to dispose of the security, the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of the transfer).

Investing in Rule 144A Securities could have the effect of increasing the level of illiquidity in the Portfolio to the extent that qualified institutional buyers are unavailable or uninterested in purchasing such securities from the Portfolio. The Portfolio's Board has adopted guidelines and delegated to DIMA the daily function of determining and monitoring the liquidity of Rule 144A Securities, although the Portfolio's Board will retain ultimate responsibility for any liquidity determinations.

**Interfund Borrowing and Lending Program.** The Deutsche funds have received exemptive relief from the SEC, which permits the Portfolio to participate in an interfund lending program. The interfund lending program allows the participating funds to borrow money from and loan money to each other for temporary or emergency purposes. The program is subject to a number of conditions designed to ensure fair and equitable treatment of all participating funds, including the following: (1) no fund may borrow money through the program unless it receives a more favorable interest rate than a rate approximating the lowest interest rate at which bank loans would be available to any of the participating funds under a loan agreement; and (2) no fund may lend money through the program unless it receives a more favorable return than that available from an investment in repurchase agreements and, to the extent

applicable, money market cash sweep arrangements. In addition, a fund may participate in the program only if and to the extent that such participation is consistent with a fund's investment objectives and policies (for instance, money market funds would normally participate only as lenders and tax exempt funds only as borrowers). Interfund loans and borrowings have a maximum duration of

seven days. Loans may be called on one day's notice. A fund may have to borrow from a bank at a higher interest rate if an interfund loan is called or not renewed. Any delay in repayment to a lending fund could result in a lost investment opportunity or additional costs. The program is subject to the oversight and periodic review of the Portfolio's Board.

**Obligations of Banks and Other Financial Institutions.** The Portfolio may invest in U.S. dollar-denominated fixed rate or variable rate obligations of U.S. or foreign financial institutions, including banks. Obligations of domestic and foreign financial institutions in which the Portfolio may invest include (but are not limited to) certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances, bank time deposits, commercial paper, and other U.S. dollar-denominated instruments issued or supported by the credit of U.S. or foreign financial institutions, including banks, commercial and savings banks, savings and loan associations and other institutions.

Certificates of deposit are negotiable certificates evidencing the obligations of a bank to repay funds deposited with it for a specified period of time. Banker's acceptances are credit instruments evidencing the obligations of a bank to pay a draft drawn on it by a customer. These instruments reflect the obligation both of the bank and of the drawer to pay the face amount of the instrument upon maturity. Time deposits are non-negotiable deposits maintained in a banking institution for a specified period of time at a stated interest rate. Time deposits that may be held by the Portfolio will not benefit from insurance from the Bank Insurance Fund or the Savings Association Insurance Fund administered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Fixed time deposits may be withdrawn on demand, but may be subject to early withdrawal penalties that vary with market conditions and the remaining maturity of the obligation.

Obligations of foreign branches of U.S. banks and foreign banks may be general obligations of the parent bank in addition to the issuing bank or may be limited by the terms of a specific obligation and by government regulation. Investments in obligations of foreign banks may entail risks that are different in some respects from those of investments in obligations of U.S. domestic banks because of differences in political, regulatory and economic systems and conditions. These risks include the possibility that these obligations may be less marketable than comparable obligations of United States banks, and the selection of these obligations may be more difficult because there may be less publicly available information concerning foreign banks. Other risks include future political and economic developments, currency blockage, the possible imposition of withholding taxes on interest payments, possible seizure or nationalization of foreign deposits, difficulty or inability to pursue legal remedies and obtain or enforce judgments in foreign courts, possible establishment of exchange controls or the adoption of other foreign governmental restrictions that might affect adversely the payment of principal and interest on bank obligations. Foreign branches of U.S. banks and foreign banks may also be subject to less stringent reserve requirements and to different accounting, auditing, reporting and record keeping standards than those applicable to domestic branches of U.S. banks.

**Stand-by Commitments.** A stand-by commitment is a right acquired by the Portfolio, when it purchases a municipal obligation from a broker, dealer or other financial institution (seller), to sell up to the same principal amount of such securities back to the seller, at the Portfolio's option, at a specified price. Stand-by commitments are also known as "puts." The exercise by the Portfolio of a stand-by commitment is subject to the ability of the other party to fulfill its contractual commitment.

Stand-by commitments acquired by the Portfolio may have the following features: (1) they will be in writing and will be physically held by the Portfolio's custodian; (2) the Portfolio's right to exercise them will be unconditional and unqualified; (3) they will be entered into only with sellers which in DIMA's opinion present a minimal risk of default; (4) although stand-by commitments will not be transferable, municipal obligations purchased subject to such commitments may be sold to a third party at any time, even though the commitment is outstanding; and (5) their exercise price will be (i) the Portfolio's acquisition cost (excluding any accrued interest which the Portfolio paid on their acquisition), less any amortized market premium or plus any amortized original issue discount during the period the Portfolio owned the securities, plus (ii) all interest accrued on the securities since the last interest payment date.

The Portfolio expects that stand-by commitments generally will be available without the payment of any direct or indirect consideration. However, if necessary or advisable, the Portfolio will pay for stand-by commitments, either separately in cash or by paying a higher price for portfolio securities which are acquired subject to the commitments.

It is difficult to evaluate the likelihood of use or the potential benefit of a stand-by commitment. Therefore, it is expected that DIMA will determine that stand-by commitments ordinarily have a "fair value" of zero, regardless of whether any direct or indirect consideration was paid. However, if the market price of the security subject to the stand-by commitment is less than the exercise price of the stand-by commitment, such security will ordinarily be valued at such exercise price. Where the Portfolio has paid for a stand-by commitment, its cost will be reflected as unrealized depreciation for the period during which the commitment is held.

The IRS has issued a favorable revenue ruling to the effect that, under specified circumstances, a regulated investment company will be the owner of tax-exempt municipal obligations acquired subject to a put option. The IRS has also issued private letter rulings to certain taxpayers (which do not serve as precedent for other taxpayers) to the effect that tax-exempt interest received by a regulated investment company with respect to such obligations will be tax-exempt in the hands of the company and may be distributed

to its shareholders as exempt-interest dividends. The IRS has subsequently announced that it will not ordinarily issue advance ruling letters as to the identity of the true owner of property in cases involving the sale of securities or participation interests therein if the

purchaser has the right to cause the security, or the participation interest therein, to be purchased by either the seller or a third party. The Portfolio intends to take the position that it owns any municipal obligations acquired subject to a stand-by commitment and that tax-exempt interest earned with respect to such municipal obligations will be tax-exempt in its hands. There is no assurance that the IRS will agree with such position in any particular case.

**Third Party Puts.** The Portfolio may purchase long-term fixed rate bonds that have been coupled with an option granted by a third party financial institution allowing the Portfolio at specified intervals to tender (put) the bonds to the institution and receive the face value thereof (plus accrued interest). These third party puts are available in several different forms, may be represented by custodial receipts or trust certificates and may be combined with other features such as interest rate swaps. The Portfolio receives a short-term rate of interest (which is periodically reset), and the interest rate differential between that rate and the fixed rate on the bond is retained by the financial institution. The financial institution granting the option does not provide credit enhancement, and in the event that there is a default in the payment of principal or interest, or downgrading of a bond to below investment grade, or a loss of the bond's tax-exempt status, the put option will terminate automatically. As a result, the Portfolio would be subject to the risks associated with holding such a long-term bond and the weighted average maturity of that fund's portfolio would be adversely affected.

These bonds coupled with puts may present the same tax issues as are associated with Stand-By Commitments. As with any Stand-By Commitments acquired by the Portfolio, the Portfolio intends to take the position that it is the owner of any municipal obligation acquired subject to a third-party put, and that tax-exempt interest earned with respect to such municipal obligations will be tax-exempt in its hands. There is no assurance that the IRS will agree with such position in any particular case. Additionally, the federal income tax treatment of certain other aspects of these investments, including the treatment of tender fees and swap payments, in relation to various regulated investment company tax provisions is unclear. However, DIMA seeks to manage the Portfolio's portfolio in a manner designed to minimize any adverse impact from these investments.

**Yields and Ratings.** The yields on certain obligations in which the Portfolio may invest (such as commercial paper and bank obligations), are dependent on a variety of factors, including general market conditions, conditions in the particular market for the obligation, the financial condition of the issuer, the size of the offering, the maturity of the obligation and the ratings of the issue. The ratings of Moody's, S&P and Fitch Ratings ("Fitch") represent their opinions as to the quality of the securities that they undertake to rate. Ratings, however, are general and are not absolute standards of quality or value. Consequently, obligations with the same rating, maturity and interest rate may have different market prices. See "Rating Services" for descriptions of the ratings provided by certain recognized rating organizations.

## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Portfolio has adopted certain investment restrictions as fundamental policies which cannot be changed without a vote of a "majority of the outstanding voting securities" of the Portfolio. The phrase "majority of outstanding voting securities" is defined in the 1940 Act as the lesser of: (i) 67% or more of the voting securities of the Fund present at a meeting of shareholders, if the holders of more than 50% of the voting securities of the Portfolio are present or represented by proxy; or (ii) more than 50% of the voting securities of the Portfolio. All policies of the Portfolio not specifically identified in this SAI or the Prospectus as fundamental may be changed without a vote of the shareholders of the ProFund. For purposes of the following limitations, all percentage limitations apply immediately after a purchase or initial investment.

The investment restrictions below have been adopted by the Trust with respect to Government Money Market ProFund and/or by the Portfolio as fundamental policies (as defined above). Whenever Government Money Market ProFund is requested to vote on a change in the investment restrictions of the Portfolio, the Trust will hold a meeting of Government Money Market ProFund's shareholders and will cast its votes as instructed by the shareholders. Government Money Market ProFund's shareholders who do not vote will not affect the Trust's votes at the Portfolio meeting. The percentage of the Trust's votes representing ProFund shareholders not voting will be voted by the Trustees of the Trust in the same proportion as Government Money Market ProFund shareholders who do, in fact, vote.

The Government Money Market ProFund may not:

- (1) borrow money, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.
- (2) issue senior securities, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(3) concentrate its investments in a particular industry (excluding U.S. Government Obligations), as that term is used in the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by the regulatory authority having jurisdiction from time to time; except that the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in banker's acceptances, certificates of deposit and similar instruments issued by U.S.

banks, excluding for this purpose, foreign branches of U.S. banks provided, however, that nothing in this investment restriction shall prevent the Trust from investing all or part of the Fund's assets in an open-end management investment company with the same investment objectives as the Fund.

(4) engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by others, except to the extent that the Portfolio/Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities; provided, however, that nothing in this investment restriction shall prevent the Trust from investing all of the Fund's assets in an open-end management investment company with substantially the same investment objectives as the Fund.

(5) make loans except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(6) purchase or sell real estate, which term does not include securities of companies which hold, deal or trade in real estate or mortgages or investments secured by real estate or interests therein, except that the Portfolio/Fund reserves freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate acquired as a result of the Portfolio's/Fund's ownership of securities.

(7) purchase or sell commodities, except as permitted by the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted or modified by the regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(8) The Fund has elected to be treated as a diversified investment company, as that term is used in the 1940 Act, as amended, and as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time; provided, however, that nothing in this investment restriction shall prevent the Trust from investing all or part of a Fund's assets in an open-end management investment company with substantially the same investment objectives as the Fund.

As a matter of fundamental policy, the Portfolio may not do any of the following:

(1) borrow money, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(2) issue senior securities, except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(3) purchase or sell commodities, except as permitted by the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(4) engage in the business of underwriting securities issued by others, except to the extent that the Portfolio may be deemed to be an underwriter in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities.

(5) purchase or sell real estate, which term does not include securities of companies which deal in real estate or mortgages or investments secured by real estate or interests therein, except that the Portfolio reserves freedom of action to hold and to sell real estate acquired as a result of the Portfolio's ownership of securities.

(6) make loans except as permitted under the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

(7) concentrate its investments in a particular industry, as that term is used in the 1940 Act, as interpreted or modified by regulatory authority having jurisdiction, from time to time.

The following is intended to help investors better understand the meaning of the fundamental policies of the Fund and the Portfolio by briefly describing limitations, if any, imposed by the 1940 Act. References to the 1940 Act below may encompass rules, regulations or orders issued by the SEC and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the fund, interpretations and guidance provided by the SEC staff. These descriptions are intended as brief summaries of such limitations as of the date of this SAI; they are not comprehensive and they are qualified in all cases by reference to the 1940 Act (including any rules, regulations or orders issued by the SEC and any relevant interpretations and guidance provided the by SEC staff).

These descriptions are subject to change based on evolving guidance by the appropriate regulatory authority and are not part of the Fund's fundamental policies.

The 1940 Act generally permits a fund to borrow money in amounts of up to 33 1/3% of its total assets from banks for any purpose, and to borrow up to 5% of its total assets from banks or other lenders for temporary purposes (a loan is presumed to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 days and is not extended or renewed). For additional information, see "Borrowing" above.

Under the 1940 Act, a senior security does not include any promissory note or evidence of indebtedness where such loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the fund at the time the loan is made (a loan is presumed to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 days and is not extended or renewed). The SEC and/or its staff

has indicated that certain investment practices may raise senior security issues unless a fund takes appropriate steps to segregate assets against, or cover, its obligations.



At present, the 1940 Act does not set forth a maximum percentage of a fund's assets that may be invested in commodities.

Under the 1940 Act, a fund generally may not lend portfolio securities representing more than one-third of its total asset value (including the value of collateral received for loans of portfolio securities).

The SEC Staff has stated a position that investment of more than 25% of the value of a fund's assets in any one industry represents concentration (excluding U.S. government securities).

In order to comply with certain statutes and policies, the Trust, on behalf of Government Money Market ProFund, will not as a matter of non-fundamental operating policy (except that no operating policy shall prevent the Fund from investing all of its assets in an open-end investment company with substantially the same investment objective):

- (1) Invest for the purpose of exercising control or management.

As a matter of non-fundamental policy:

- (1) the Portfolio may not acquire securities of other investment companies, except as permitted by the 1940 Act and the rules, regulations and any applicable exemptive order issued thereunder.
- (2) the Portfolio may not lend portfolio securities.
- (3) the Portfolio will enter into when-issued or delayed delivery transactions for the purpose of acquiring securities and not for the purpose of leverage.
- (4) the Portfolio may only use banks which, in the opinion of DIMA, are of investment quality comparable to other permitted investments of the Portfolio for letter of credit backed investments.

There will be no violation of any investment restrictions or policies (except with respect to fundamental investment restriction (1) above) if that restriction is complied with at the time the relevant action is taken, notwithstanding a later change in market value of an investment, in net or total assets, or in the change of securities rating of the investment, or any other later change.

#### **DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The NAV of the shares of the Fund is normally calculated as of the close of trading of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") (ordinarily, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) on each day the NYSE is open for business except for Columbus Day and Veterans Day (each such day, a "Valuation Day").

To the extent that portfolio securities of the Fund are traded in other markets on days when the Fund's principal trading market(s) are closed, the value of the Fund's shares may be affected on days when investors do not have access to the Fund to purchase or redeem shares.

The NAV per share of each class of shares of the Fund serves as the basis for the purchase and redemption price of the shares. The NAV per share of each class of the Fund is calculated by taking the value of the assets attributed to the class subtracting any liabilities attributed to the specific class, and then dividing by the total number of outstanding shares of the class. The Fund records its investment transactions no later than the next business day of when the transaction order is placed. When the Fund experiences net shareholder inflows, it generally records investment transactions on the business day after the transaction order is placed. When the Fund experiences net shareholder outflows, it generally records investment transactions on the business day the transaction order is placed. This is intended to deal equitably with related transaction costs by having them borne in part by the investor generating those costs for the Fund. Government Money Market ProFund's NAV per share will normally be \$1.00. There is no assurance that the \$1.00 NAV will be maintained.

