

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund

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# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund (Unaudited)

Annual Shareholder Letter: Twelve Months Ended November 30, 2018



#### **Dear Fellow Investors:**

It is our pleasure to update you on recent developments regarding the Moerus Worldwide Value Fund ("the Fund"). In this Shareholder Letter, we will touch on Fund performance, how we currently view the world, portfolio activity since we last wrote to you, and some thoughts on asset-based investing in periods when earnings expectations and intrinsic value diverge.

We thank you very much for your support, and as always, we welcome any feedback that you might have.

#### Fund Performance (as of November 30, 2018)\*

			Since Inception**		
Fund/Index	6-Months	1-year	Cumulative	Annualized	
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund - Class N	-9.31%	-13.79%	11.32%	4.38%	
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund - Institutional Class	-9.17%	-13.55%	12.05%	4.66%	
MSCI AC World Index Net (USD) ***	-2.66%	-0.98%	27.95%	10.35%	

<sup>\*</sup> Performance data quoted is historical, and is net of fees and expenses.

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With regard to the table above, as always, please note that the Fund's performance data is noted simply for informational purposes for our fellow investors. The Fund seeks to invest with a long-term time horizon, of five years or more, and it is not managed with any short-term performance objectives or benchmark considerations in mind. The investment objective of the Fund is long-term capital appreciation, and we manage the Fund with the goal of achieving attractive risk-adjusted performance over the long term.

Maintaining a long-term investment approach does not, unfortunately, make periods of poor performance any less painful. Indeed, for long-term, fundamental bottom-up investors like us, 2018<sup>1</sup> proved to be a frustrating year. It was a year in which macroeconomic and geopolitical headlines, in our view, played a much greater role in stock price performance than fundamental

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that this letter covers the Fund's 2018 Fiscal Year, or the twelve months ended November 30, 2018.

developments at the level of the underlying businesses. Attractive long-term investment theses seemed to go underappreciated or unnoticed entirely, drowned out by the noise emanating from a wide range of sources, including trade negotiations with China, the Fed increasing interest rates, macroeconomic and political uncertainty across much of Latin America, a most unlikely coalition of populists coming to power in Italy, and intensifying political brinkmanship and threats of a prolonged government shutdown here in the U.S.

Many of the topics above contributed to one of the main themes unfolding in 2018 which negatively impacted the Fund's portfolio: namely, the significant underperformance of markets outside of the U.S., especially emerging markets, in U.S. dollar terms. For a simple illustration of this, the MSCI All-Country World Index (ACWI) Net, in which the U.S. has by far the single largest country weighting (roughly 54%), declined by only 1% over the twelve months ended November 30, 2018. By comparison, The MSCI ACWI Ex-USA Index Net - which as the name suggests, excludes the U.S. - declined over 8%, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index Net declined over 9% during the same period. In many markets outside the U.S., weak performance in local currency terms was, in most cases, compounded by weakening currencies relative to the U.S. dollar. Notably, the Fund currently has much less exposure to the U.S. (14.5% of assets, excluding cash at year-end) and much more exposure to emerging markets (over 25% of assets) than many global indices. As such, in 2018 the Fund's performance suffered partly due to the "underperformance" of international markets, which many investors fled (particularly from emerging markets) for the perceived "safety" of the U.S. market and more specifically its highflying tech sector, which until recently attracted many investors drawn to its real or perceived growth prospects.

It is important to emphasize that wherever the Fund's assets are invested is simply a result of where we believe we are finding the most attractively valued, long-term opportunities at any point in time, period. It is not due to any benchmark considerations or top-down views on asset allocation. It is simply a result of where we believe we are seeing the best risk-adjusted values. Pursuing deeply discounted bargains wherever they may exist requires a contrarian bent, and therefore it is not surprising that we have been finding opportunities in unpopular areas that many others fled in 2018 (Latin America, which we discussed in detail in our Semi-Annual Shareholder Letter, comes to mind). On the other hand, the U.S. – in particular, its technology and other "growth" sectors – seemed to be one of the more "crowded rooms" in 2018, at least judging by the relative paucity of compellingly priced investment opportunities (in our view, anyway). But our longer-term views notwithstanding, the U.S. market held up well on a relative basis in 2018, which weighed on the Fund's performance in a relative sense.

However, the non-U.S. geographic composition of the Fund's investments was not the only factor impacting performance in 2018. Indeed, given what we have said thus far, you might then find it surprising that the U.S. was, in fact, the single largest detractor, by country, from the Fund's performance during 2018. The primary reason for this, in our view, is driven by the types of U.S. investments that the Fund owns. Namely, as we have discussed at length in past letters, we have avoided the broadly loved stocks whose valuations – excessively inflated, in our view – were fueled by growth prospects and momentum in earnings, revenue, subscribers, unique users, eyeballs, or whatever the case may be. Instead, the opportunities found in the Fund are generally more asset-based in nature, trading at what we believe are unusually attractive discounts to intrinsic value, and have been executing concrete actions that we believe are building intrinsic

value over the long-term. These opportunities became available at attractive prices because they fell out of favor with most investors, primarily due to clouded immediate-term outlooks and a lack of reported current earnings, revenue or other metrics to please what we believe was a largely momentum-driven market in 2018. Holdings such as Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc., Tidewater Inc. and Jefferies Financial Group Inc. were punished excessively, in our view, due to disappointing short-term earnings and/or near-term outlooks, ironically despite longer-term, fundamental developments which we believe will increase intrinsic value over the long run.

Despite a painful 2018, longer-term we continue to be very encouraged by positive fundamental developments across many of the Fund's holdings, most notably among some of the most significant negative drivers of performance during the year. In many cases, we'd argue that intrinsic values grew even as the stock prices suffered, widening discounts and, in our view, making the long-term investment cases even more attractive. In the short run, stock prices are often driven more by popularity contests and investors' (sometimes irrational) hopes, fears, optimism and anxiety, than by underlying intrinsic value. The Fund seemed to suffer from this phenomenon in 2018.

Asset-based value investing of the type that we do at Moerus often requires enduring periods in which the lack of earnings-related momentum can cause stock prices and intrinsic value to diverge (we will return to this topic in greater detail later). In our view, 2018 was one of those periods. But in our experience, these large gaps between stock price and intrinsic value typically don't persist indefinitely. The discount might eventually narrow in the market as short-term adversity wanes and investor sentiment improves. Or failing recognition in the securities markets, value might ultimately be crystallized in the private markets through a takeover offer, asset sales, or other actions. Either way, provided that the company in question has the wherewithal, financial and otherwise, to weather short-term periods of uncertainty (an important caveat), we believe that more times than not, underlying value is recognized over the long run. In fact, two profitable exits from the Fund in 2018 resulted from value-realizing events (more on that shortly).

Of course, the timing of such value-realizations is highly uncertain, and as we have cautioned in the past, given our contrarian approach the Fund can and will endure unpleasant periods of underperformance. While 2018 was an example of one of these periods and was a painful and frustrating year, we will maintain our long-term focus. We remain confident and encouraged that the Fund is well-positioned to ultimately benefit from sound fundamentals and valuations that we believe have gotten even more attractive from a long-term perspective as a result of stock price declines. In many cases, provided that our investment thesis holds and continues to develop in a sensible way, these declines have enabled us to add to existing positions.

#### **Investment Activity in the Fund**

In fact, in Fiscal Year 2018 (twelve months ended November 30, 2018), we added to 28 existing positions, in addition to initiating three new positions in the Fund that we discussed at length in the Fund's Semi-Annual Shareholder Letter: Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited, Shinsei Bank, Ltd., and Tidewater Inc. As of November 30, 2018, the Fund's portfolio included 38 holdings. The Fund also held roughly 11.1% of its assets in cash as of the end of November, which we believe provides us with flexibility and the ability to quickly respond if further market volatility provides us with opportunities to add to new or existing investments.

#### **Portfolio Exits**

The Fund's investment in Aspen Insurance, however, proved to be short-lived, as it was one of two notable exits made from the Fund in 2018. As we had noted in our last letter, Aspen Insurance had a sound long-term underwriting track record. However, the company (and its stock) had fallen on hard times in 2017 due to hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria, wildfires in California, and growing pains associated with the primary insurance business it had been expanding. We began building the Fund's position in Aspen stock in March 2018, at prices around book value, which represented a significant discount to recent industry transaction multiples.

In our prior Shareholder Letter, we also noted that Aspen management had recently acknowledged that the Board of Directors was considering all options to create shareholder value. On August 28, in what appears to have been the culmination of those efforts, the company announced that it had agreed to be acquired by Apollo Global Management LLC for \$42.75 per share in cash. We would have liked to have owned Aspen for a much longer period – our holding period turned out to be only about eight months – but the deal's completion seemed to be a *fait accompli*, albeit at a price representing an over 5% premium to the Fund's cost basis. As Aspen stock began to approach Apollo's proposed purchase price (thereby limiting further upside potential, in our view), in consideration of the fact that the transaction is not expected to close until sometime in the first half of 2019, and until then is subject to break clauses that could potentially be triggered by major natural catastrophes, we decided to sell the Fund's position in order to redeploy the capital into other opportunities.

The other notable exit from the Fund in 2018 was its position in Guoco Group Limited ("Guoco"), a Hong Kong-listed holding company with interests in various areas, including real estate, financial services, gaming, and hospitality. Guoco is a company with which our team is very familiar, as we have followed the company for many years. Back in 2001, Guoco sold its controlling stake in Dao Heng Bank Group Ltd. to DBS Group Holdings Ltd. in 2001 at what we deemed to be a rich price. Over the ensuing years, the company reinvested the proceeds from the sale – shrewdly, in our opinion – in various areas, including property development and investment, banking services, and gaming. Our investment thesis, in a nutshell, was that Guoco boasted an extremely strong, net cash balance sheet, a controlling shareholder (Quek Leng Chan) with a track record of value-accretive purchases and sales of assets, and an attractive valuation at a roughly 40% discount to our estimate of intrinsic value, the majority of which consisted of publicly traded assets.

We began acquiring shares of Guoco at the Fund's inception in June 2016 and continued to build a position throughout 2016 and much of 2017, at an average cost of around HK\$91.50. Guoco stock gradually rose until July 2018, when an entity affiliated with the controlling shareholder offered to take Guoco private for HK\$135 per share, at a greater than 14% premium to the previous close and a roughly 47% premium to the Fund's cost basis. In the weeks that followed the offer, Guoco stock approached the offer price, thereby limiting further upside potential in the event the transaction were completed. Further, we judged it possible that minority shareholders might reject the going-private plan given the fact that the offer, while at a nice premium, was nonetheless priced at a discount to the company's disclosed intrinsic value (which again was based primarily on ownership stakes in other publicly listed securities). With the controlling shareholder, in our estimation, unlikely to increase the offer price, and in light of the possibility of the offer being rejected, we decided to exit the Fund's position in Guoco at an average price of

roughly HK\$130, electing to realize a meaningful profit. After the Fund's exit, the controlling shareholder's offer to take Guoco private was indeed subsequently rejected by shareholders, and Guoco's share price has since declined by over 20%. If the share price were to once again decline to levels that offer, in our estimation, attractive risk-adjusted return potential with an adequate margin of safety, it is not inconceivable that we could potentially revisit an investment in Guoco at some point in the future.