On each Valuation Day, the Portfolio determines its net value (i.e., the value of the Portfolio's portfolio instruments and any other assets less all liabilities). The Portfolio values its portfolio instruments at amortized cost, which does not take into account unrealized capital gains or losses. This involves initially valuing an instrument at its cost and thereafter assuming a constant amortization to maturity of any discount or premium, regardless of the impact of fluctuating interest rates on the market value of the instrument. While this method provides certainty in valuation, it may result in periods during which value, as determined by amortized cost, is higher or lower than the price the Portfolio would receive if it sold the instrument.

Each investor in the Portfolio, including Government Money Market ProFund, may add to or reduce its investment in the Portfolio on each Valuation Day. At the close of each such Valuation Day, the value of each investor's beneficial interest in the Portfolio will be determined by multiplying the net value of the Portfolio, as determined by amortized cost, by the percentage, effective for that day, which represents that investor's share of the aggregate beneficial interests in the Portfolio. Any additions or withdrawals, which are to be effected as of the close of business on that day, will then be effected. The percentage of the aggregate beneficial interests in the Portfolio held by each investor in the Portfolio, including Government Money Market ProFund, will then be recomputed as the percentage equal to the fraction (i) the numerator of which is the value of the investor's investment in the Portfolio as of the close of business on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or withdrawals from such investor's investment in the Portfolio effected as of the close of business on such day, and (ii) the denominator of which is the aggregate net value of the Portfolio, as determined by amortized cost, as of the close of business on such day plus or minus, as the case may be, the amount of net additions to or withdrawals from the aggregate investments in the Portfolio by all investors, including Government Money Market ProFund, in the Portfolio. The percentage so determined for Government Money Market ProFund will then be applied to determine the value of Government Money Market ProFund's interest in the Portfolio as of the close of the following Valuation Day.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund has established procedures reasonably designed to stabilize the Fund's NAV per share at \$ 1.00. Under the procedures, the Advisor will monitor and notify the Board of circumstances where the Fund's NAV per share calculated based on valuing the Fund's investment in the Portfolio and the Fund's other assets using market valuations may deviate from the \$1.00 per share calculated based on valuing the Fund's investment in the Portfolio and the Fund's other assets using amortized cost. If there were any deviation of the Fund's NAV that the Board believed would result in a material dilution or unfair result for investors or existing shareholders, the Board of Trustees of the Fund would promptly consider what action, if any, should be initiated. Such actions could include selling assets prior to maturity to realize capital gains or losses; shortening average maturity of the portfolio; withholding or reducing dividends; redeeming shares in kind; or valuing assets based on market valuations. For example, if the Fund's net asset value per share (computed using market values) declined, or was expected to decline, below \$1.00 (computed using amortized cost), the Fund might temporarily reduce or suspend dividend payments in an effort to maintain the net asset value at \$1.00 per share. As a result of such reduction or suspension of dividends or other action by the Board, an investor would receive less income during a given period than if such a reduction or suspension had not taken place. Such action could result in investors receiving no dividend for the period during which they hold their shares and receiving, upon redemption, a price per share lower than that which they paid. On the other hand, if the Fund's net asset value per share (computed using market values) were to increase, or were anticipated to increase above \$1.00 (computed using amortized cost), the Fund might supplement dividends in an effort to maintain the net asset value at \$1.00 per share. Because the Fund invests substantially all its assets in the Portfolio, certain of these actions could be implemented at the Portfolio level at the discretion of the Portfolio's Board of Trustees.

Market valuations are obtained by using actual quotations provided by market makers, estimates of market value, or values obtained from yield data relating to classes of money market instruments published by reputable sources at the mean between the bid and asked prices for the instruments. In accordance with procedures approved by the Board of Trustees of the Portfolio, in the event market quotations are not readily available for certain portfolio assets the fair value of such portfolio assets will be determined in good faith by DIMA's pricing committee (or, in some cases, the Portfolio's Board of Trustees' Valuation Committee) based upon input from DIMA or other third parties.

## **PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE**

DIMA, as investment manager of the Portfolio, is generally responsible for placing the orders for the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, including the allocation of brokerage.

The policy of DIMA in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for the Portfolio is to seek best execution, taking into account such factors, among others, as price; commission (where applicable); the broker-dealer's ability to ensure that securities will be delivered on settlement date; the willingness of the broker-dealer to commit its capital and purchase a thinly traded security for its own inventory; whether the broker-dealer specializes in block orders or large program trades; the broker-dealer's knowledge of the market and the security; the broker-dealer's ability to maintain confidentiality; the broker-dealer's ability to provide access to new issues; the broker-dealer's ability to provide support when placing a difficult trade; the financial condition of the broker-dealer; and whether the broker-dealer has the infrastructure and operational capabilities to execute and settle the trade. DIMA seeks to evaluate the overall reasonableness of brokerage commissions with commissions charged on comparable transactions and compares the brokerage commissions (if any) paid by the Portfolio to reported commissions paid by others. DIMA routinely reviews commission rates, execution and settlement services performed and makes internal and external comparisons.

Commission rates on transactions in equity securities on U.S. securities exchanges are subject to negotiation. Commission rates on transactions in equity securities on foreign securities exchanges are generally fixed. Purchases and sales of fixed-income securities and certain over-the-counter (OTC) securities are effected on a net basis, without the payment of brokerage commissions.

Transactions in fixed income and certain OTC securities are generally placed by DIMA with the principal market makers for these securities unless DIMA reasonably believes more favorable results are available elsewhere. Transactions with dealers serving as market makers reflect the spread between the bid and asked prices. Purchases of underwritten issues will include an underwriting fee paid to the underwriter. Money market instruments are normally purchased in principal transactions directly from the issuer or from an underwriter or market maker.

It is likely that the broker-dealers selected based on the considerations described in this section will include firms that also sell shares of the Portfolio to their customers. However, DIMA does not consider sales of shares of the Portfolio as a factor in the selection of broker-dealers to execute portfolio transactions for the Portfolio and, accordingly, has implemented policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent its traders from considering sales of shares of the Portfolio as a factor in the selection of broker-dealers to execute portfolio transactions for the Portfolio.

DIMA is permitted by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“1934 Act”), when placing portfolio transactions for the Portfolio, to cause the Portfolio to pay brokerage commissions in excess of that which another broker-dealer might charge for executing the same transaction in order to obtain research and brokerage services if DIMA determines that such commissions are reasonable in relation to the overall services provided. DIMA may from time to time, in reliance on Section 28(e) of the 1934 Act, execute portfolio transactions with broker-dealers that provide research and brokerage services to DIMA. Consistent with DIMA’s policy regarding best execution, where more than one broker is believed to be capable of providing best execution for a particular trade, DIMA may take into consideration the receipt of research and brokerage services in selecting the broker-dealer to execute the trade. Although certain research and brokerage services from broker-dealers may be useful to the Portfolio and to DIMA, it is the opinion of DIMA that such information only supplements its own research effort since the information must still be analyzed, weighed and reviewed by DIMA’s staff. To the extent that research and brokerage services of value are received by DIMA, DIMA may avoid expenses that it might otherwise incur. Research and brokerage services received from a broker-dealer may be useful to DIMA and its affiliates in providing investment management services to all or some of its clients, which includes the Portfolio. Services received from broker-dealers that executed securities transactions for a fund will not necessarily be used by DIMA specifically to service the Portfolio.

Research and brokerage services provided by broker dealers may include, but are not limited to, information on the economy, industries, groups of securities, individual companies, statistical information, accounting and tax law interpretations, political developments, legal developments affecting portfolio securities, technical market action, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis, performance analysis and measurement and analysis of corporate responsibility issues. Research and brokerage services are typically received in the form of written or electronic reports, access to specialized financial publications, telephone contacts and personal meetings with security analysts, but may also be provided in the form of access to various computer software and meetings arranged with corporate and industry representatives.

DIMA may also select broker-dealers and obtain from them research and brokerage services that are used in connection with executing trades provided that such services are consistent with interpretations under Section 28(e) of the 1934 Act. Typically, these services take the form of computer software and/or electronic communication services used by DIMA to facilitate trading activity with those broker-dealers.

Research and brokerage services may include products obtained from third parties if DIMA determines that such product or service constitutes brokerage and research as defined in Section 28(e) and interpretations thereunder.

DIMA may use brokerage commissions to obtain certain brokerage products or services that have a mixed use (i.e., it also serves a function that does not relate to the investment decision-making process). In those circumstances, DIMA will make a good faith judgment to evaluate the various benefits and uses to which it intends to put the mixed use product or service and will pay for that portion of the mixed use product or service that it reasonably believes does not constitute research and brokerage services with its own resources.

DIMA will monitor regulatory developments and market practice in the use of client commissions to obtain research and brokerage services and may adjust its portfolio transactions policies in response thereto.

Investment decisions for the Portfolio and for other investment accounts managed by DIMA are made independently of each other in light of differing conditions. However, the same investment decision may be made for two or more of such accounts. In such cases, simultaneous transactions are inevitable. To the extent permitted by law, DIMA may aggregate the securities to be sold or purchased for the Portfolio with those to be sold or purchased for other accounts in executing transactions. DIMA has adopted policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that when DIMA aggregates securities purchased or sold on behalf of accounts, the securities are allocated among the participating accounts in a manner that DIMA believes to be fair and equitable. DIMA may make allocations among accounts based upon a number of factors that may include, but not limited to, investment objectives and guidelines,

risk tolerance, availability of other investment opportunities and available cash for investment. With respect to limited opportunities or initial public offerings, DIMA may make allocations among accounts on a pro-rata basis with consideration given to

suitability. While in some cases this practice could have a detrimental effect on the price paid or received by, or on the size of the position obtained or disposed of for, the Portfolio, in other cases it is believed that the ability to engage in volume transactions will be beneficial to the Portfolio.

DIMA and its affiliates and the Portfolio's management team manage other mutual funds and separate accounts, some of which use short sales of securities as a part of their investment strategies. The simultaneous management of long and short portfolios creates potential conflicts of interest including the risk that short sale activity could adversely affect the market value of the long positions (and vice versa), the risk arising from sequential orders in long and short positions, and the risks associated with receiving opposing orders at the same time.

DIMA has adopted procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to mitigate these potential conflicts of interest. Incorporated in the procedures are specific guidelines developed to ensure fair and equitable treatment for all clients. DIMA and the investment team have established monitoring procedures and a protocol for supervisory reviews, as well as compliance oversight to ensure that potential conflicts of interest relating to this type of activity are properly addressed.

Deutsche Bank AG or one of its affiliates may act as a broker for the Portfolio and receive brokerage commissions or other transaction-related compensation from the Portfolio in the purchase and sale of securities, options or futures contracts when, in the judgment of DIMA, and in accordance with procedures approved by the Portfolio's Board of Trustees, the affiliated broker will be able to obtain a price and execution at least as favorable as those obtained from other qualified brokers and if, in the transaction, the affiliated broker charges the Portfolio a rate consistent with that charged to comparable unaffiliated customers in similar transactions.

## **MANAGEMENT OF PROFUNDS**

### **The Board of Trustees and its Leadership Structure**

The Board has general oversight responsibility with respect to the operation of the Trust and the Fund. The Board has engaged the Advisor to manage the Fund and is responsible for overseeing the Advisor and other service providers to the Trust and the Fund in accordance with the provisions of the federal securities laws.

The Board is currently composed of four Trustees, including three Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act (each an "Independent Trustee"). In addition to four regularly scheduled meetings per year, the Board holds executive sessions (with and without employees of the Advisor), special meetings, and/or informal conference calls relating to specific matters that may require discussion or action prior to its next regular meeting. The Independent Trustees have retained "independent legal counsel" as the term is defined in the 1940 Act.

The Board has appointed Michael L. Sapir to serve as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Sapir is also the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor and, as such, is not an Independent Trustee. The Chairman's primary role is to participate in the preparation of the agenda for Board meetings, to determine (with the advice of counsel) which matters need to be acted upon by the Board, and to ensure that the Board obtains all the information necessary to perform its functions and take action. The Chairman also presides at all meetings of the Board and acts, with the assistance of staff, as a liaison with service providers, officers, attorneys, and the Independent Trustees between meetings. The Chairman may perform such other functions as may be requested by the Board from time to time. The Board does not have a lead Independent Trustee.

The Board has determined that its leadership structure is appropriate in light of the characteristics of the Trust and each of the funds in the Fund Complex (defined below). These characteristics include, among other things, the fact that all the funds in the Fund Complex have common service providers. As a result, the Board addresses governance and management issues that are often common to all or most of the funds in the Fund Complex. In light of these characteristics, the Board has determined that a four-member Board, including three Independent Trustees, is of an adequate size to oversee the operations of the Trust, and that, in light of the small size of the Board, a complex Board leadership structure is not necessary or desirable. The relatively small size of the Board facilitates ready communication among the Board members, and between the Board and management, both at Board meetings and between meetings, further leading to the determination that a complex board structure was unnecessary. In view of the small size of the Board, the Board has concluded that designating one of the three Independent Trustees as the "lead Independent Trustee" would not be likely to meaningfully enhance the effectiveness of the Board. The Board reviews its leadership structure periodically and believes that its structure is appropriate to enable the Board to exercise its oversight of the funds in the Fund Complex.

The Board oversight of the Trust and the Fund extends to the Trust's risk management processes. The Board and its Audit Committee consider risk management issues as part of their responsibilities throughout the year at regular and special meetings. The Advisor and other service providers prepare regular reports for Board and Audit Committee meetings that address a variety of risk-related matters, and the Board as a whole or the Audit Committee may also receive special written reports or presentations on a

variety of risk issues at the request of the Board or the Audit Committee. For example, the portfolio managers of the Fund meets regularly

with the Board to discuss portfolio performance and risks. The Advisor also reports to the Board on various issues, including valuation, liquidity and regulatory and market issues affecting the Funds. As noted above, given the relatively small size of the Board, the Board has not regarded it as necessary to adopt a complex leadership structure in order for the Board to exercise its risk oversight function.

The Board has appointed a Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”) for the Trust (who is also the CCO for the Advisor). The CCO reports directly to the Board and participates in the Board’s meetings. The Independent Trustees meet at least annually in executive session with the CCO and the Fund’s CCO prepares and presents an annual written compliance report to the Board. In addition, the CCO presents an annual report to the Board in accordance with the Trust’s compliance policies and procedures. The CCO also provides updates to the Board on the operation of the Trust’s compliance policies and procedures and on how these procedures are designed to mitigate risk. Finally, the CCO and/or other officers or employees of the Advisor report to the Board in the event any material risk issues arise.

In addition, the Audit Committee of the Board meets regularly with the Trust’s independent public accounting firm to review reports on, among other things, the Fund’s control over financial reporting.

The Trustees, their birth date, term of office and length of time served, and principal business occupations during the past five years, the number of portfolios in the Fund Complex overseen and the other directorships, if any, held by each Trustee, are shown below. Unless noted otherwise, the address of each Trustee is: c/o ProFunds Trust, 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, East Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814.