As we noted earlier, large discounts to intrinsic value often exist from time to time for various reasons, but in our experience they often do not last indefinitely, instead eventually being recognized by either the public securities markets or failing that, in the private markets. Aspen and Guoco are two examples of the latter scenario playing out. While the positive impacts of these two events on the Fund's performance were overshadowed in 2018 by the mostly market sentiment-driven negative impacts on stock prices that we previously discussed, we believe that these types of value-surfacing events are likely to contribute meaningfully to the Fund's performance over the long run, as they have in our past experience. Despite a disappointing 2018, we believe that the Fund is well-positioned to benefit from these kinds of events going forward.

#### The Bumpy Road of Asset-Based Investing: When Momentum and Intrinsic Value Diverge

A defining characteristic of most investment approaches, particularly those of value investors, is their approach toward valuation. Namely, what constitutes a valuation attractive enough to result in the inclusion of a security in an investment portfolio? Different approaches employ a variety of data – backward-looking as well as forward – or a combination of past, present and future data to divine what the security in question might be worth. At Moerus, however, our methodology for assessing the valuation of a security tends to draw upon the actual data at that specific point in time, reflecting the past and present, but with very limited conjectures or predictions about the future. For a longer discussion of this approach to investing, please refer to our January 2016 Investor Memo *Asset-Based Investing in an Earnings-Focused World*. Our preference for evaluating an opportunity on an "as is" basis is predicated upon our belief that the future is inherently unknown, and that the likelihood of repeatedly, correctly estimating the future variables that influence an individual company's operating performance (and by implication its valuation) is low.

It's not always easy, but as investors we must accept that regardless of how confident we might be in a potential outcome, we simply do not possess a crystal ball that will tell us the future with an adequate degree of certainty. It is therefore critical, in our view, to acknowledge this and formulate an approach that adequately addresses this inconvenient truth about investing. At Moerus this involves a pursuit of conservatism, in which we undertake an evaluation of each investment with a reduced dependence upon assumptions of unknown future variables. This approach ascribes estimated realizable values for companies based on the here and now. Importantly, these are often periods of adversity for the company, industry, or geographic regions in which it operates, and thus our estimates may well understate the "ultimate" values which might be realized in a more normal (e.g., a more benign) operating environment.

As we have often discussed, bargains in the investment world are not often easy to come by. Like a department store, in which the largest discounts are typically offered on merchandise that has not sold briskly, in the securities markets deeply discounted investment opportunities often are available because for whatever reason, they are not in fashion at that point in time. It may be a

poor current or near-term outlook for an industry or country, or perhaps a company-specific event (*e.g.*, a misstep by management). Whatever the reason for it, valuations are often most attractive when the investment in question is out of favor. Following this investment approach therefore requires a long-term investment horizon. And given this longer-term holding period, it is of paramount importance that the investment in question have a strong financial and business position with an ability to survive, or preferably, thrive during the periods of adversity that will almost inevitably occur over the lifecycle of a typical investment.

Circumstances that could close the discount between price paid and intrinsic value could entail a more traditional path, such as the improved operating performance of assets stemming from management initiatives or an improving operating environment for the business, *inter alia*. Alternatively, value could also be surfaced by sales of assets, or the entire business, at attractive prices, as in the Aspen Insurance and Guoco Group cases highlighted earlier. In each case, to implement this approach successfully, the investor's focus needs to be less on near-term earnings expectations, and more on the nature of the measures that could potentially be taken to create and realize value – which are necessarily longer-term in nature. Accordingly, this requires one to largely ignore earnings-related movements of securities prices, and focus instead on the evolution of the intrinsic value underlying the company in question. The overwhelming importance most investors attach to earnings (and to changes in earnings expectations), coupled with the ever-shortening investment horizons of most market participants, makes such patient investing, where most (non-fundamental) near-term stock price movements are treated as noise, a challenging endeavor for most investors. This is especially true in the current era of 24-hour news cycles and market-moving presidential tweets.

## What Implications Does the Asset-Based Approach Have for the Fund's Portfolio?

This asset-based approach functions well, we believe, as a means of assessing a conservative value of a business to a potential purchaser of the company – such as Apollo Global Management in its pending acquisition of Aspen Insurance, or Guoco's controlling shareholder in its proposal to take the company private. It is also, in our opinion, of considerable importance in mitigating price risk (as a result of buying cheaply) in a longer-term context. However, we must emphasize that this approach is of limited utility as a timing tool for buying "at the bottom." Looking back through our years of investing, we believe that buying securities based on this valuation methodology has historically tended to diminish price risk in a longer-term context, but it has generally proven unhelpful as a guide to side-stepping transitory price declines in the short-term. To wit, buying cheaply mitigates, but certainly does not eliminate, the likelihood of experiencing price declines and significant stock price volatility along the way.

Another implication is that, again, investment time horizons matter. An asset-based investor such as Moerus would typically view any operating development through a long-term investor's lens, assessing any earnings-impacting operating development quite differently than a typical earnings-focused investor might. A long-term investor would typically assess the impact, if any, that the development had on the long-term intrinsic asset value of the underlying business. On the other hand, for the shorter-term, earnings-focused investor, the primacy of earnings and the information contained in the income statement or earnings release would dominate, prompting hair-trigger trading responses, which even small earnings changes (which may be immaterial in the long-term) can cause.

#### **Example: Tidewater Inc.**

An example of the potentially divergent interpretations of reported operating results is offered by the reaction to the most recent reported results of Tidewater Inc., a company we wrote about in our last Shareholder Letter. The company provides offshore service vessels and associated services to offshore oil exploration and production installations, which are currently experiencing significantly depressed levels of business activity. The weakness of the current level of business activity was evident in the company's recently reported results (released in November), which nonetheless showed positive cash earnings, no small achievement in a fragmented industry in which many of its peers are at death's door. Meanwhile, also in November, Tidewater merged with a peer (Gulfmark Offshore) that had complementary operations, continuing to broaden the geographic scope of its operations while acquiring Gulfmark's fleet at what seems likely to be a significant discount to replacement cost. Our take on the merger and earnings results was generally positive in the context of the long-term building of the business value. But the majority of other investors, who are earnings-focused and probably shorter-term in nature, seemed to view these events far more negatively, with an ensuing impact on the company's stock price. In our opinion, the currently depressed levels of offshore activity that drove Tidewater's results are long-known, and the company's results for the past quarter were therefore not surprising. Yes, the past quarter's reported earnings were weak, but from our perspective as a long-term investor in a business that we believe is building intrinsic value and strengthening its position for an eventual normalization in business conditions, it merely reflects noise that is irrelevant to the long-term operation of the business.

#### **Emerging Markets**

Nowhere is this dichotomy more visible, in our opinion, than in emerging markets. Normally the domain of growth investors, emerging market stocks accordingly seem to be subject to heightened sensitivity to changes in earnings estimates in both directions. Additionally, the reaction in emerging markets' securities prices to changes in earnings estimates/expectations is usually amplified by the relative illiquidity of the securities in such markets. The volatility resulting from a downward revision in earnings estimates, which in turn has often been amplified as a result of relative illiquidity, has historically proven to be a quite good source of attractively valued investment opportunities for us in developing markets, despite their reputation as a home primarily of growth investors. We have found this to be especially true in the area of asset-rich companies, where current earnings provide a poor yardstick for assessing value.

#### **Example: BR Properties S.A.**

An example of this would be the Fund's investment in BR Properties S.A., a Brazilian company whose *modus operandi* has been to acquire a portfolio of very high-quality office properties, primarily in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, at unusually attractive prices from stressed or motivated sellers. The acquisitions of properties at uniquely attractive prices have been made possible by a severe economic downturn that resulted in a sharp rise in vacancy rates and a plunge in office rental rates in Brazil. Buying high-quality buildings cheaply in such an environment with low occupancy rates and depressed rents is unlikely to result in meaningful earnings contribution to the reported results or demonstrate earnings momentum in the short run. The earnings momentum will only get going when occupancy and rental rates stabilize at

higher, more normalized levels (at which point in time a presumably ample or less-discounted valuation, mirroring a less depressed outlook, would make it a far less attractive investment opportunity in our view). In fact, acquiring high vacancy buildings in the midst of weak rental rates is likely to do just the opposite, making the company's income statement look worse as costs pile up while revenues remain elusive and depressed. Accordingly, earnings-focused investors have steered clear of BR Properties, as its earnings were deemed to be low and disappointing (perversely endowing it with a stratospheric Price/Earnings multiple). From our perspective, however, the company's management has done a credible job building a formidable portfolio of prime office properties in a cyclically depressed market, which we believe would, in more normal times, command far higher prices than those at which they are currently valued on the balance sheet. This, in our view, presents an opportunity which lay in plain sight for a long-term investor.

#### **Example: Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.**

Another area of divergence between the asset-based approach and the traditional earnings-based approach relates to corporate events that crystallize value (*e.g.*, by asset sales), but which might have an adverse (or ambiguous) earnings impact over the shorter-term. These are often viewed by the traditional earnings-centric investor as a loss in earnings power for the business and therefore usually are viewed negatively. In contrast, we would view such an event positively if it were to realize value at an attractive price. An example of this is our investment in Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc., which sold two of its (previously six) businesses for what we'd argue were very attractive prices. The sale proceeds, which are significant in the context of a company of this size, will now afford it the opportunity to significantly strengthen its balance sheet, reinvest in its remaining business, and potentially return excess capital to shareholders. These are significant positives in our interpretation of these asset sales, but the benign neglect (disdain?) with which the consummation of the sales was greeted by the market has left the shares at multi-year lows, which seems to us to be a reaction (overreaction?) to the market's resulting forecast of diminished earnings.

#### **Not for Everybody**

Of course, the long-term, asset-based investment approach that we implement at Moerus is not for everybody, or even for most. Quarterly earnings reports, momentum, and near-term outlooks are much more important for those who practice different approaches to investing/trading. For example, for very short-term oriented investors with very high turnover, who actively churn their portfolios, a quarterly earnings report, or management's guidance for the next six months might indeed be very important. At Moerus, however, this is much less relevant to us other than as a frequent source of opportunity to find longer-term bargains that have found themselves in temporary disfavor.

Short-term outlooks, reported earnings and momentum take on much greater importance for another subset of investors: those who employ margin debt (financial leverage) in their portfolios. While margin debt can enhance returns when things work out, it also makes getting short-term variables "right" much more critical, because even temporary price declines, if sharp enough, could trigger margin calls and forced selling (often at the worst of times, when a security is depressed). The Fund, however, does not invest on margin. Not doing so suits the Moerus investment approach quite well; when businesses become available at depressed prices due to temporary adversity, we'd much rather be the opportunistic buyer than the forced seller.

These are just two examples of the many market participants who focus mainly on the short run and particularly on earnings-related momentum. Because this perspective tends to predominate across much of the securities markets, our asset-based approach to valuation and our long-term investment horizon often cause us to view corporate and market events quite differently than much of, if not most of the market. The upshot: as in the Tidewater, BR Properties and Spectrum Brands examples above, our approach to valuation and our long-term investment horizon might, and often does, lead to selection of securities that, while potentially rewarding over the long term, might experience considerable bumps in the road along the way, in the form of price volatility over the holding period. This volatility will often mirror what is, in our opinion, shorter-term earnings-related noise that, in the longer-term, might well amount to little true impact in economic terms, given the financial strength of the underlying businesses in which we strive to invest. Volatility can certainly be unsettling at times. But as we have often said, at Moerus we view volatility as "friend" rather than "foe," as in our experience it has provided us with very attractive opportunities from a long-term perspective.