<u>Name and Birth Date</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During the Past 5 Years</u>	<u>Number of Operational Portfolios in Fund Complex* Overseen by Trustee</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee During Past 5 Years</u>
<b>Independent Trustees</b>				
William D. Fertig Birth Date: 9/56	Indefinite; June 2011 to present	Context Capital Management (Alternative Asset Management): Chief Investment Officer (September 2002 to present).	ProShares Trust (124) ProFunds Trust (112) Access One Trust (3)	Context Capital
Russell S. Reynolds, III Birth Date: 7/57	Indefinite; October 1997 to present	RSR Partners, Inc. (Executive Recruitment): Managing Director (May 2007 to present).	ProShares Trust (124) ProFunds Trust (112) Access One Trust (3)	RSR Partners, Inc.
Michael C. Wachs Birth Date: 10/61	Indefinite; October 1997 to present	Linden Lane Capital Partners (Real Estate Investment and Development): Principal (2010 to present).	ProShares Trust (124) ProFunds Trust (112) Access One Trust (3)	NAIOP (the Commercial Real Estate Development Association)
<b>Interested Trustee and Chairman of the Board</b>				
Michael L. Sapir** Birth Date: 5/58	Indefinite; April 1997 to present	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Advisor (April 1997 to present); ProShare Advisors LLC (November 2005 to present); and ProShare Capital Management LLC (August 2008 to present).	ProShares Trust (124) ProFunds Trust (112) Access One Trust (3)	

\* The “Fund Complex” consists of all operational registered investment companies under the 1940 Act that are advised by ProFund Advisors LLC and any operational registered investment companies that have an investment adviser that is an affiliated person of ProFund Advisors LLC. Investment companies that are non-operational (and therefore, not publicly offered) as of the date of this SAI are excluded from these figures.



\*\* Mr. Sapir is an “interested person,” as defined by the 1940 Act, because of his ownership interest in the Advisor.

The Board was formed in 1997 prior to the inception of the Trust’s operations. Mr. Sapir was one of the Trust’s initial trustees and Messrs. Reynolds and Wachs were appointed to serve by the Trust’s initial trustees prior to the Trust’s operations. Mr. Fertig

joined the Board in June 2011. Each Trustee was and is currently believed to possess the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills necessary to serve as a Trustee of the Trust. In addition to their years of service as Trustees to ProShares Trust and Access One Trust, and gathering experience with funds with investment objectives and principal investment strategies similar to the ProFunds, each individual brings experience and qualifications from other areas. In particular, Mr. Reynolds has significant senior executive experience in the areas of human resources and recruitment and executive organization; Mr. Wachs has significant experience in the areas of investment and real estate development; Mr. Sapir has significant experience in the field of investment management, both as an executive and as an attorney; and Mr. Fertig has significant experience in the areas of investment and asset management.

## Committees

The Board has established an Audit Committee to assist the Board in performing certain of its oversight responsibilities. The Audit Committee is composed exclusively of Independent Trustees. Currently, the Audit Committee is composed of Messrs. Fertig, Reynolds and Wachs. Among other things, the Audit Committee makes recommendations to the full Board with respect to the engagement of an independent registered public accounting firm and reviews with the independent registered public accounting firm the plan and results of the internal controls, audit engagement and matters having a material effect on the Trust's financial operations. During the past fiscal year, the Audit Committee met five times, and the Board met four times.

Listed below for each Trustee is a dollar range of securities beneficially owned in the Trust, together with the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in all registered investment companies overseen by each Trustee that are in the same family of investment companies as the Trust, as of December 31, 2016.

Name of Trustee	Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Trust	Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities in All Registered Investment Companies Overseen by Trustee in Family of Investment Companies
<b>Independent Trustees</b>		
William D. Fertig, Trustee	None	Over \$100,000
Russell S. Reynolds, III, Trustee	\$10,001 -\$50,000	\$10,001 -\$50,000
Michael C. Wachs, Trustee	\$10,001 -\$50,000	\$10,001 -\$50,000
<b>Interested Trustee</b>		
Michael L. Sapir, Trustee and Chairman	None	Over \$100,000

As of April 10, 2017, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group, owned outstanding shares that entitled them to give voting instructions with respect to less than one percent of the shares of any class of any ProFund.

No Independent Trustee (or an immediate family member thereof) has any share ownership in securities of the Advisor, the principal underwriter of a ProFund, or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Advisor or principal underwriter of a ProFund (not including registered investment companies) as of December 31, 2016.

No Independent Trustee (or an immediate family member thereof) had any direct or indirect interest, the value of which exceeded \$120,000, in the Advisor, the principal underwriter of a ProFund, or any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Advisor or the principal underwriter of a ProFund (not including registered investment companies) during the two most recently completed calendar years.

No Independent Trustee (or an immediate family member thereof) during the two most recently completed calendar years had: (i) any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction or series of similar transactions, in which the amount involved exceeded \$120,000; or (ii) any direct or indirect relationship of any nature, in which the amount involved exceeded \$120,000, with:

- the Trust;
- an officer of the Trust;
- an investment company, or person that would be an investment company but for the exclusions provided by sections 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act, having the same investment adviser or principal underwriter as a ProFund or having an investment adviser or principal underwriter that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Advisor or principal underwriter of a ProFund;
- an officer of an investment company, or a person that would be an investment company but for the exclusions provided by sections 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act, having the same investment adviser or principal underwriter as a ProFund or having an investment adviser or principal underwriter that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Advisor or principal underwriter of a ProFund;



- the Advisor or the principal underwriter of a ProFund;
- an officer of the Advisor or the principal underwriter of a ProFund;
- a person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor or the principal underwriter of a ProFund; or
- an officer of a person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Advisor or the principal underwriter of a ProFund.

### Compensation of Trustees

Each Independent Trustee was paid a \$155,000 annual retainer for service as Trustee on the Board and for service as Trustee for other funds in the Fund Complex, \$7,500 for attendance at each quarterly in-person meeting of the Board, \$3,000 for attendance at each special meeting of the Board, and \$3,000 for attendance at telephonic meetings. Mr. Sapir receives no direct remuneration from the Trust for his services as Trustee.

The Trust does not accrue pension or retirement benefits as part of the Fund's expenses, and Trustees are not entitled to benefits upon retirement from the Board.

The following table shows aggregate compensation paid to the Trustees for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Name	Aggregate Compensation	Pension or Retirement Benefits Accrued as Part of Trust Expenses	Estimated Annual Benefits Upon Retirement	Total Compensation From Trust and Fund Complex Paid to Trustees
<b>Independent Trustees</b>				
William D. Fertig, Trustee	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 194,000
Russell S. Reynolds, III, Trustee	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 194,000
Michael C. Wachs, Trustee	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 194,000
<b>Interested Trustee</b>				
Michael L. Sapir, Trustee	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

### Officers

The Trust's executive officers (the "Officers"), their date of birth, term of office and length of time served and their principal business occupations during the past five years, are shown below. Unless noted otherwise, the address of each Officer is: c/o ProFunds Trust, 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, East Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Name, Address and Birth Date	Position(s) Held with Trust	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years
Todd B. Johnson Birth Date: 1/64	President	Indefinite; January 2014 to present	Chief Investment Officer of the Advisor and ProShare Advisors LLC (December 2008 to present); and ProShare Capital Management LLC (February 2009 to present).
Victor M. Frye, Esq. Birth Date: 10/58	Chief Compliance Officer and Anti-Money Laundering Officer	Indefinite; December 2004 to present	Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of the Advisor (October 2002 to present) and ProShare Advisors (December 2004 to present); Secretary of ProFunds Distributors, Inc. (April 2008 to present); Chief Compliance Officer of ProFunds Distributors, Inc. (July 2015 to present).

<u>Name, Address and Birth Date</u>	<u>Position(s) Held with Trust</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</u>
Richard F. Morris Birth Date: 8/67	Chief Legal Officer and Secretary	Indefinite; December 2015 to present	General Counsel of the Advisor, ProShare Advisors LLC and ProShare Capital Management LLC (December 2015 to present); Chief Legal Officer of ProFunds Distributors, Inc. (December 2015 to present); Partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius, LLP (October 2012 to November 2015); General Counsel, WisdomTree Asset Management (October 2010 to October 2012).
Christopher E. Sabato 4400 Easton Commons, Suite 200 Columbus, OH 43219 Birth Date: 12/68	Treasurer	Indefinite; September 2009 to present	Senior Vice President, Fund Administration, Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. (2007 to present).

The Officers, under the supervision of the Board, manage the day-to-day operations of the Trust. One Trustee and all of the Officers of the Trust are directors, officers or employees of ProFund Advisors or Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. The other Trustees are Independent Trustees. The Trustees and some Officers are also directors and officers of some or all of the other funds in the Fund Complex. The Fund Complex includes all funds advised by ProFund Advisors and any funds that have an investment adviser that is an affiliated person of ProFund Advisors.

#### **Compensation of Officers**

The Officers, other than the CCO, receive no compensation directly from the Trust for performing the duties of their offices.

#### **PROFUND ADVISORS LLC**

Shareholders of Government Money Market ProFund, on April 25, 2001, approved an investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of Government Money Market ProFund, and the Advisor under which the Advisor serves as investment adviser of Government Money Market ProFund for an annual fee equal to 0.35% of the average daily net assets of Government Money Market ProFund, although no fee is payable under the agreement until the master-feeder relationship with the Portfolio is terminated and the Advisor directly invests the assets of Government Money Market ProFund. The Advisor may pay, out of its own assets and at no cost to the Fund, amounts to certain broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries in connection with the provision of administrative services and/or the distribution of the Fund's shares. The Advisor has managed the Fund since its inception and also manages other similar investment vehicles. The Advisor is a limited liability company whose Chief Executive Officer is Michael L. Sapir, and whose Principals are Louis M. Mayberg and William E. Seale. Mr. Sapir and Mr. Mayberg may be deemed to control the Advisor. The Advisor's address is 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, East Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The Advisor also serves as the investment adviser to each other series of ProFunds and each series of ProShares Trust and Access One Trust.

The Advisor, pursuant to a separate Management Services Agreement, performs certain client support and other administrative services on behalf of the Fund and feeder fund management and administrative services to Government Money Market ProFund. These services include monitoring the performance of the underlying investment company in which Government Money Market ProFund invests, coordinating Government Money Market ProFund's relationship with that investment company, and communicating with the Trust's Board of Trustees and shareholders regarding such entity's performance and Government Money Market ProFund's two tier structure and, in general, assisting the Board of Trustees of the Trust in all aspects of the administration and operation of the ProFunds. Other duties and services performed by the Advisor under the Management Services Agreement include, but are not limited to, negotiating contractual agreements, recommending and monitoring service providers, preparing reports for the Board of Trustees regarding service providers and other matters requested by the Board, providing information to financial intermediaries and making available employees of the Advisor to serve as officers and Trustees of the Trust.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Advisory Agreement is available in the Funds' annual report to shareholders dated December 31, 2016.



For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Advisor was entitled to, and contractually waived, management services fees in the following amounts for the Fund:

#### ADVISORY FEES

	2014		2015		2016	
	Earned	Waived	Earned	Waived	Earned	Waived
Government Money Market ProFund	\$1,461,530	\$1,461,530	\$1,516,087	\$1,516,087	\$1,378,177	\$1,378,177

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the amounts of advisory fees waived in the chart above for do not reflect the following amounts reimbursed to the Fund:

#### REIMBURSEMENTS

	2014	2015	2016
Government Money Market ProFund	\$1,545,119	\$1,225,877	\$346,567

#### DEUTSCHE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AMERICAS INC.

Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. (“DIMA”), with headquarters at 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, is the investment advisor for the Portfolio. Under the oversight of the Board, DIMA makes investment decisions, buys and sells securities for the Portfolio and conducts research that leads to these purchase and sale decisions. DIMA is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG. Deutsche Bank AG is a major global banking institution that is engaged in a wide range of financial services, including investment management, mutual funds, retail, private and commercial banking, investment banking and insurance. DIMA and its predecessors have more than 80 years of experience managing mutual funds and provide a full range of global investment advisory services to institutional and retail clients.

Deutsche Asset Management represents the asset management activities conducted by Deutsche Bank AG or any of its subsidiaries, including DIMA or Deutsche AM Distributors, Inc. (“DDI”). Deutsche Asset Management is a global organization that offers a wide range of investing expertise and resources, including hundreds of portfolio managers and analysts and an office network that reaches the world’s major investment centers. This well-resourced global investment platform brings together a wide variety of experience and investment insight across industries, regions, asset classes and investing styles.

DIMA and its affiliates may utilize the resources of Deutsche Asset Management’s global investment platform to provide investment management services through branch offices or affiliates located outside the U.S. In some cases, DIMA and its affiliates may also utilize Deutsche Asset Management’s branch offices or affiliates located in the U.S. or outside the U.S. to perform certain services, such as trade execution, trade matching and settlement, or various administrative, back-office or other services. The delegation of trade execution, trade matching and settlement services to Deutsche Asset Management’s branch offices or affiliates will not result in additional fees for the Portfolio or its shareholders. The branch offices or affiliates receive a flat fee for their trade routing services, payable by DIMA, and do not have authority to select portfolio investments or otherwise provide advice to the Portfolio. Deutsche Asset Management’s branch offices or affiliates may have discretion to select intermediaries to execute trades and to aggregate trade orders for the Portfolio with those of other Deutsche funds as well as non-Deutsche funds clients. The delegation of trade execution, trade matching and settlement services to Deutsche Asset Management’s branch offices or affiliates may result in certain cost savings for DIMA and its affiliates through consolidation of functions and, as a result, may create a conflict of interest between DIMA and its affiliates and the Portfolio. To the extent services are performed outside the U.S., such activity may be subject to both U.S. and foreign regulation. It is possible that the jurisdiction in which DIMA or its affiliate performs such services may impose restrictions or limitations on portfolio transactions that are different from, and in addition to, those that apply in the U.S.

In some instances, the investments for a fund may be managed by the same individuals who manage one or more other mutual funds advised by DIMA that have similar names, objectives and investment styles. A fund may differ from these other mutual funds in size, cash flow patterns, distribution arrangements, expenses and tax matters. Accordingly, the holdings and performance of a fund may be expected to vary from those of other mutual funds.

Certain investments may be appropriate for a fund and also for other clients advised by DIMA. Investment decisions for a fund and other clients are made with a view to achieving their respective investment objectives and after consideration of such factors as their current holdings, availability of cash for investment and the size of their investments generally. Frequently, a particular security

may be bought or sold for only one client or in different amounts and at different times for more than one but less than all clients. Likewise, a particular security may be bought for one or more clients when one or more other clients are selling the security. In



addition, purchases or sales of the same security may be made for two or more clients on the same day. In such event, such transactions will be allocated among the clients in a manner believed by DIMA to be equitable to each. In some cases, this procedure could have an adverse effect on the price or amount of the securities purchased or sold by a fund. Purchase and sale orders for a fund may be combined with those of other clients of DIMA in the interest of achieving the most favorable net results to a fund.

DIMA, its parent or its subsidiaries, or affiliates may have deposit, loan and other commercial banking relationships with the issuers of obligations which may be purchased on behalf of a fund, including outstanding loans to such issuers which could be repaid in whole or in part with the proceeds of securities so purchased. Such affiliates deal, trade and invest for their own accounts in such obligations and are among the leading dealers of various types of such obligations. DIMA has informed a fund that, in making its investment decisions, it does not obtain or use material inside information in its possession or in the possession of any of its affiliates. In making investment recommendations for a fund, DIMA will not inquire or take into consideration whether an issuer of securities proposed for purchase or sale by a fund is a customer of DIMA, its parent or its subsidiaries or affiliates. Also, in dealing with its customers, DIMA, its parent, subsidiaries, and affiliates will not inquire or take into consideration whether securities of such customers are held by any fund managed by DIMA or any such affiliate.

Officers and employees of DIMA from time to time may have transactions with various banks, including a fund's custodian bank. It is DIMA's opinion that the terms and conditions of those transactions which have occurred were not influenced by existing or potential custodial or other fund relationships.

From time to time, DIMA, Deutsche Bank AG or their affiliates may at their sole discretion invest their own assets in shares of a fund for such purposes it deems appropriate, including investments designed to assist in the management of a fund. Any such investment may be hedged by DIMA, Deutsche Bank AG or their affiliates and, in that event, the return on such investment, net of the effect of the hedge, would be expected to differ from the return of a fund. DIMA, Deutsche Bank AG or their affiliates have no obligation to make any investment in a fund and the amount of any such investment may or may not be significant in comparison to the level of assets of a fund. In the event that such an investment is made, except as otherwise required under the 1940 Act, DIMA, Deutsche Bank AG or their affiliates would be permitted to redeem the investment at such time that they deem appropriate.

Pursuant to the investment management agreement between the Portfolio and DIMA (the "Investment Management Agreement"), DIMA provides continuing investment management of the assets of the Portfolio. In addition to the investment management of the assets of the Portfolio, DIMA determines the investments to be made for each fund, including what portion of its assets remain uninvested in cash or cash equivalents, and with whom the orders for investments are placed, consistent with the Portfolio's policies as stated in its prospectus and SAI, or as adopted by the Portfolio's Board. DIMA will also monitor, to the extent not monitored by the Portfolio's administrator or other agent, the Portfolio's compliance with its investment and tax guidelines and other compliance policies.

Effective May 1, 2016, under the Investment Management Agreement, the Portfolio pays DIMA a fee, calculated daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 0.1200% on the first \$3 billion of the Portfolio's average daily net assets, 0.1025% on the next \$4.5 billion and 0.0900% thereafter. As an interested holder of the Portfolio, the Government Money Market ProFund bears its proportionate share of this fee.

Through December 31, 2016, DIMA was the Portfolio's investment adviser; fees paid through this date were received by DIMA. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, DIMA earned \$25,163,568, \$25,037,507, and \$14,355,667, respectively, as compensation for investment advisory services provided to the Portfolio. During the same periods, DIMA voluntarily reimbursed certain expenses of the Portfolio in the approximate amounts of \$5,288,951, \$4,944,455, and \$6,573,295, respectively.

From time to time, DIMA may voluntarily waive its fees and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Portfolio. This voluntary waiver and/or reimbursement may be terminated at any time at the option of DIMA.

DIMA provides assistance to the Portfolio's Board in valuing the securities and other instruments held by the Portfolio, to the extent reasonably required by valuation policies and procedures that may be adopted by the Portfolio.

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, (unless otherwise provided in the agreement or as determined by the Portfolio's Board and to the extent permitted by applicable law), DIMA pays the compensation and expenses of all the Portfolio's Board members, officers, and executive employees of the Portfolio, including the Portfolio's share of payroll taxes, who are affiliated persons of DIMA.

The Investment Management Agreement provides that the Portfolio, except as noted below, is generally responsible for expenses that include, but are not limited to: fees payable to DIMA; outside legal, accounting or auditing expenses, including with respect to expenses related to negotiation, acquisition or distribution of portfolio investments; maintenance of books and records that are

maintained by the Portfolio, the Portfolio's custodian, or other agents of the Portfolio; taxes and governmental fees; fees and expenses of the Portfolio's accounting agent, custodian, sub-custodians, depositories, transfer agents, dividend reimbursing agents and

registrars; payment for portfolio pricing or valuation services to pricing agents, accountants, bankers and other specialists, if any; brokerage commissions or other costs of acquiring or disposing of any portfolio securities or other instruments of the Portfolio; and litigation expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Portfolio's business.

DIMA may enter into arrangements with affiliates and third party service providers to perform various administrative, back-office and other services. Such service providers may be located in the U.S. or in non-U.S. jurisdictions. The costs and expenses of such arrangements are generally borne by DIMA, not by the Portfolio.

Shareholders are not parties to, or intended (or "third party") beneficiaries of the Investment Management Agreement, and the Investment Management Agreement is not intended to create in any shareholder any right to enforce it or to seek any remedy under it, either directly or on behalf of the Portfolio.

The Investment Management Agreement allows DIMA to delegate any of its duties under the Investment Management Agreement to a sub-advisor, subject to a majority vote of the Board, including a majority of the Board who are not interested persons of the Portfolio, and, if required by applicable law, subject to a majority vote of the Portfolio's shareholders.

The Investment Management Agreement provides that DIMA shall not be liable for any error of judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Portfolio in connection with matters to which the agreement relates, except a loss resulting from willful malfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence on the part of DIMA in the performance of its duties or from reckless disregard by DIMA of its obligations and duties under the agreement. The Investment Management Agreement may be terminated at any time, without payment of penalty, by either party or by vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolio on 60 days' written notice.

The Investment Management Agreement continues in effect from year to year only if its continuance is approved annually by the vote of a majority of the Board Members who are not parties to such agreement or interested persons of any such party, cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval, and either by a vote of the Board or of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Portfolio.

DIMA serves as the Portfolio's administrator pursuant to an Administrative Services Agreement. For all services provided under the Administrative Services Agreement, the Portfolio pays DIMA a fee of 0.03% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets.

Under the Administrative Services Agreement, DIMA is obligated on a continuous basis to provide such administrative services as the Portfolio's Board of Trustees reasonably deems necessary for the proper administration of the Portfolio. DIMA provides the Portfolio with personnel; arranges for the preparation and filing of the Portfolio's tax returns; prepares and submits reports and meeting materials to the Board and the shareholders; prepares and files updates to the Portfolio's prospectus and statement of additional information as well as other reports required to be filed by the SEC; maintains the Portfolio's records; provides the Portfolio with office space, equipment and services; supervises, negotiates the contracts of and monitors the performance of third parties contractors; oversees the tabulation of proxies; monitors the valuation of portfolio securities and monitors compliance with Board-approved valuation procedures; assists in establishing the accounting and tax policies of the Portfolio; assists in the resolution of accounting issues that may arise with respect to the Portfolio; establishes and monitors the Portfolio's operating expense budgets; reviews and processes the Portfolio's bills; assists in determining the amount of dividends and distributions available to be paid by the Portfolio, prepares and arranges dividend notifications and provides information to agents to effect payments thereof; provides to the Board periodic and special reports; provides assistance with investor and public relations matters; and monitors the registration of shares under applicable federal and state law. DIMA, as administrator to the Portfolio, also performs certain fund accounting services under the Administrative Services Agreement.

The Administrative Services Agreement provides that DIMA will not be liable under the Administrative Services Agreement except for willful misfeasance, bad faith or negligence in the performance of its duties or from the reckless disregard by it of its duties and obligations thereunder. Pursuant to an agreement between DIMA and State Street Bank & Company ("SSB"), DIMA has delegated certain administrative functions to SSB. The costs and expenses of such delegation are borne by DIMA, not by the Portfolio.

Pursuant to DIMA's procedures, approved by the Portfolio's Board, proof of claim forms are routinely filed on behalf of the Portfolio by a third party service provider, with certain limited exceptions. The Board receives periodic reports regarding the implementation of these procedures. Under some circumstances, DIMA may decide that the Portfolio should not participate in a class action, and instead cause the Portfolio to pursue alternative legal remedies. Where the rights and interests of the Portfolio differ, DIMA might take different approaches to the same class action claim.

For all services provided under the Administrative Services Agreement, the Portfolio pays DIMA an annual fee (“Administration Fee”) of 0.03% of the Portfolio’s average daily net assets, computed and accrued daily and payable monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Administration Fee was \$5,925,263, \$5,893,752, and \$3,774,703 respectively.

Government Money Market ProFund and the Portfolio bear certain other expenses incurred in their operation, including: taxes, interest, brokerage fees and commissions, if any; fees of Trustees of the Trust or Portfolio who are not officers, directors or employees of DIMA, the Advisor, the administrator or any of their affiliates; SEC fees and state Blue Sky qualification fees, if any; administrative and services fees; certain insurance premiums, outside auditing and legal expenses, and costs of maintenance of corporate existence; costs attributable to investor services, including without limitation, telephone and personnel expenses; and printing prospectuses and statements of additional information for regulatory purposes and for distribution to existing shareholders; costs of shareholders' reports and meetings of shareholders, officers and Trustees of the Trust or the Portfolio; and any extraordinary expenses.

You can find more detailed information about the Portfolio's management and investment advisory and other services in Items 17 and 19 of the Portfolio's Registration Statement on Form N-1A dated April 28, 2017, which has been filed electronically with the SEC by the Portfolio, and which is incorporated by reference into, and is legally a part of, this Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"). Information therein relating to the Portfolio's other feeder funds is not incorporated by reference in this SAI and should not be considered a part of this SAI. You may read and copy the Portfolio's Registration Statement on Form N-1A at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The Portfolio's Registration Statement on Form N-1A is available without charge, upon request on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

## **CODES OF ETHICS**

The Trust, the Advisor and ProFunds Distributors, Inc. (the "Distributor") have adopted a consolidated code of ethics (the "COE") under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act, which is reasonably designed to ensure that all acts, practices and courses of business engaged in by personnel of the Trust, the Advisor and the Distributor reflect high standards of conduct and comply with the requirements of federal securities laws. There can be no assurance that the COE will be effective in preventing deceptive, manipulative or fraudulent activities. The COE permits personnel subject to it to invest in securities, including securities that may be held or purchased by the Fund/Portfolio or a ProFund; however, such transactions are reported on a regular basis. The Advisor's personnel that are Access Persons, as the term is defined in the COE, subject to the COE are also required to report transactions in registered open-end investment companies advised or sub-advised by the Advisor. The COE is on file with the SEC and is available to the public.

### **Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc. Code of Ethics**

The Portfolio, DIMA and its affiliates (including the Portfolio's distributor) have adopted Codes of Ethics pursuant to 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. The Portfolio's Board Members, officers of the Portfolio and employees of DIMA and the Portfolio's principal underwriter are permitted to make personal securities transactions, including transactions in securities that may be purchased or held by the Portfolio, subject to requirements and restrictions set forth in the applicable Code of Ethics. The Code of Ethics contains provisions and requirements designed to identify and address certain conflicts of interest between personal investment activities and the interests of the Portfolio. Among other things, DIMA's Code of Ethics prohibits certain types of transactions absent prior approval, imposes time periods during which personal transactions may not be made in certain securities, and requires the submission of duplicate broker confirmations and quarterly reporting of securities transactions. Additional restrictions apply to portfolio managers, traders, research analysts and others involved in the investment advisory process. Exceptions to these and other provisions of the Codes of Ethics may be granted in particular circumstances after review by appropriate personnel. These Codes of Ethics are on public file with, and are available from, the SEC.

## **PROXY VOTING POLICIES FOR GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET PROFUND AND THE PORTFOLIO**

### **Background**

The Board has adopted policies and procedures with respect to voting proxies relating to portfolio securities of the Fund, pursuant to which the Board has delegated responsibility for voting such proxies to the Advisor subject to the Board's continuing oversight.

### **Policies and Procedures**

The Advisor's proxy voting policies and procedures (the "Guidelines") are reasonably designed to maximize shareholder value and protect shareowner interests when voting proxies. The Advisor's Brokerage Allocation and Proxy Voting Committee (the "Committee") exercises and documents the Advisor's responsibilities with regard to voting of client proxies. The Committee is composed of employees of the Advisor. The Committee reviews and monitors the effectiveness of the Guidelines.

To assist the Advisor in its responsibility for voting proxies and the overall proxy voting process, the Advisor has retained Institutional Shareholder Services ("ISS") as an expert in the proxy voting and corporate governance area. ISS is a subsidiary of Vestar Capital Partners VI, L.P., a leading U.S. middle market private equity firm specializing in management buyouts and growth

capital investments. The services provided by ISS include in-depth research, global issuer analysis, and voting recommendations as well as vote execution, reporting and record keeping. ISS issues quarterly reports for the Advisor to review to assure proxies are being voted properly. The Advisor and ISS also perform spot checks intra-quarter to match the voting activity with available shareholder meeting information. ISS's management meets on a regular basis to discuss its approach to new developments and amendments to existing policies. Information on such developments or amendments in turn is provided to the Committee. The Committee reviews and, as necessary, may amend periodically the Guidelines to address new or revised proxy voting policies or procedures.

The Guidelines are maintained and implemented by ISS and are an extensive list of common proxy voting issues with recommended voting actions based on the overall goal of achieving maximum shareholder value and protection of shareholder interests. Generally, proxies are voted in accordance with the voting recommendations contained in the Guidelines. If necessary, the Advisor will be consulted by ISS on non-routine issues. As applicable to the Fund, proxy issues identified in the Guidelines include but are not limited to:

- Election of Directors - considering factors such as director qualifications, term of office and age limits.
- Proxy Contests - considering factors such as voting for nominees in contested elections and reimbursement of expenses.
- Election of Auditors - considering factors such as independence and reputation of the auditing firm.

A full description of each Guideline and voting policy is maintained by the Advisor, and a complete copy of the Guidelines is available without charge, upon request (1) by calling the Advisor at 888-776-3637 OR (2) on the Trust's website at [www.ProFunds.com](http://www.ProFunds.com).

### **Conflicts of Interest**

From time to time, proxy issues may pose a material conflict of interest between the Fund's shareholders and the Advisor, or any affiliates thereof. Due to the limited nature of the Advisor's activities (e.g., no underwriting business, no publicly traded affiliates, no investment banking activities and no research recommendations), conflicts of interest are likely to be infrequent. Nevertheless, it shall be the duty of the Committee to monitor potential conflicts of interest. In the event a conflict of interest arises, the Advisor will direct ISS to use its independent judgment to vote affected proxies in accordance with approved guidelines. The Committee will disclose to the Board the voting issues that created the conflict of interest and the manner in which such proxies were voted.

### **Record of Proxy Voting**

The Advisor, with the assistance of ISS maintains for a period of at least five years a record of each proxy statement received and materials that were considered when the proxy was voted during the calendar year. Information on how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities for the 12-month periods ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, (1) by calling the Advisor at 888-776-3637, (2) on the Fund's website at <http://www.profunds.com> and (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

You may obtain information about how the Portfolio voted proxies related to its portfolio securities during the 12-month period ended June 30 by visiting the SEC's Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or by visiting the Portfolio's Web site at: [deutschefunds.com](http://deutschefunds.com) (click on "proxy voting" at the bottom of the page).

### **DISCLOSURE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF GOVERNMENT MONEY MARKET PROFUND AND THE PORTFOLIO**

In addition to the public disclosure of Fund portfolio holdings through required SEC monthly filings, the Fund may make its portfolio holdings information publicly available on the Deutsche funds' Web site as described in the Fund's prospectus. The Fund does not disseminate non-public information about portfolio holdings except in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Fund.

The Fund's procedures permit non-public portfolio holdings information to be shared with Deutsche Asset Management and its affiliates, subadvisors, if any, custodians, independent registered public accounting firms, attorneys, officers and trustees/directors and each of their respective affiliates and advisers who require access to this information to fulfill their duties to the Fund and are subject to the duties of confidentiality, including the duty not to trade on non-public information, imposed by law or contract, or by the Fund's procedures. This non-public information may also be disclosed, subject to the requirements described below, to certain third parties, such as securities lending agents, financial printers, proxy voting firms, mutual fund analysts and rating and tracking agencies or to shareholders in connection with in-kind redemptions (collectively, "Authorized Third Parties").

Prior to any disclosure of the Fund's non-public portfolio holdings information to Authorized Third Parties, a person authorized by the Fund's Trustees must make a good faith determination in light of the facts then known that the Fund has a legitimate business purpose for providing the information, that the disclosure is in the best interest of the Fund, and that the recipient assents or otherwise

has a duty to keep the information confidential and to not trade based on the information received while the information remains non-public. No compensation is received by the Fund or Deutsche Asset Management for disclosing non-public holdings information. Periodic reports regarding these procedures will be provided to the Fund's Trustees.

There is no assurance that the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of portfolio holdings information will protect the Fund from the potential misuse of portfolio holdings information by those in possession of that information.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR AND FUND ACCOUNTING AGENT**

Citi Fund Services Ohio, Inc. ("Citi" or the "Administrator"), 4400 Easton Commons, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43219, is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Citibank NA. and acts as the administrator to the Fund and the ProFunds. The Administrator provides the Fund and the ProFunds with required general administrative services, including, but not limited to, office space, equipment and personnel; clerical and general back office services; bookkeeping, internal accounting and secretarial services; the determination of NAVs; and the preparation and filing of reports, registration statements, proxy statements and other materials required to be filed or furnished by the Trust under federal and state securities laws.