As always, many thanks for your continued support, interest, and curiosity. We look forward to writing you again later in the year. Best wishes for a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous 2019!

Sincerely,

## **Amit Wadhwaney**

Portfolio Manager

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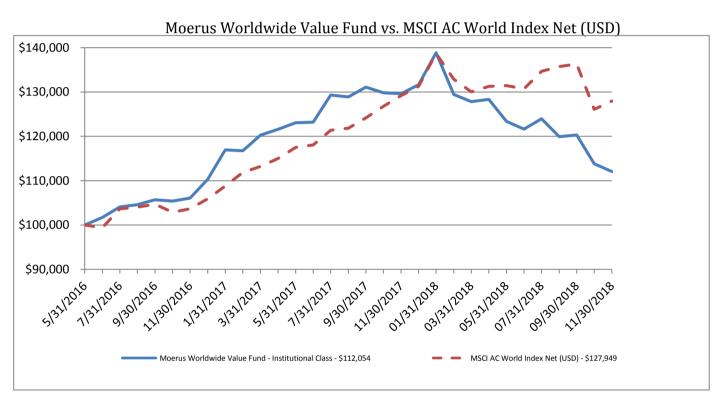
# **Fund Performance - (Unaudited)**

November 30, 2018

## **Moerus Worldwide Value Fund**

The Fund's performance figures\* for the periods ended November 30, 2018, compared to its benchmark:

		Average Annual
Fund/Index	One Year	Since Inception** - November 30, 2018
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund - Class N	(13.79)%	4.38%
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund - Institutional Class	(13.55)%	4.66%
MSCI AC World Index Net (USD) ***	(0.98)%	10.35%



Performance figures include the change in value of the stocks in the index and the reinvestment of dividends. The index return does not reflect expenses, which have been deducted from the Fund's return. The returns shown do not reflect deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. The total operating expense ratio, as stated in the fee table in the Fund's Prospectus dated March 30, 2018, is 2.55% for Class N shares and 2.05% for Institutional Class shares. The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least March 31, 2020, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (exclusive of any taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments, or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) will not exceed 1.65% and 1.40% for Class N and Institutional Class Shares, respectively. The fee waiver and expense reimbursements are subject to possible recoupment from the Fund in future years on a rolling three year basis, if such recoupment can be achieved within the lesser of the foregoing expense limits or those in place at the time of recapture. This agreement may be terminated only by the Trust's Board of Trustees on 60 days written notice to the advisor. Absent this agreement, the performance would have been lower. Redemptions within 90 days of purchase may be assessed a 2.00% fee of the amount redeemed. For performance information current to the most recent month-end table, please call 1-844-MOERUS1. THE FUND'S RETURN REPRESENTS PAST PERFORMANCE AND IS NOT PREDICTIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

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# **Fund Review - (Unaudited)**

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TOP 10 HOLDINGS BY ASSET CLASS OR INDUSTRY AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2018	% OF NET ASSETS
Investment Companies	10.3%
Real Estate	9.2%
Oil & Gas Services	8.5%
Base Metals	5.1%
Restaurants	4.3%
Precious Metal Mining	4.2%
Banks	3.9%
Telecom Carriers	3.8%
Life Insurance	3.7%
Security and Commodity Exchanges	3.5%
Other, Cash and Cash Equivalents	43.5%
TOTAL	100.0%
COUNTRIES DIVERSIFICATION OF ASSETS	% OF NET ASSETS
Canada	23.9%
United States	14.5%
Brazil	7.5%
Colombia	6.9%
United Kingdom	5.3%
Uruguay	4.3%
Greece	3.7%
Netherlands	3.7%
Singapore	3.2%
Panama	2.9%
Hong Kong	2.8%
British Virgin Islands	2.3%
Norway	2.3%
Japan	2.2%
Italy	1.7%
Bermuda	1.4%
TOTAL	88.6%
Other Assets Less Liabilities - Net	11.4%
GRAND TOTAL	100.0%

## **MOERUS WORLDWIDE VALUE FUND (UNAUDITED)**

#### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

The Moerus Worldwide Value Fund (the "Fund") generated returns of -13.79% and -13.55% (net of fees) for the Class N and Institutional Class Shares, respectively, during the twelve months ended November 30, 2018. For comparison purposes only, the MSCI AC World Index Net (USD) returned -0.98% (net) over the same period. It is important to note that the investment objective of the Fund is long-term capital appreciation, and that the Fund typically invests with a time horizon of roughly five years (or more in some cases). For these reasons the Fund is not managed according to any short-term performance objectives or benchmark considerations. Therefore, although we will provide a brief discussion of the Fund's performance below, we are much more focused on the longer-term merits and attractiveness of the Fund's individual investments, and by extension the Fund's aggregate portfolio. As we have detailed in the Annual Shareholder Letter that precedes this discussion, we remain encouraged by what we view as solid long-term, fundamental developments across much of the Fund's portfolio.