The Administrator pays all fees and expenses that are directly related to the services provided by the Administrator to the Fund and the ProFunds; the Fund and the ProFunds reimburse the Administrator for all fees and expenses incurred by the Administrator that are not directly related to the services the Administrator provides to the Fund and the ProFunds under the service agreement. The Fund may also reimburse the Administrator for such out-of-pocket expenses as incurred by the Administrator in the performance of its duties.

The Trust pays Citi an annual fee for its services as Administrator based on the aggregate average net assets of all series of the Trust and ProFunds. This fee ranged from 0.05% of the Trust's and ProFunds' average monthly net assets up to \$2 billion to 0.00375% of the Trust's and ProFund's average monthly net assets in excess of \$10 billion on an annual basis and a base fee for certain filings. Prior to April 1, 2015, the asset base fee range changed to 0.05% of the Trust's and ProFunds' average monthly net assets up to \$2 billion to 0.005% of the Trust's average monthly net assets in excess of \$10 billion on an annual basis and a base fee for certain filings. Administration fees include fees paid to Citi by the Trust for support of the Fund's Compliance Service Program.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, Citi, as Administrator, was entitled to administration fees in the following amounts for the Fund:

#### **ADMINISTRATION FEES**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Government Money Market ProFund	\$121,766	\$118,291	\$116,706

SSB acts as fund accounting agent for the Fund.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, DIMA, as fund accounting agent, was entitled to fees in the following amounts for the Fund:

#### **FUND ACCOUNTING FEES**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Government Money Market ProFund	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000

Until March 31, 2015, Citi also acted as transfer agent for the Fund, for which Citi received additional fees. As transfer agent, Citi maintained the shareholder account records for the Fund, distributed distributions payable by the Fund, and produced statements with respect to account activity for the Fund and its shareholders.

#### **TRANSFER AGENT**

Pursuant to a Transfer Agreement between affiliates of SunGard Investment Systems LLC and Citi, dated December 19, 2014, FIS Investor Services LLC ("FIS") (formerly, SunGard Investor Services LLC) was assigned and transferred the rights, liabilities and obligations of Citi under the Trust's Transfer Agency Agreement with Citi dated as of January 1, 2007. FIS acts as transfer agent for the Fund in exchange for fees. As transfer agent, FIS maintains the shareholder account records for the Fund,



distributes distributions payable by the Fund, and produces statements with respect to account activity for the Fund and its shareholders. The principal business address of FIS is 4249 Easton Way, Suite 400 Columbus, OH 43219.

## **CUSTODIANS**

UMB Bank, N.A. acts as Custodian to the Fund. UMB Bank, N.A.'s address is 928 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. State Street Bank & Trust Company, located at State Street Financial Center, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, acts as Custodian to the Portfolio.

The applicable Custodian for the Fund and the Portfolio, among other things, maintains a custody account or accounts in the name of the Fund or Portfolio; receives and delivers all assets for the Fund or Portfolio upon purchase and upon sale or maturity; collects and receives all income and other payments and distributions on account of the assets of the Fund or Portfolio; and pays all expenses of the Fund or Portfolio. For its services, State Street Bank & Trust Company receives an asset-based fee and transaction charges. For its services, UMB Bank, N.A. receives asset-based fees and reimbursement of certain expenses.

## **INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") serves as the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm and provides audit services, tax return preparation and assistance, and audit-related services in connection with certain SEC filings. PwC's address is 100 East Pratt Street, Suite 1900, Baltimore, MD 21202.

## **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Ropes & Gray LLP serves as counsel to the Trust. The firm's address is Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199-3600.

## **DISTRIBUTOR**

ProFunds Distributors, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Advisor, serves as the distributor and principal underwriter in all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico and offers shares of the Fund and the ProFunds on a continuous basis. Its address is 7501 Wisconsin Avenue, East Tower, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Bethesda, Maryland. 20814. The Distributor has no role in determining the investment policies of the Trust or the Fund or which securities are to be purchased or sold by the Trust or the Funds.

Various brokers have been authorized to receive purchase and redemption orders. Such brokers are authorized to designate other intermediaries to receive and accept purchase orders and receive redemption orders on the Fund's behalf. The Fund will be deemed to have received and accepted a purchase order or received a redemption order when an authorized broker or, if applicable, a broker's authorized agent receives the order. Customer orders will be priced at the Fund's NAV next computed after they are received from an authorized broker or the broker's authorized designee and, in the case of purchase orders, accepted by the Fund.

## **DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE (12b-1) PLAN (SERVICE CLASS SHARES)**

The Board of Trustees has approved a Distribution and Service Plan under which the ProFunds may pay broker-dealers (including, for avoidance of doubt, the Distributor), investment advisers, banks, trust companies, accountants, estate planning firms or other financial institutions or securities industry professionals ("Authorized Firms") up to 1.00%, on an annualized basis, of average daily net assets attributable to Service Class Shares as reimbursement or compensation for distribution-related activities with respect to Service Class Shares and shareholder services (the "Service Class Plan"). Under the Service Class Plan, the Trust or the Distributor may enter into agreements ("Distribution and Service Agreements") with Authorized Firms that purchase Service Class Shares on behalf of their clients. The Distribution and Service Agreements will provide for compensation to the Authorized Firms in an amount up to 1.00% (on an annual basis) of the average daily net assets of the Service Class Shares of the Fund or the ProFund attributable to, or held in the name of the Authorized Firm for, its clients. The Fund and the ProFunds may pay different distribution and/or service fee amounts to Authorized Firms, which may provide different levels of services to their clients or customers.

The Advisor, the Distributor and other service providers or their affiliates, may utilize their own resources to finance distribution or service activities on behalf of the ProFunds for distribution related activities or the provision of shareholder services not otherwise covered by the Service Class Plan.

The Service Class Plan is operated as a “compensation” plan, as payments may be made for services rendered to the ProFunds regardless of the level of expenditures by the Authorized Firms. The Trustees will, however, take into account such expenditures for purposes of reviewing operations under the Service Class Plan in connection with their annual consideration of the Service Class Plan’s renewal. The Service Class Plan authorizes payments as compensation or reimbursement for activities such as, without

limitation: (1) advertising; (2) compensation of the Distributor, securities broker-dealers and sales personnel; (3) production and dissemination of Service Class prospectuses to prospective investors; (4) printing and mailing sales and marketing materials; (5) capital or other expenses of associated equipment, rent, salaries, bonuses, interest, and other overhead or financing charges; (6) receiving and processing shareholder orders; (7) performing the accounting for Service Class shareholder accounts; (8) maintaining retirement plan accounts; (9) answering questions and handling correspondence for individual accounts; (10) acting as the sole shareholder of record for individual shareholders; (11) issuing shareholder reports and transaction confirmations; (12) executing daily investment “sweep” functions; and (13) furnishing investment advisory services.

The Service Class Plan and Distribution and Service Agreements continue in effect from year-to-year only if such continuance is specifically approved annually by a vote of the Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust and who have no direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of the Service Class Plan or the related Distribution and Service Agreements. All material amendments of the Service Class Plan must also be approved by the Trustees in the manner described above. The Service Class Plan may be terminated at any time by a majority of the Trustees as described above or by vote of a majority of the outstanding Service Class Shares of a ProFund. The Distribution and Service Agreements may be terminated at any time, without payment of any penalty, by vote of a majority of the Trustees as described above or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding Service Class Shares of a ProFund on not more than 60 days’ written notice to any other party to the Distribution and Service Agreements. The Distribution and Service Agreements shall terminate automatically if assigned. The Trustees have determined that, in their judgment, there is a reasonable likelihood that the Service Class Plan will benefit each ProFund and holders of Service Class Shares of each ProFund. In the Trustees’ quarterly review of the Service Class Plan and Distribution and Service Agreements, they will consider their continued appropriateness and the level of compensation and/or reimbursement provided therein.

The Service Class Plan is intended to permit the financing of a broad array of distribution-related activities and services, as well as shareholder services, for the benefit of Service Class investors. These activities and services are intended to make Service Class Shares an attractive investment alternative, which may lead to increased assets, increased investment opportunities and diversification and reduced per share operating expenses. Authorized Firms may pay broker-dealers (including, for avoidance of doubt, the Distributor), investment advisers, banks, trust companies, accountants, estate planning firms or other financial institutions or securities industry professionals a fee as compensation for service and distribution-related activities and/or shareholder services.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund paid fees under the Plans to authorized financial intermediaries, in the following amounts:

#### PLAN FEES

<u>Fund</u>	Service Class Paid	Service Class Waived
Government Money Market ProFund	\$ 0	\$ 0

The Board of Trustees has approved the Distributor’s Distribution Support Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) related to the use of monies in excess of the amounts owed to Authorized Firms paid pursuant to Rule 12b-1 in accordance with the Service Class Plan (with respect to the monies paid, the “12b-1 Plan monies”). The Guidelines are designed to administer the use of the 12b-1 Plan monies to pay for expenses and services in connection with promoting Fund sales and to pay financial intermediaries, including the Distributor, for expenses and services that are primarily intended to result in the sale of Fund shares. Payments under the Guidelines also may be made to the Advisor and its affiliates for distribution-related expenditures and services performed on the Funds’ behalf.

Under the Guidelines, allowable distribution-related expenditures and services relating to marketing the Funds include FINRA advertising review fees; prospectus and financial statement printing and reprinting; direct mail and fulfillment (including account applications and other account opening materials); Fund development, maintenance and other e-Commerce activity to support the Fund’s website; collateral materials, such as performance reporting fact sheets and newsletters; and design, copywriter and production expenses (e.g., printing, development and media costs) for distribution-related materials. The Guidelines also specify marketing-related expenditures and services allowable subject to prior written approval and, in some cases, the provision of detailed information about the expenditure or service. These include event sponsorship, conferences and sales meetings, sales incentives and market research and consulting services (e.g., FRC and outside consultants) in support of Fund sales. In addition, the Guidelines permit the use of 12b-1 Plan monies for the following expenditures and services of selling members, provided that they are disclosed in the Funds’ prospectus and paid pursuant to a written agreement approved by the Board of Trustees: platform fees, sub-transfer agency fees and fees in connection with revenue sharing arrangements. The Distributor also must report the payments of any such fees, along with their purposes, to the Board of Trustees.

## PAYMENTS TO THIRD PARTIES FROM THE ADVISOR AND/OR DISTRIBUTOR

As disclosed in the Prospectus, the Advisor and the Distributor may from time to time pay significant amounts to financial firms in connection with the sale or servicing of the Fund and for other services such as those described in the Prospectus. This information is provided in order to assist broker-dealers in satisfying certain requirements of Rule 10b-10 under the 1934 Act, which provides that broker-dealers must provide information to customers regarding any remuneration they receive in connection with a sales transaction. **You should consult your financial advisor and review carefully any disclosure by the financial firm as to compensation received by your financial advisor.**

In addition, the Distributor and the Advisor and their affiliates may from time to time make additional payments such as cash bonuses or provide other incentives to selected financial firms as compensation for services (including preferential services) such as, without limitation, paying for active asset allocation services provided to investors in the Fund, providing the Fund with “shelf space” or a higher profile with the financial firms’ financial consultants and their customers, placing the Fund on the financial firms’ preferred or recommended fund list or otherwise identifying the Fund as being part of a complex to be accorded a higher degree of marketing support than complexes not making such payments, granting the Distributor or the Advisor access to the financial firms’ financial consultants (including through the firms’ intranet websites) in order to promote the Fund, promotions in communications with financial firms’ customers such as in the firms’ websites or in customer newsletters, providing assistance in training and educating the financial firms’ personnel, and furnishing marketing support and other specified services. These payments may be significant to the financial firms and may also take the form of sponsorship of seminars or informational meetings or payment for attendance by persons associated with the financial firms at seminars or informational meetings.

A number of factors will be considered in determining the amount of these additional payments to financial firms. On some occasions, such payments may be conditioned upon levels of sales, including the sale of a specified minimum dollar amount of the shares of the Fund, the ProFunds, other funds sponsored by the Advisor and their affiliates together and/or a particular class of shares, during a specified period of time. The Distributor and the Advisor may also make payments to one or more participating financial firms based upon factors such as the amount of assets a financial firm’s clients have invested in the Fund and the quality of the financial firm’s relationship with the Distributor or the Advisor and their affiliates.

The additional payments described above are made out of the Distributor’s or the Advisor’s (or their affiliates) own assets, as applicable, pursuant to agreements with brokers and do not change the price paid by investors for the purchase of the Fund’s shares or the amount the Fund will receive as proceeds from such sales. These payments may be made to financial firms selected by the Distributor or the Advisor or their affiliates to the financial firms that have sold significant amounts of shares of the Fund. Dealers may not use sales of the Fund’s shares to qualify for this compensation to the extent prohibited by the laws or rules of any state or any self-regulatory agency, such as FINRA. The level of payment made to financial firm(s) in any future year will vary, may be subject to certain minimum payment levels, and is typically calculated as a percentage of sales made to and/or assets held by customers of the financial firm. In some cases, in addition to the payments described above, the Distributor, the Advisor and/or their affiliates will make payments for special events such as conferences or seminars sponsored by one of such financial firms.

If investment advisers, distributors or affiliates of mutual funds pay bonuses and incentives in differing amounts, financial firms and their financial consultants may have financial incentives for recommending a particular mutual fund (including the Fund) over other mutual funds. In addition, depending on the arrangements in place at any particular time, a financial firm and its financial consultants may also have a financial incentive for recommending a particular share class over other share classes. **You should consult with your financial advisor and review carefully any disclosure by the financial firm as to compensation received by that firm and/or your financial advisor.**

At the date of this SAI, the Distributor and ProFund Advisors anticipate that Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, First Allied Securities, Wells Fargo, and LPL Financial Corporation will receive additional payments for the distribution services and/or educational support described above ranging from 0.03% to 0.20% of the total value of ProFund shares held in their respective accounts. The Distributor and ProFund Advisors expect that additional firms may be added from time to time. Any additions, modifications, or deletions to the firms identified in this paragraph or the terms of the arrangements with those firms that have occurred since the date of this SAI are not reflected.

Representatives of the Distributor, the Advisor and their affiliates visit brokerage firms on a regular basis to educate financial advisors about the Fund and to encourage the sale of Fund shares to their clients. The costs and expenses associated with these efforts may include, but are not limited to, travel, lodging, sponsorship at educational seminars and conferences, entertainment and meals to the extent permitted by law.

Although the Fund may use financial firms that sell Fund shares to effect transactions for the Fund's portfolio, the Fund and the Advisor will not consider the sale of Fund shares as a factor when choosing financial firms to make those transactions.

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUND SHARES TO GOVERNMENT SPONSORED RETIREMENT PLANS

The Fund will reject purchases from any government plan or program as defined under Rule 206(4)-5(f)(8) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Specifically, the Fund will reject, and any broker-dealer should not accept, any order for the purchase of Fund shares on behalf of any participant-directed investment program or plan sponsored or established by a State or political subdivision or any agency, authority or instrumentality thereof, including, but not limited to, a “qualified tuition plan” authorized by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a retirement plan authorized by Section 403(b) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (26 U.S.C 403(b) or 457), or any similar program or plan.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND FEES

The Fund may participate in “fund supermarkets” and other programs in which a third-party financial intermediary maintains records of indirect beneficial ownership interests in the Fund. These programs include any type of arrangement through which investors have an indirect beneficial ownership interest in the Fund via omnibus accounts, bank common or collective trust funds, employee benefit plans or similar arrangements (each a “financial intermediary account”). Under these programs, the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, may enter into the administrative services agreements with financial intermediaries pursuant to which financial intermediaries will provide transfer agency, administrative services and other services with respect to the Fund. These services may include, but are not limited to: shareholder record set-up and maintenance, account statement preparation and mailing, transaction processing and settlement and account level tax reporting. Because of the relatively higher volume of transactions in the Fund, generally, the Fund is authorized to pay higher administrative service fees than might be the case for more traditional mutual funds. To the extent any of these fees are paid by the Fund, they are included in the amount appearing opposite the caption “Other Expenses” under “Annual Fund Operating Expenses” in the expense tables contained in the Prospectus. In addition, the Advisor or Distributor may compensate such financial intermediaries or their agents directly or indirectly for such services. Compensation paid by the Advisor or Distributor out of their own resources for such services is not reflected in the fees and expenses outlined in the fee table for the Fund.

For these services, the Trust may pay each financial intermediary (i) a fee based on average daily net assets of the Fund that are invested in the Fund through the financial intermediary account, and/or (ii) an annual fee that may vary depending upon the assets in the financial intermediary account, and/or (iii) minimum account fees. The financial intermediary may impose other account or service charges to the Fund or directly to account holders. Please refer to information provided by the financial intermediary for additional information regarding such charges.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Fund paid the following administrative services fees:

	2014	2015	2016
Government Money Market ProFund	\$239,817	\$442,277	\$368,633

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Advisor made payments, out of its own resources, to administrative service providers of \$0, \$0 and \$8,636, respectively.

## COSTS AND EXPENSES

The Fund bears all expenses of its operations other than those assumed by the Advisor or the Administrator. The Fund’s expenses include, without limitation: the investment advisory fee, the management services fee; administrative fees, transfer agency fees and shareholder servicing fees; compliance service fees; anti-money laundering administration fees; custodian and accounting fees and expenses; principal financial officer/treasurer services fees; brokerage and transaction fees; legal and auditing fees; securities valuation expenses; fidelity bonds and other insurance premiums; expenses of preparing and printing prospectuses, confirmations, proxy statements, and shareholder reports and notices; product description; registration fees and expenses; proxy and annual meeting expenses, if any; licensing fees; all federal, state, and local taxes (including, without limitation, stamp, excise, income, and franchise taxes); organizational costs; and independent Trustees’ fees and expenses. The Fund pays its proportionate share of the Portfolio expenses.

## ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The Trust is a registered open-end investment company under the 1940 Act. The Trust was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on April 17, 1997, and has authorized capital of unlimited shares of beneficial interest of no par value which may be issued in more than one class or series. Currently, the Trust consists of multiple separately managed series. Other separate series may be added in the future. The Fund offers two classes of shares: Service Class Shares and Investor Class Shares.

All shares of the Trust are freely transferable. The shares do not have preemptive rights or cumulative voting rights, and none of the shares have any preference to conversion, exchange, dividends, retirements, liquidation, redemption or any other feature. The shares have equal voting rights, except that, in a matter affecting a particular series or class of shares, only shares of that series or class may be entitled to vote on the matter.

Under Delaware law, the Trust is not required to hold an annual shareholders meeting if the 1940 Act does not require such a meeting. Generally, there will not be annual meetings of Trust shareholders. Trust shareholders may remove Trustees from office by votes cast at a meeting of Trust shareholders or by written consent. If requested by shareholders of at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Trust, the Trust will call a meeting of ProFunds' shareholders for the purpose of voting upon the question of removal of a Trustee of the Trust and will assist in communications with other Trust shareholders.

The Declaration of Trust of the Trust disclaims liability of the shareholders or the officers of the Trust for acts or obligations of the Trust which are binding only on the assets and property of the Trust. The Declaration of Trust provides for indemnification of the Trust's property for all loss and expense of any ProFunds shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Trust. The risk of a Trust shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Trust would not be able to meet the Trust's obligations and this risk, thus, should be considered remote.

If the Fund does not grow to a size to permit it to be economically viable, the Fund may cease operations. In such an event, investors may be required to liquidate or transfer their investments at an inopportune time.

## **PRINCIPAL HOLDERS AND CONTROL PERSONS**

As of April 10, 2017, the Trustees and officers of the Trust, as a group, owned outstanding shares that entitled them to give voting instructions with respect to less than one percent of the shares of any class of the Fund.

See Appendix B to this SAI for a list of the Principal Holders and Control Persons of each Fund.

## **TAXATION**

### **OVERVIEW**

Set forth below is a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax issues concerning the Fund and the purchase, ownership, and disposition of Fund shares. This discussion does not purport to be complete or to deal with all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to shareholders in light of their particular circumstances, nor to certain types of shareholders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, life insurance companies, banks and other financial institutions, and IRAs and other retirement plans). This discussion is based upon present provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the regulations promulgated thereunder, and judicial and administrative ruling authorities, all of which are subject to change, which change may be retroactive. Investors should consult their own tax advisors with regard to the federal tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, or disposition of Fund shares, as well as the tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, foreign country or other taxing jurisdiction.

As described earlier, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing substantially all of its assets in the Portfolio, which is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, the character and amount of the Fund's income, gains, losses, deductions and other tax items generally are determined at the Portfolio level and the Fund is allocated, and is required to take into account for U.S. federal income tax purposes, its share of the Portfolio's income, gains, losses, deductions, and other tax items for each taxable year substantially as though such items had been realized directly by the Fund and without regard to whether the Portfolio distributes any cash to the Fund. See "Investment in the Portfolio" below for more information.



## QUALIFICATION AS A RIC

The Fund has elected and intends to qualify and to be treated each year as a regulated investment company (a “RIC”) under Subchapter M of the Code. A RIC generally is not subject to federal income tax on income and gains distributed in a timely manner to its shareholders. To qualify for treatment as a RIC, the Fund generally must, among other things:

(a) derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from (i) dividends, interest, payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including, but not limited to, gain from options, futures or forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and (ii) net income derived from interests in “qualified publicly traded partnerships” as defined below (the income described in this subparagraph (a), “Qualifying Income”);

(b) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of the Fund’s taxable year, (i) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund’s assets is represented by cash and cash items (including receivables), U.S. government securities, the securities of other RICs and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund’s total assets and not greater than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer, and (ii) not greater than 25% of the value of its total assets is invested, including through corporations in which the Fund owns a 20% or more voting stock interest, in (x) the securities (other than U.S. government securities and the securities of other RICs) of any one issuer or of two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are engaged in the same, similar or related trades or businesses, or (y) the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (as defined below); and

(c) distribute with respect to each taxable year at least 90% of the sum of its investment company taxable income (as that term is defined in the Code without regard to the deduction for dividends paid—generally, taxable ordinary income and the excess, if any, of net short-term capital gains over net long-term capital losses) and net tax-exempt interest income for such year. The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of such income.

In general, for purposes of the 90% gross income requirement described in subparagraph (a) above, income derived from a partnership, such as the Portfolio, will be treated as Qualifying Income only to the extent such income is attributable to items of income of the partnership which would be Qualifying Income if realized directly by the RIC. However, 100% of the net income of a RIC derived from an interest in a qualified publicly traded partnership (a partnership (x) interests in which are traded on an established securities market or readily tradable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof, and (y) that derives less than 90% of its income from the Qualifying Income described in clause (i) of paragraph (a) above) will be treated as Qualifying Income. In general, such entities will be treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes because they meet the passive income requirement under Code section 7704(c)(2). The Portfolio is not a qualified publicly traded partnership.

Pursuant to current Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) guidance, the Fund will be treated as holding directly its share of the underlying assets of the Portfolio for purposes of the diversification test in subparagraph (b) above. In applying the diversification test, identification of the issuer (or, in some cases, issuers) of a particular investment will depend on the terms and conditions of the investment. In some cases, identification of the issuer (or issuers) is uncertain under current law, and an adverse determination or future guidance by the IRS with respect to the identity of the issuer for a particular type of investment may adversely affect the Fund’s ability to satisfy the diversification test. Also, for purposes of the diversification test, the term “outstanding voting securities of such issuer” will include the equity securities of a qualified publicly traded partnership.

If, in any taxable year, the Fund were to fail to satisfy the income diversification or distribution test described above, the Fund could in some cases cure such failure, including by paying a fund-level tax, paying interest, making additional distributions or disposing of certain assets. If the Fund were ineligible to or did not cure such a failure for any taxable year, or otherwise failed to qualify as a RIC that is accorded special tax treatment, the Fund would be subject to tax on its taxable income at corporate rates and distributions from the Fund to its shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income. In addition, the Fund’s distributions from earnings and profits, including distributions of net long-term capital gain (if any), would be taxable to shareholders as dividend income (and potentially would be eligible for the corporate dividends received deduction in the case of corporate shareholders and reduced rates of taxation on qualified dividend income in the case of individual shareholders, provided, in each case, that the shareholder meets certain holding period and other requirements in respect of the Fund’s shares) even though those distributions might otherwise (at least in part) have been treated in the shareholder’s hands as long-term capital gain. In order to re-qualify for taxation as a RIC, the Fund may be required to recognize unrealized gains, pay substantial taxes and interest, and make certain distributions.

See the Fund's most recent annual shareholder report for the Fund's available capital loss carryovers as of the end of its most recently ended fiscal year.

The Fund intends to distribute at least annually to its shareholders all or substantially all of its investment company taxable income (computed without regard to the dividends-paid deduction) and its net capital gain (that is, the excess of its net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses), if any. Investment company taxable income that is retained by the Fund will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates. If the Fund retains any net capital gain, it will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates on the amount retained, but the Fund may designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice mailed within 60 days of the close of the Fund's taxable year to its shareholders who (i) will be required to include in income for federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their shares of such undistributed amount, and (ii) will be entitled to credit their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on such undistributed amount against their federal tax liabilities, if any, and to claim refunds on a properly-filed U.S. tax return to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. For federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of shares owned by a shareholder of the Fund will be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the shareholder's gross income under clause (i) of the preceding sentence, if any, and the tax deemed paid by the shareholder under clause (ii) of the preceding sentence. The Fund is not required to, and there can be no assurance the Fund will, make this designation if it retains all or a portion of its net capital gain in a taxable year.

In determining its taxable income, net capital gain (including in connection with determining the amount available to support a Capital Gain Dividend) and earnings and profits, a RIC may elect to treat any post-October capital loss (defined as any net capital loss attributable to the portion of the taxable year after October 31, or, if there is no such loss, the net long-term capital loss or net short-term capital loss attributable to such portion of the taxable year) or late-year ordinary loss (generally, the sum of its (i) net ordinary losses from the sale, exchange or other taxable disposition of property attributable to the portion of the taxable year after October 31, and its (ii) other net ordinary loss attributable to the portion of the taxable year after December 31) as if incurred in the succeeding taxable year.

Amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a prescribed formula are subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax at the Fund level. To avoid the tax, the Fund must distribute during each calendar year an amount equal to the sum of (1) at least 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year, (2) at least 98.2% of its capital gains in excess of its capital losses for a one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year, and (3) all such ordinary income and capital gains that were not distributed in previous years. For purposes of the required excise tax distribution, ordinary gains and losses from the sale, exchange, or other taxable disposition of property that would be properly taken into account after October 31 are treated as arising on January 1 of the following calendar year. In addition, the Fund will be treated as having distributed any amount on which it has been subject to corporate income tax for the taxable year ending within the calendar year. The Fund intends generally to make distributions sufficient to avoid imposition of the 4% excise tax, although there can be no assurance that the Fund will be able to do so. A dividend will be treated as paid on December 31 of a calendar year if it is declared by the Fund in October, November or December of that year with a record date in such a month, and is paid by the Fund during January of the following year. Such dividends will be taxable to shareholders in the calendar year in which the dividends are declared, rather than the calendar year in which the dividends are received.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Distributions of investment income are generally taxable to a U.S. shareholder as ordinary income, whether paid in cash or shares. Distributions of net capital gain – that is, the excess of net long-term capital gains from the sale of investments owned (or treated as owned) by the Fund for more than one year over net short-term capital losses, in each case determined with reference to any loss carryforwards – that are properly reported by the Fund as capital gain dividends (“Capital Gain Dividends”), whether paid in cash or in shares, are treated as long-term capital gains includible in a shareholder's net capital gain and taxed to individuals at reduced rates, regardless of how long the shareholder has held the Fund's shares. Distributions of capital gains are generally made after applying any available capital loss carryforwards. Distributions attributable to the excess of net gains from the sale of investments owned by the Fund for one year or less over net long-term capital losses will be taxable as ordinary income. The Fund does not expect any significant portion of its distributions to be Capital Gain Dividends taxable as long-term capital gains.

If the Fund makes a distribution to a shareholder in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits in any taxable year, the excess distribution will be treated as a return of capital to the extent of such shareholder's tax basis in its shares, and thereafter as capital gain. A return of capital is not taxable, but it reduces a shareholder's tax basis in its shares, thus reducing any loss or increasing any gain on a subsequent tax disposition by the shareholder of its shares.

Shareholders will be notified annually as to the U.S. federal tax status of Fund distributions, and shareholders receiving distributions in the form of newly issued shares will receive a report as to the value of the shares received. Distributions by the Fund to tax-deferred or qualified plans, such as an IRA, retirement plan or corporate pension or profit sharing plan, generally will not be taxable. However, distributions from such plans will generally be taxable to individual participants without regard to the character of the income earned by the qualified plan. Please consult a tax advisor for a more complete explanation of the federal, state, local and (if

applicable) foreign tax consequences of making investments through such plans. The Code generally imposes a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on the net investment income of certain individuals, trusts, and estates to the extent their income exceeds certain

threshold amounts. Net investment income generally includes for this purpose dividends paid by the Fund, including any Capital Gain Dividends, and net gains, if any, recognized on the sale, redemption or exchange of shares of the Fund. Shareholders are advised to consult their tax advisors regarding the possible implications of this additional tax on their investment in the Fund.

## **QUALIFIED DIVIDEND INCOME**

“Qualified dividend income” properly reported by the Fund and received by an individual will be taxed at the rates applicable to long-term capital gain. In order for some portion of the dividends received by a Fund shareholder to be qualified dividend income, the Portfolio must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to qualifying dividend-paying stocks in its portfolio (if any) and the Fund shareholder must meet holding period and other requirements with respect to the Fund’s shares. The Fund does not expect that a significant portion of its distributions will be derived from qualified dividend income.

## **DISPOSITION OF SHARES**

Upon a redemption, sale or exchange of shares of the Fund, a shareholder generally will realize a taxable gain or loss depending upon his or her basis in the shares. A gain or loss will be treated as capital gain or loss if the shares are capital assets in the shareholder’s hands, and generally will be long-term or short-term depending upon the shareholder’s holding period for the shares. Any loss realized on a redemption, sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent that substantially identical shares are acquired (including through reinvestment of dividends) within a period of 61 days beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the shares are disposed of. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss. Any loss realized by a shareholder on the disposition of the Fund’s shares held by the shareholder for six months or less will be treated for tax purposes as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of Capital Gain Dividends received or treated as having been received by the shareholder with respect to such shares. It is not expected that any gain or loss will be realized in respect of the Fund shares because of the Fund’s policy to maintain its net asset value at a constant \$1.00 per share.

## **INVESTMENT IN THE PORTFOLIO**

Special tax considerations apply to the Fund’s investment in the Portfolio. As noted above, the Portfolio is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Fund generally will be allocated its distributive share (as determined in accordance with the governing instruments of the Portfolio, as well as with the Code, the Treasury regulations thereunder, and other applicable authority) of the income, gains, losses, deductions, credits, and other tax items of the Portfolio so as to reflect the Fund’s interest in the Portfolio. The Portfolio may modify its allocations to its partners to comply with applicable tax regulations, including, without limitation, the income tax regulations under Sections 704, 734, 743, 754, and 755 of the Code. It also may make special allocations of specific tax items, including items of gross income, gain, deduction, or loss. These modified or special allocations could result in the Fund, as a partner, receiving more or less items of income, gain, deduction, or loss (and/or income, gain, deduction, or loss of a different character) than it would in the absence of such modified or special allocations.