With that said, the Fund performed poorly in 2018. In our view, positive developments regarding underlying, long-term business fundamentals across many of the Fund's investments were overshadowed by numerous sources of macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty, including trade negotiations with China, the Federal Reserve tightening monetary policy, a strengthening U.S. dollar and conversely, depreciating local currencies across multiple emerging markets, and political uncertainty in various areas, such as Brazil, Italy, and the United States. Against this backdrop, given the Fund's current exposure mostly to markets outside of the U.S., including emerging markets, the Fund's 2018 performance was negatively impacted by the significant underperformance of these markets in U.S. dollar terms. In general, the strong performance of many large U.S. technology stocks, a theme in recent years, continued until late 2018, and capital seemed to flow away from international markets (especially emerging markets) and into the perceived "safety" of the U.S. market and more specifically its high-flying, richly-valued tech sector. Our continued focus on attempting to limit price risk by not investing in businesses whose valuations seem excessive contributed to the Fund's 2018 performance lagging that of global benchmark indexes, which have significant allocations to the U.S. in general and the Information Technology sector in particular.

The Fund's weak absolute performance during the year ended November 30, 2018, was driven by fairly broad-based share price depreciation among many of its holdings, with the three single largest detractors from performance being the Fund's investments in Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc., BR Properties S.A., and Tidewater, Inc. Listed in the United States, Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc. ("Spectrum Brands") is a global consumer products company focused on non-discretionary consumer products, in areas such as hardware and home improvement, home and garden, global pet supplies, and global auto care. In 2018, Spectrum Brands stock was negatively impacted by earnings results which disappointed analysts and were driven, in part, by disruptions related to the company's consolidation of manufacturing and distribution activities into new green-field facilities.

However, unlike the broader market, which generally is much more short-term oriented, we believe the 2018 developments at Spectrum Brands seem likely to contribute to the long-term development of the business and its intrinsic value. Specifically, more important to us than the quarterly earnings reports that disappointed investors, was our view that in 2018 Spectrum Brands completed a number of concrete steps that have transformed what had been a grab-bag of disparate assets and businesses into a slimmed down, simplified company that is focused on faster growing, cash generative businesses. These steps have included a merger between the listed holding company and listed

## MOERUS WORLDWIDE VALUE FUND (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

primary subsidiary company – resulting in a more widely distributed shareholder base, improved trading liquidity, a simplified corporate and governance structure, and significant tax attributes – in addition to the completed sale of its Rayovac battery business and the pending sale of its Global Auto Care businesses at what we think are attractive prices. We continue to believe that Spectrum Brands offers an attractive long-term investment for the Fund, and its valuation has gotten more attractive as a result of the stock declining.

BR Properties S.A., the second largest detractor from the Fund's performance during 2018, is a leading Brazilian owner of high-quality commercial real estate, the large majority of which consists of prime office buildings in Brazil's two largest cities, São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. In the Fund's Fiscal 2018, BR Properties' stock price suffered in local currency, which in turn depreciated by over 15% relative to the U.S. dollar, resulting in a double-negative impact on the Fund's performance. In recent years, Brazil has suffered from a severe economic downturn that resulted in a sharp rise in vacancy rates and a plunge in office rental rates in Brazil. In response, BR Properties management, quite reasonably in our opinion, has striven to take advantage of this downturn by acquiring some high-quality office properties at unusually attractive prices from distressed or otherwise motivated sellers. While from our perspective, such actions seem likely to provide the potential for meaningful growth in intrinsic value over time if economic conditions in Brazil normalize, in the short run earnings are likely to be subdued given high vacancy rates and low rental rates, which in turn has likely discouraged shorter-term investors. This phenomenon has allowed the Fund to accumulate a position in BR Properties at what we believe is an increasingly attractive valuation. We continue to be encouraged by its long-term investment case.

Tidewater, Inc., the third largest detractor from Fund performance in Fiscal 2018, is a United States-based provider of offshore service vessels ("OSVs") and associated services to offshore oil exploration and production installations, which are currently experiencing significantly depressed levels of business activity. Tidewater stock was negatively impacted by a sharp decline in oil prices late in 2018, which in turn reignited fears of continued near-term weakness in offshore energy activity (the primary source of demand for Tidewater's services). However, while conditions in its business remain quite weak, given our long-term perspective, we believe the investment thesis remains strong, and in fact may even be strengthened given some advantages that Tidewater possesses relative to the rest of the industry. Specifically, its best-in-class balance sheet allowed the company to acquire Gulfmark Offshore's high-quality vessel fleet at what seems to be a deep discount to replacement cost. We believe the company remains uniquely well-positioned to lead consolidation in the OSV space and emerge stronger when industry conditions normalize. In our view, Tidewater's valuation is increasingly compelling, at a deep discount to tangible book value, which in turn has been dramatically written down in recent years.

On the positive side, notable contributions to the Fund's performance were made by Aker ASA, a Norwegian investment holding company, Cameco Corp., a Canadian uranium producer, Guoco Group Limited, a Hong Kong-listed holding company, and Gran Tierra Energy, Inc., a Canada-listed oil and gas exploration and production company whose assets are primarily located in Colombia. However, these positive contributions were more than offset by generally broad-based declines across much of the Fund's holdings during the year. Going forward, we remain encouraged by the portfolio's fundamentals and valuation.

## MOERUS WORLDWIDE VALUE FUND (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)

Expense Ratio: Class N: 1.65% / Class Inst.: 1.40%

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The performance data quoted represents past performance and current returns may be lower or higher. Returns are shown net of fees and expenses and assume reinvestment of dividends and other income. The investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Investment performance reflects expense limitations in effect. In the absence of such expense limitations, total return would be reduced.

The Fund's adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least March 31, 2020, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (exclusive of any taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments, or extraordinary expenses such as litigation) will not exceed 1.65% and 1.40% for Class N and Institutional Class Shares, respectively.

The inception date of the Moerus Worldwide Value Fund is May 31, 2016.

The MSCI AC World Index Net (USD) is an unmanaged index consisting of 47 country indices comprised of 23 developed and 24 emerging market country indices and is calculated with dividends reinvested after deduction of withholding tax. The Index is a trademark of MSCI Inc. and is not available for direct investment.

Investing in Mutual Funds involves risks including the possible loss of principal and there can be no assurance that any investment will achieve its objectives. International investing involves increased risk and volatility due to currency fluctuations, economics and political conditions, and differences in financial reporting standards.

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

# November 30, 2018

Shares	,	Value
	COMMON STOCK - 88.6 %	
	AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS - 3.0 %	
30,868	Nutrien Ltd. *	\$ 1,591,554
	AIRLINES - 2.9 %	
18,440	Copa Holdings SA	1,567,953
	BANKS - 3.9 %	
101,038	Mediobanca SpA	893,009
87,000	Shinsei Bank Ltd.	1,193,712
	BASE METALS - 5.1 %	2,086,721
177,401	Cameco Corp.	2,104,893
150,841	Lundin Mining Corp.	657,113
,-		2,762,006
	DIVERSIFIED BANKS - 3.3 %	
228,895	Standard Chartered PLC	1,779,736
	EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION - 2.6 %	
530,715	Gran Tierra Energy, Inc. *	1,413,536
	FLOW CONTROL EQUIPMENT - 2.1 %	
45,798	Colfax Corp. *	1,142,202
	FOOD & DRUG STORES - 3.3 %	
439,183	Almacenes Exito SA	1,760,614
	WOMEDNIN DEDG. 0.004	
17,624	HOMEBUILDERS - 0.3 % Melcor Developments Ltd.	165,751
17,024	Meleor Developments Etc.	103,731
	HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS - 2.2 %	
24,192	Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.	1,194,601
	INVESTMENT COMPANIES - 10.3 %	
21,404	Aker ASA *	1,219,070
617,164	Atlas Mara Ltd. *	1,234,328
75,988	Jefferies Financial Group, Inc.	1,660,338
757,552	The Westaim Corp. *	1,419,235
	INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT - 2.4 %	5,532,971
37,343	Franklin Resources, Inc.	1,265,554
	LIEFINCHDANCE 2.7.0/	
46,075	LIFE INSURANCE - 3.7 % NN Group NV	1,959,968
10,070		2,500,500
	MINING SERVICES - 2.1 %	
310,038	Major Drilling Group International, Inc. *	1,110,361
	OIL & GAS SERVICES - 8.5 %	
140,417	Enerflex Ltd.	1,723,122
67,052	Pason Systems, Inc.	1,005,452
77,285	Tidewater, Inc. *	1,837,837
		4,566,411

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

# November 30, 2018

Shares			Value
	PRECIOUS METAL MINING - 4.2 %	<u> </u>	
120,248	Lundin Gold, Inc. *	\$	429,748
205,332	Osisko Mining, Inc. *		389,314
8,807	Royal Gold, Inc.		644,232
50,639	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. *		791,994
			2,255,288
	PRIVATE EQUITY - 1.4 %		
563,600	GP Investments Ltd BDR *		730,173
	DEAL FOTATE 0.2.0/		
1 022 400	REAL ESTATE - 9.2 %		2 020 074
1,022,400 861,266	BR Properties SA Sino Land Co. Ltd.		2,029,074 1,481,346
921,300	Straits Trading Co. Ltd. *		1,396,723
721,300	Straits Trading Co. Ltd.		4,907,143
	REFINING & MARKETING - 1.8 %		1,707,113
331,385	Organizacion Terpel SA		938,526
551,555	0.84		300,020
	REIT - 2.1 %		
109,844	Grivalia Properties REIC AE *		1,109,388
	RESTAURANTS - 4.3 %		
278,888	Arcos Dorados Holdings, Inc.		2,300,826
	SECURITY & COMMODITY EXCHANGES - 3.5 %		
249,237	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia		986,835
204,381	Hellenic Exchanges - Athens Stock Exchange SA		893,244
			1,880,079
4.60.00=	TELECOM CARRIERS - 3.8 %		
169,997	Telefonica Brasil SA - ADR		2,014,465
	TEVTHE 0 TEVTHE DRADUCTC 2.00/		
1 027 702	TEXTILE & TEXTILE PRODUCTS - 2.0 % Coats Group PLC *		1.066.126
1,027,792	Coats Group PLC		1,066,136
	TRANSPORT SUPPORT SERVICES - 0.6 %		
1,161,500	Hutchison Port Holdings Trust		301,990
1,101,500	Tracemson Fore Holamigs Trase		301,770
	TOTAL COMMON STOCK (Cost - \$53,151,231)		47,403,953
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	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT - 11.0 %		
	MONEY MARKET FUND - 11.0 %		
5,859,154	Morgan Stanley Institutional Liquidity Funds - Treasury Securities Portfolio, Institutional		
	Class, 2.04% **		5,859,154
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT (Cost - \$5,859,154)		
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS - 99.6 %</b> (Cost - \$59,010,385)	\$	53,263,107
	OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES - NET - 0.4 %		212,591
	NET ASSETS - 100.0 %	\$	53,475,698
ADR	American Depositary Receipt		
BDR	Brazilian Depositary Receipt		
PLC	Public Limited Company		
REIC	Real Estate Investment Company		
REIT	Real Estate Investment Trust		
ILLI I	real Estate Hivestillent 11 ust		
<b>y</b> .			
·r	Non-income producing securities.		