The Fund will be required to include in its income its share of the Portfolio’s tax items, including income, gain, deduction, or loss, for any taxable year regardless of whether or not the Portfolio distributes any cash to the Fund in such year. As described in its current registration statement, the Portfolio is not required, and generally does not expect, to make distributions (other than distributions in redemption of Portfolio interests) to its investors each year. Accordingly, the Fund will likely be required to redeem a portion of its interest in the Portfolio in order to obtain sufficient cash to satisfy its annual RIC distribution requirements (described above) and to otherwise avoid fund-level federal income and excise taxes.

The Fund’s receipt of cash distributions from the Portfolio generally will represent a nontaxable return of capital to the Fund up to the amount of the Fund’s adjusted tax basis in its interest in the Portfolio. A cash distribution in partial or complete redemption of the Fund’s interest in the Portfolio is generally taxable to the Fund as a sale or exchange only to the extent the amount of cash received by the Fund exceeds the Fund’s adjusted tax basis in its interest in the Portfolio. Any loss may be recognized by the Fund only if it redeems its entire interest in the Portfolio for cash. Any gain recognized generally will be treated by the Fund as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, to the extent the Fund’s share of the Portfolio’s “unrealized receivables” (including any accrued but untaxed market discount) and “substantially appreciated inventory,” if any, exceeds the Fund’s share of the basis in those unrealized receivables and substantially appreciated inventory. The Fund generally will not recognize gain or loss on an in-kind distribution of property from the Portfolio, including on an in-kind redemption of its Portfolio interest. However, certain exceptions to this general rule may apply.

## **LONGER-TERM DEBT SECURITIES**

*Original issue discount.* Certain debt securities with a fixed maturity date of more than one year from the date of issuance that are acquired by the Portfolio may be treated as debt securities that were originally issued with original issue discount.

Original issue discount can generally be defined as the difference between the price at which a security was issued and its stated redemption

price at maturity. Original issue discount that accrues on a debt security in a given year generally is treated for federal income tax purposes as interest income, and accordingly such income, when allocated to the Fund, is subject to the distribution requirements applicable to RICs, even though payment of that accrued income may not be received by the Portfolio until a later time, upon a partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security. Some debt securities with original issue discount may be purchased by the Portfolio in the secondary market at a discount to their “revised issue price.” This discount represents “market discount” for federal income tax purposes (see below).

*Market discount.* If the Portfolio purchases in the secondary market a debt security that has a fixed maturity date of more than one year from its date of issuance at a price lower than the stated redemption price of such debt security (or, in the case of a debt security issued with original issue discount, a price below the debt security’s “revised issue price”), the debt security will be considered to have “market discount.”

If the amount of market discount is more than a *de minimis* amount, a portion of such market discount must be included as ordinary income (not capital gain) by the Portfolio, and allocated as such to the Portfolio’s partners, in each taxable year in which the Portfolio owns an interest in such debt security and receives a principal payment on it. In particular, the principal payment must be allocated first to the portion of the market discount on the debt security that has accrued but has not previously been includable in income. In general, the amount of market discount that must be included for each period is equal to the lesser of (i) the amount of market discount accruing during such period (plus any accrued market discount for prior periods not previously taken into account) or (ii) the amount of the principal payment with respect to such period. Similarly, gain realized on a disposition of a market discount obligation must be recognized as ordinary interest income (not capital gain) to the extent of the accrued market discount.

Alternatively, the Portfolio may elect to include accrued market discount in income currently (as ordinary income) over the term of the debt security, and allocate to the Fund its share of that accrued income, even though payment of the accrued amount is not received by the Portfolio until a later time, upon a partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security. The Fund could be required to distribute this accrued income to its shareholders in order to meet its annual RIC distribution requirements and otherwise avoid fund-level income and excise taxes.

Generally, market discount accrues ratably on a daily basis for each day the debt security is held by the Portfolio based on the number of days between the date of the Portfolio’s acquisition of the debt security and the debt security’s maturity date or, at the election of the Portfolio, at a constant yield to maturity which takes into account the semi-annual compounding of interest.

## **SHORTER-TERM DEBT SECURITIES**

Some debt securities with a fixed maturity date of one year or less from the date of issuance that are acquired by the Portfolio may be treated as having original issue discount or, in some cases, “acquisition discount” (very generally, the excess of the stated redemption price over the purchase price). The Portfolio will be required to include the original issue discount or acquisition discount in income (as ordinary income), and allocate to the Fund its share of that income, over the term of the debt security, even though payment of that amount is not received by the Portfolio until a later time, upon a partial or full repayment or disposition of the debt security. The Fund could be required to distribute this accrued income to its shareholders in order to satisfy its annual RIC distribution requirements and otherwise avoid Fund-level income and excise taxes. The rate at which original issue discount or acquisition discount accrues, and thus is allocated to the Fund, may depend upon which of the permitted accrual methods the Portfolio elects.

## **CONSTRUCTIVE SALES**

Under certain circumstances, the Portfolio may recognize gain from a constructive sale of an “appreciated financial position” it holds if it enters into a short sale, forward contract or other transaction that substantially reduces the risk of loss with respect to the appreciated position. In that event, the Portfolio would be treated as if it had sold and immediately repurchased the property and the Fund would be required to include its allocable share of any gain (but would not recognize any loss) from the constructive sale. The character of gain from a constructive sale would depend upon the Portfolio’s holding period in the property. Appropriate adjustments would be made in the amount of any gain or loss subsequently realized on the position to reflect the gain recognized on the constructive sale. Loss from a constructive sale would be recognized when the property was subsequently disposed of, and its character would depend on the Portfolio’s holding period and the application of various loss deferral provisions of the Code. Constructive sale treatment does not generally apply to a transaction if such transaction is closed before the end of the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the close of the Portfolio’s taxable year and the Portfolio holds the appreciated financial position throughout the 60-day period beginning with the day such transaction Closed. The term “appreciated financial position” excludes any position that is “marked to market.”

## **UNRELATED BUSINESS TAXABLE INCOME**

Under current law, income of the Fund that would be treated as UBTI if earned directly by a tax-exempt entity generally will not be attributed as UBTI to a tax exempt entity that is a shareholder in the Fund. Notwithstanding this “blocking” effect, a tax-exempt shareholder could realize UBTI by virtue of its investment in the Fund if shares in the Fund constitute debt-financed property in the hands of the tax-exempt shareholder within the meaning of Code Section 514(b).

## **FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND TAXES**

Income, proceeds and gains received by the Portfolio from foreign investments, if any, may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes, which could decrease the return on those investments. The effective rate of foreign taxes to which the Portfolio will be subject depends on the specific countries in which its assets will be invested and the extent of the assets invested in each such country and, therefore, cannot be determined in advance. Shareholders generally will not be entitled to claim a credit or deduction with respect to foreign taxes incurred by the Portfolio.

## **BACKUP WITHHOLDING**

The Fund may be required to withhold federal income tax (“backup withholding”) from dividends paid, capital gains distributions, and redemption proceeds to shareholders. Federal tax will be withheld if (1) the shareholder fails to furnish the Fund with the shareholder’s correct taxpayer identification number or social security number, (2) the IRS notifies the shareholder or the Fund that the shareholder has failed to report properly certain interest and dividend income to the IRS and to respond to notices to that effect, or (3) when required to do so, the shareholder fails to certify that he or she is not subject to backup withholding. The backup withholding rate is 28%. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be credited against the shareholder’s federal tax liability.

In order for a foreign investor to qualify for an exemption from backup withholding and for reduced withholding tax rates under income tax treaties, the foreign investor must comply with special certification and filing requirements. Foreign investors in the Fund should consult their tax advisors in this regard.

## **NON-U.S. SHAREHOLDERS**

Distributions by the Fund to shareholders that are not “U.S. persons” within the meaning of the Code (“foreign shareholders”) properly reported by the Fund as (1) Capital Gain Dividends, (2) short-term capital gain dividends, and (3) interest-related dividends, each as defined and subject to certain conditions described below, generally are not subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax.

In general, the Code defines (1) “short-term capital gain dividends” as distributions of net short-term capital gains in excess of net long-term capital losses and (2) “interest-related dividends” as distributions from U.S. source interest income of types similar to those not subject to U.S. federal income tax if earned directly by an individual foreign shareholder, in each case to the extent such distributions are properly reported as such by the Fund in a written notice to shareholders.

The exceptions to withholding for Capital Gain Dividends and short-term capital gain dividends do not apply to (A) distributions to an individual foreign shareholder who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the distribution and (B) distributions attributable to gain that is treated as effectively connected with the conduct by the foreign shareholder of a trade or business within the United States under special rules regarding the disposition of U.S. real property interests. The exception to withholding for interest-related dividends does not apply to distributions to a foreign shareholder (A) that has not provided a satisfactory statement that the beneficial owner is not a U.S. person, (B) to the extent that the dividend is attributable to certain interest on an obligation if the foreign shareholder is the issuer or is a 10% shareholder of the issuer, (C) that is within certain foreign countries that have inadequate information exchange with the United States, or (D) to the extent the dividend is attributable to interest paid by a person that is a related person of the foreign shareholder and the foreign shareholder is a controlled foreign corporation. The Fund is permitted to report such part of its dividends as interest-related and/or short-term capital gain dividends as are eligible, but is not required to do so. In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if the Fund reports all or a portion of a payment as an interest-related or short-term capital gain dividend to shareholders.

In order to qualify for the withholding exemptions for interest-related and short term capital gain dividends, a foreign shareholder is required to comply with applicable certification requirements relating to its non-U.S. status (including, in general, furnishing the applicable W-8 form or substitute form). In the case of shares held through an intermediary, the intermediary may withhold even if the Fund reports all or a portion of a payment as an interest-related or short-term capital gain dividend to shareholders.



Distributions by the Fund to foreign shareholders other than Capital Gain Dividends, short-term capital gain dividends, and interest-related dividends (e.g., dividends attributable to foreign-source dividend and interest income or to short-term capital gains or U.S. source interest income to which the exception from withholding described above does not apply) are generally subject to withholding of U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or lower applicable treaty rate).

A foreign shareholder is not, in general, subject to U.S. federal income tax on gains (and is not allowed a deduction for losses) realized on the sale of shares of the Fund unless (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the foreign shareholder of a trade or business within the United States, or (ii) in the case of a foreign shareholder that is an individual, the shareholder is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during the year of the sale and certain other conditions are met.

Foreign shareholders with respect to whom income from the Fund is effectively connected with a trade or business conducted by the foreign shareholder within the United States will in general be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the income derived from the Fund at the graduated rates applicable to U.S. citizens, residents or domestic corporations, whether such income is received in cash or reinvested in shares of the Fund and, in the case of a foreign corporation, may also be subject to a branch profits tax. If a foreign shareholder is eligible for the benefits of a tax treaty, any effectively connected income or gain will generally be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net basis only if it is also attributable to a permanent establishment maintained by the shareholder in the United States. More generally, foreign shareholders who are residents in a country with an income tax treaty with the United States may obtain different tax results than those described herein, and are urged to consult their tax advisors.

Foreign shareholders of the Fund also may be subject to “wash sale” rules to prevent the avoidance of the tax-filing and -payment obligations discussed above through the sale and repurchase of Fund shares.

Foreign shareholders should consult their tax advisors and, if holding Fund shares through intermediaries, their intermediaries, concerning the application of these rules to an investment in the Fund.

## **CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REPORTING AND WITHHOLDING REQUIREMENTS**

Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and the U.S. Treasury Regulations and IRS guidance issued thereunder (collectively, “FATCA”) generally require the Fund to obtain information sufficient to identify the status of each of its shareholders under FATCA or under an applicable intergovernmental agreement (an “IGA”). If a shareholder fails to provide this information or otherwise fails to comply with FATCA or an IGA, the Fund or its agent may be required to withhold under FATCA at a rate of 30% of the distributions, other than distributions properly reported as Capital Gain Dividends, the Fund pays to shareholders and, on or after January 1, 2019, 30% of the gross proceeds of share redemptions or exchanges and certain Capital Gain Dividends it pays. If a payment by the Fund is subject to FATCA withholding, the Fund or its agent is required to withhold even if such payment would otherwise be exempt from withholding under the rules applicable to foreign persons described above (e.g., Capital Gain Dividends, short-term capital gain dividends, and interest-related dividends).

Each prospective investor is urged to consult its tax adviser regarding the applicability of FATCA and any other reporting requirements with respect to the prospective investor’s own situation, including investments through an intermediary.

## **EQUALIZATION ACCOUNTING**

The Fund intends to distribute its net investment income and capital gains to shareholders at least annually to qualify for treatment as a RIC under the Code. Under current law, provided the Fund is not treated as “personal holding company” for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Fund is permitted to treat on its tax return as dividends paid the portion of redemption proceeds paid to redeeming shareholders that represents the redeeming shareholders’ portion of the Fund’s accumulated earnings and profits. This practice, called “equalization,” reduces the amount of income and/or gains that the Fund is required to distribute as dividends to non-redeeming shareholders. The total return on a shareholder’s investment will generally not be reduced as a result of the Fund’s use of this practice.

## **TAX SHELTER DISCLOSURE**

Under Treasury regulations, if a shareholder recognizes a loss on a disposition of the Fund’s shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases excepted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a RIC are not excepted. This filing requirement applies even though, as a practical matter, any such loss would not, for example, reduce the taxable income of an insurance company. Future guidance may extend the current exception from this reporting requirement to shareholders of most or all RICs. The fact that a loss is reportable under

these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisors to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

## **OTHER REPORTING**

Shareholders that are U.S. persons and own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the Portfolio could be required to report annually their “financial interest” in the Fund’s “foreign financial accounts,” if any, on FinCEN 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). Shareholders should consult a tax advisor regarding the applicability to them of this reporting requirement.

## **PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

### **YIELD CALCULATIONS**

From time to time, Government Money Market ProFund may advertise its “yield” and “effective yield.” Both yield figures are based on historical earnings and are not intended to indicate future performance. The “yield” of Government Money Market ProFund refers to the income generated by an investment in Government Money Market ProFund over a seven-day period (which period will be stated in the advertisement). This income is then “annualized.” That is, the amount of income generated by the investment during that week is assumed to be generated each week over a 52-week period and is shown as a percentage of the investment. The “effective yield” is calculated similarly, but, when annualized, the income earned by an investment in Government Money Market ProFund is assumed to be reinvested. The “effective yield” will be slightly higher than the “yield” because of the compounding effect of this assumed reinvestment.

Since yield fluctuates, yield data cannot necessarily be used to compare an investment in Government Money Market ProFund’s shares with bank deposits, savings accounts and similar investment alternatives which often provide an agreed or guaranteed fixed yield for a stated period of time. Shareholders of Government Money Market ProFund should remember that yield generally is a function of the kind and quality of the instrument held in the portfolio, portfolio maturity, operating expenses and market conditions.

## **COMPARISONS OF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE**

Performance of the Fund may be compared in publications to the performance of various unmanaged indexes and investments for which reliable performance data is available and to averages, performance rankings, or other information prepared by recognized mutual fund statistical services. In conjunction with performance reports, promotional literature, and/or analyses of shareholder service for the Fund, comparisons of the performance information of the Fund for a given period to the performance of recognized, unmanaged indexes for the same period may be made including, but are not limited to, indexes provided by Dow Jones & Company, Standard & Poor’s Corporation, Lipper Analytical Services, Inc., Barclays Capital, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., The Frank Russell Company, Value Line Investment Survey, NYSE Alternext U.S., the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Morgan Stanley Capital International, Wilshire Associates, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange, ICE Futures U.S., Inc., the Nikkei Stock Average, the Paris CAC 40 and Deutsche Aktien Index, all of which are unmanaged market indicators. Such comparisons can be a useful measure of the quality of the Fund’s investment performance. In particular, performance information for the Fund may be compared to various unmanaged indexes, including, but not limited to, the S&P 500 Index, the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the Dow Jones U.S. Index, the Russell 2000 Index and the NASDAQ-100 Index, among others.

In addition, rankings, ratings, and comparisons of investment performance and/or assessments of the quality of shareholder service appearing in publications such as Money, Forbes, Kiplinger’s Magazine, Personal Investor, Morningstar, Inc., and similar sources that utilize information compiled (i) internally, (ii) by Lipper Analytical Services, Inc. (“Lipper”), or (iii) by other recognized analytical services, may be used in sales literature. Broad-based Lipper groupings may also be used for comparison.

Information about the performance of the Fund will be contained in the Fund’s annual and semiannual reports to shareholders, which may be obtained without charge by writing to the Fund at the address or telephoning the Fund at the telephone number set forth on the cover page of this SAI.

## **RATING SERVICES**

The ratings of Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor’s Ratings Group, Fitch Investor Services, Dominion Rating Services and Thomson Bank Watch represent their opinions as to the quality of the securities that they undertake to rate. A description of the ratings used herein and in the Prospectus is set forth in Appendix A to this SAI.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm and Financial Statements of the Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 included in the 2016 Annual Report to Shareholders are incorporated herein by reference to the Trust's annual report to shareholders, such Financial Statements having been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Trust's independent registered public accounting firm, and are incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of said firm, which report is given upon their authority as experts in auditing and accounting. Copies of such annual report are available without charge upon request by writing to ProFunds, 4400 Easton Commons, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43219 or telephoning (888) 776-3637.

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## APPENDIX A

### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”).

AAA – An obligation rated ‘AAA’ has the highest rating assigned by S&P Global Ratings. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is extremely strong.

AA – An obligation rated ‘AA’ differs from the highest-rated obligations only to a small degree. The obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is very strong.

A – An obligation rated ‘A’ is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor’s capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is still strong.

BBB – An obligation rated ‘BBB’ exhibits adequate protection parameters. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

BB; B; CCC; CC; and C – Obligations rated ‘BB’, ‘B’, ‘CCC’, ‘CC’, and ‘C’ are regarded as having significant speculative characteristics. ‘BB’ indicates the least degree of speculation and ‘C’ the highest. While such obligations will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

BB – An obligation rated ‘BB’ is less vulnerable to nonpayment than other speculative issues. However, it faces major ongoing uncertainties or exposure to adverse business, financial, or economic conditions which could lead to the obligor’s inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

B – An obligation rated ‘B’ is more vulnerable to nonpayment than obligations rated ‘BB’, but the obligor currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the obligor’s capacity or willingness to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CCC – An obligation rated ‘CCC’ is currently vulnerable to nonpayment, and is dependent upon favorable business, financial, and economic conditions for the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation. In the event of adverse business, financial, or economic conditions, the obligor is not likely to have the capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation.

CC – An obligation rated ‘CC’ is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment. The ‘CC’ rating is used when a default has not yet occurred, but S&P Global Ratings expects default to be a virtual certainty, regardless of the anticipated time to default.

C – An obligation rated ‘C’ is currently highly vulnerable to nonpayment, and the obligation is expected to have lower relative seniority or lower ultimate recovery compared to obligations that are rated higher.

D – An obligation rated ‘D’ is in default or in breach of an imputed promise. For non-hybrid capital instruments, the ‘D’ rating category is used when payments on an obligation are not made on the date due, unless S&P Global Ratings believes that such payments will be made within five business days in the absence of a stated grace period or within the earlier of the stated grace period or 30 calendar days. The ‘D’ rating also will be used upon the filing of a bankruptcy petition or the taking of similar action and where default on an obligation is a virtual certainty, for example due to automatic stay provisions. An obligation’s rating is lowered to ‘D’ if it is subject to a distressed exchange offer.

The ratings from ‘AA’ to ‘CCC’ may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or a minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.

NR – This indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P Global Ratings does not rate a particular obligation as a matter of policy.

Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”).

Aaa – Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

Aa – Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A – Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa – Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Ba – Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

B – Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

Caa – Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Ca – Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of recovery of principal and interest.

C – Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

Fitch Investor Services ("Fitch's").

AAA – Highest credit quality. 'AAA' ratings denote the lowest expectation of default risk. They are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is highly unlikely to be adversely affected by foreseeable events.

AA – Very high credit quality. 'AA' ratings denote expectations of very low default risk. They indicate very strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity is not significantly vulnerable to foreseeable events.

A – High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

BBB – Good credit quality. 'BBB' ratings indicate that expectations of default risk are currently low. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered adequate but adverse business or economic conditions are more likely to impair this capacity.

BB – Speculative. 'BB' ratings indicate an elevated vulnerability to default risk, particularly in the event of adverse changes in business or economic conditions over time; however, business or financial flexibility exists that supports the servicing of financial commitments.

B – Highly speculative. 'B' ratings indicate that material default risk is present, but a limited margin of safety remains. Financial commitments are currently being met; however, capacity for continued payment is vulnerable to deterioration in the business and economic environment.

CCC – Substantial credit risk. Default is a real possibility.

CC – Very high levels of credit risk. Default of some kind appears probable.

C – Near default. A default or default-like process has begun, or the issuer is in standstill, or for a closed funding vehicle, payment capacity is irrevocably impaired. Conditions that are indicative of a 'C' category rating for an issuer include:

- the issuer has entered into a grace or cure period following non-payment of a material financial obligation;
- the issuer has entered into a temporary negotiated waiver or standstill agreement following a payment default on a material financial obligation;
- the formal announcement by the issuer or their agent of a distressed debt exchange;
- a closed financing vehicle where payment capacity is irrevocably impaired such that it is not expected to pay interest and/or principal in full during the life of the transaction, but where no payment default is imminent

RD – Restricted default. ‘RD’ ratings indicate an issuer that in Fitch’s opinion has experienced:

- a. an uncured payment default on a bond, loan or other material financial obligation, but
- b. has not entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation, or other formal winding-up procedure, and
- c. has not otherwise ceased operating. This would include:
  - i. the selective payment default on a specific class or currency of debt;
  - ii. the uncured expiry of any applicable grace period, cure period or default forbearance period following a payment default on a bank loan, capital markets security or other material financial obligation;
  - iii. the extension of multiple waivers or forbearance periods upon a payment default on one or more material financial obligations, either in series or in parallel;
  - iv. ordinary execution of a distressed-debt exchange on one or more material financial obligations.

D – Default. ‘D’ ratings indicate an issuer that in Fitch’s opinion has entered into bankruptcy filings, administration, receivership, liquidation or other formal winding-up procedure, or that has otherwise ceased business.

Default ratings are not assigned prospectively to entities or their obligations; within this context, non-payment on an instrument that contains a deferral feature or grace period will generally not be considered a default until after the expiration of the deferral or grace period, unless a default is otherwise driven by bankruptcy or other similar circumstance, or by a distressed debt exchange.

In all cases, the assignment of a default rating reflects the agency’s opinion as to the most appropriate rating category consistent with the rest of its universe of ratings and may differ from the definition of default under the terms of an issuer’s financial obligations or local commercial practice.

Dominion Ratings Services of Canada (“DBRS”).

AAA – Highest credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is exceptionally high and unlikely to be adversely affected by future events.

AA – Superior credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered high. Credit quality differs from AAA only to a small degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

A – Good credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is substantial, but of lesser credit quality than AA. May be vulnerable to future events, but qualifying negative factors are considered manageable.

BBB – Adequate credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is considered acceptable. May be vulnerable to future events.

BB – Speculative, non-investment grade credit quality. The capacity for the payment of financial obligations is uncertain. Vulnerable to future events.

B – Highly speculative credit quality. There is a high level of uncertainty as to the capacity to meet financial obligations.

CCC/CC/C – Very highly speculative credit quality. In danger of defaulting on financial obligations. There is little difference between these three categories, although CC and C ratings are normally applied to obligations that are seen as highly likely to default, or subordinated to obligations rated in the CCC to B range. Obligations in respect of which default has not technically taken place but is considered inevitable may be rated in the C category.

D – When the issuer has filed under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up statute or there is a failure to satisfy an obligation after the exhaustion of grace periods, a downgrade to D may occur. DBRS may also use SD (Selective Default) in cases where only some securities are impacted, such as the case of a “distressed exchange.”



#### **DESCRIPTION OF S&P'S MUNICIPAL NOTE RATINGS:**

Municipal notes with maturities of three years or less are usually given note ratings (designated SP-1 or SP-2) to distinguish more clearly the credit quality of notes as compared to bonds. Notes rated SP-1 have a strong capacity to pay principal and interest. Those issues determined to possess very strong capacity to pay debt service are given the designation of SP-1+. Notes rated SP-2 have a satisfactory capacity to pay principal and interest, with some vulnerability to adverse financial and economic changes over the term of the notes.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF MOODY'S MUNICIPAL NOTE RATINGS:**

Moody's ratings for state and municipal notes and other short-term loans are designated Moody's Investment Grade (MIG) and for variable rate demand obligations are designated Variable Moody's Investment Grade (VMIG). This distinction recognizes the differences between short-term credit risk and long-term risk. Loans bearing the designation MIG-1/VMIG-1 are of superior credit quality, enjoying excellent protection from established cash flows of funds for their servicing or from established and broad-based access to the market for refinancing, or both. Loans bearing/with the designation MIG-2/VMIG-2 are of strong credit quality, with ample margins of protection, although not as large as the preceding group.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF S&P COMMERCIAL PAPER RATINGS:**

Commercial paper rated A-1 by S&P indicates that the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitment on the obligation is strong. Those issues determined to possess extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitment are denoted A-1+.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF MOODY'S COMMERCIAL PAPER RATINGS:**

The rating Prime-1 is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Moody's. Issuers rated Prime-1 (or related supporting institutions) are considered to have a superior capacity for repayment of short-term debt obligations.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF FITCH INVESTORS SERVICE'S COMMERCIAL PAPER RATINGS:**

F-1+: Exceptionally Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating are regarded as having the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments.

F-1: Strong Credit Quality. Issues assigned this rating reflect an intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments only slightly less in degree than the strongest issue.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF DOMINION RATINGS SERVICES OF CANADA — COMMERCIAL PAPER AND SHORT-TERM DEBT RATINGS:**

All three DBRS rating categories for short term debt use "(high)", "(middle)", and "(low)" as subset grades to designate the relative standing of the credit within a particular rating category. The following comments provide separate definitions for the three grades in the Prime Credit Quality area, as this is where ratings for active borrowers in Canada continue to be heavily concentrated.

R-1 (high) – Short term debt rated "R-1 (high)" is of the highest credit quality, and indicates an entity which possesses exceptionally high capacity to repay short-term financial obligations as they fall due and which is unlikely to be adversely affected by future events. Entities rated in this category normally maintain strong liquidity positions, conservative debt levels and profitability which is both stable and above average. Companies achieving an "R-1 (high)" rating are normally leaders in structurally sound industry segments with proven track records, sustainable positive future results and no substantial qualifying negative factors. Given the extremely tough definition which DBRS has established for an "R-1 (high)", few entities are strong enough to achieve this rating.

R-1 (middle) – Short term debt rated "R-1 (middle)" is of superior credit quality and, in most cases, ratings in this category differ from "R-1 (high)" credits by a relatively modest degree. Entities rated R-1 (middle) possess a very high capacity for repayment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due and are unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events. Given the extremely tough definition which DBRS has for the "R-1 (high)" category (which few companies are able to achieve), entities rated "R-1 (middle)" are also considered strong credits which typically exemplify above average strength in key areas of consideration for debt protection.

R-1 (low) – Short term debt rated "R-1 (low)" is of good credit quality. Entities rated R-1 (low) possess substantial capacity for repayment of short-term financial obligations as they fall due. The overall strength and outlook for key liquidity, debt and profitability ratios is not normally as favorable as with higher rating categories, but these considerations are still respectable. Entities rated R-1 (low) may be vulnerable to future events, but any qualifying negative factors which exist are considered manageable, and the entity is normally of sufficient size to have some influence in its industry.



## **DESCRIPTION OF THOMSON BANK WATCH SHORT-TERM RATINGS:**

TBW-1 – The highest category; indicates a very high likelihood that principal and interest will be paid on timely basis.

TBW-2 – The second-highest category; while the degree of safety regarding timely repayment of principal and interest is strong, the relative degree of safety is not as high as of issues rated “TBW-1”.

TBW-3 – The lowest investment-grade category; indicates that while the obligation is more susceptible to adverse developments (both internal and external) than those with higher ratings, the capacity to service principal and interest in a timely fashion is considered adequate.

TBW-4 – The lowest rating category; this rating is regarded as non-investment grade and therefore speculative.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THOMSON BANKWATCH LONG-TERM RATINGS:**

AA – Indicates a very strong ability to repay principal and interest on a timely basis, with limited incremental risk compared to issues rated in the highest ratings.

A – Indicates the ability to repay principal and interest is strong. Issues rated “A” could be more vulnerable to adverse developments (both internal and external) than obligations with higher ratings.

BBB – The lowest investment-grade category; indicates an acceptable capacity to repay principal and interest. Issues rated “BBB” are, however, more vulnerable to adverse developments (both internal and external) than obligations with higher ratings.

## **NON-INVESTMENT GRADE (ISSUES REGARDED AS HAVING SPECULATIVE CHARACTERISTICS IN THE LIKELIHOOD OF TIMELY REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.)**

BB – While not investment grade, the “BB” rating suggests that the likelihood of default is considerably less than for lower-rated issues. However, there are significant uncertainties that could affect the ability to adequately service debt obligations.

B – Issues rated “B” show a higher degree of uncertainty and therefore greater likelihood of default than higher-rated issues. Adverse development could well negatively affect the payment of interest and principal on a timely basis.

CCC – Issues rated “CCC” clearly have a high likelihood of default, with little capacity to address further adverse changes in financial circumstances.

CC – “CC” is applied to issues that are subordinate to other obligations rated “CCC” and are afforded less protection in the event of bankruptcy or reorganization.

D – Default

These long-term debt ratings can also be applied to local currency debt. In such cases the ratings defined above will be preceded by the designation “LC.”

A rating in the long term debt categories may include a plus (+) or minus (-) to indicate where within the category the issue is placed.

## APPENDIX B

### PRINCIPAL HOLDERS AND CONTROL PERSONS

From time to time, certain shareholders may own, of record or beneficially, a large percentage of the shares of Government Money Market ProFund (the "Fund"). Accordingly, those shareholders may be able to greatly affect (if not determine) the outcome of a shareholder vote. As of April 10, 2017, no persons owned 25% or more of the shares of the Fund and may be deemed to control the Fund.

As of April 10, 2017, the following persons owned of record, or to the knowledge of management beneficially owned, five percent or more of a class of shares of the Fund.

<u>Fund/Class</u>	<u>No. of Shares</u>	<u>Percent of the Class Total Assets Held by the Shareholder</u>
<b>Government Money Market ProFund – Investor Class</b>		
TRUST COMPANY OF AMERICA PO BOX 6503 CENTENNIAL CO 80155	132,809,921.825	30.64%
ASWAN INVESTMENT LP 84 WEST SANTA CLARA STREET SUITE 490 SAN JOSE CA 95113	53,260,479.097	12.29%
MERIDAN CAPITAL PARTNERS 4814 NE 39TH ST SEATTLE WA 98105	47,343,643.843	10.92%
<b>Government Money Market ProFund – Service Class</b>		
GERALD RAABE 18 GREY MOSS MONTGOMERY TX 77356	828,707.002	6.66%