Money Market Fund; rate reflects seven-day effective yield on November 30, 2018.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

# November 30, 2018

ASSETS	
Investment securities:	
Securities at Cost	\$ 59,010,385
Securities at Value	\$ 53,263,107
Foreign cash (cost \$45,258)	44,975
Receivable for Fund shares sold	7,500
Dividends and interest receivable	209,940
Prepaid expenses and other assets	19,900_
TOTAL ASSETS	53,545,422
LIABILITIES	
Investment advisory fees payable	26,149
Payable to related parties	12,700
Distribution (12b-1) fees payable	216
Trustee's fees payable	2,449
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	28,210_
TOTAL LIABILITIES	69,724
NET ASSETS	\$ 53,475,698
Net Assets Consist Of:	
Paid in capital	\$ 58,485,148
Accumulated loss	(5,009,450)
NET ASSETS	\$ 53,475,698
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Net Asset Value Per Share:	
Class N Shares:	¢ 4.022.250
Net Assets	\$ 1,032,278
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (\$0 par value, unlimited shares authorized)	93,743
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per share	\$ 11.01
(Net assets/Shares of Beneficial Interest) (a)	
Institutional Class Shares:	
Net Assets	\$ 52,443,420
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding (\$0 par value, unlimited shares authorized)	4,747,237
Net asset value, offering price and redemption price per share	
(Net assets/Shares of Beneficial Interest) (a)	\$ 11.05

(a) Redemptions made within 90 days of purchase may be assessed a redemption fee of 2.00%.

# **Moerus Worldwide Value Fund STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

# For the Year Ended November 30, 2018

INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends (net of \$52,947 foreign withholding taxes)	\$	1,198,631
Interest		86,664
Other income		445
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME		1,285,740
EXPENSES		
Investment advisory fees		509,717
Administrative services fees		85,568
Custodian fees		73,583
Transfer agent fees		40,437
Accounting services fees		35,872
Registration fees		31,964
Compliance officer fees		22,204
Shareholder reporting expenses		17,314
Audit and tax fees		16,767
Legal fees		15,046
Trustees' fees and expenses		10,495
Distribution (12b-1) fees:		
Class N		2,812
Insurance expense		1,832
Other expenses		9,719
TOTAL EXPENSES		873,330
Fees waived and expenses reimbursed by Adviser		(119,091)
NET EXPENSES		754,239
NET INVESTMENT INCOME		531,501
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS		
Net realized gain from investments and foreign currency translation		351,442
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments		
and foreign currency translation		(8,892,839)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS		(8,541,397)
NET DECREASE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	_\$	(8,009,896)

# **Moerus Worldwide Value Fund STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	For the Year Ended November 30, 2018	For the Year Ended November 30, 2017
FROM OPERATIONS:		
Net investment income	\$ 531,501	\$ 126,690
Net realized gain from investments	351,442	210,902
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(8,892,839)	3,005,400
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(8,009,896)	3,342,992
DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM:		
Total distributions paid *		
Class N	(420,081)	(838)
Institutional Class	(6,496)	(22,764)
Net decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	(426,577)	(23,602)
FROM SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST:		
Proceeds from shares sold:		
Class N	724,608	1,097,746
Institutional Class	19,789,812	41,038,017
Net asset value of shares issued in		
reinvestment of distributions to shareholders:		
Class N	6,496	838
Institutional Class	417,612	22,263
Redemption fee proceeds:		
Class N	65	7,935
Institutional Class	2,188	155
Payments for shares redeemed:		
Class N	(491,777)	(375,220)
Institutional Class	(5,352,682)	(3,037,561)
Net increase in net assets from shares of beneficial interest	15,096,322	38,754,173
TOTAL INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	6,659,849	42,073,563
NET ASSETS:		
Beginning of Year	46,815,849	4,742,286
End of Year **	\$ 53,475,698	\$ 46,815,849
SHARE ACTIVITY		
Class N:		
Shares Sold	57,737	89,601
Shares Reinvested	513	77
Shares Redeemed	(40,288)	(29,895)
Net increase in shares of beneficial interest outstanding	17,962	59,783
Institutional Class:		
Shares Sold	1,591,893	3,357,832
Shares Reinvested	33,188	2,046
Shares Redeemed	(432,459)	(236,319)
Net increase in shares of beneficial interest outstanding	1,192,622	3,123,559

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions from net investment income and net realized capital gains are combined for the year ended November 30, 2018. See "New Accounting pronouncements" in the Notes to Financial Statements for more information. The dividends and distributions to shareholders for the year ended November 30, 2017 have not been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Net Assets - End of Year includes undistributed net investment income of \$70,149 as of November 30, 2017.

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Period Presented

	Class N					
	For the Year Ended November 30, 2018		For the Period Ended November 30, 2016 *			
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 12.86	\$ 10.60	\$ 10.00			
Activity from investment operations:  Net investment income (1)  Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.09	0.02	0.00 (2)			
on investments  Total from investment operations	(1.85)	2.29	0.60			
Paid-in-capital from redemption fees (2)	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Less distributions from:  Net investment income  Net realized gain  Total distributions  Net asset value, end of period	(0.03) (0.06) (0.09) \$ 11.01	(0.05) - (0.05) \$ 12.86	- - - - \$ 10.60			
Total return (3)	(13.79)% (4	21.82%	6.00% (5)			
Net assets, end of period (000s)	\$ 1,032	\$ 974	\$ 170			
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets (6)	1.87%	2.53%	9.21% (7)			
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.65%	1.65%	1.65% (7)			
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	0.73%	0.17%	0.05% (7)			
Portfolio Turnover Rate	14%	8%	6% (5)			

<sup>\*</sup> Moerus Worldwide Value Fund commenced operations on May 31, 2016.

<sup>(1)</sup> Per share amounts calculated using the average shares method, which more appropriately presents the per share data for the period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Less than \$0.005 per share.

<sup>(3)</sup> Total returns shown exclude the effect of applicable sales loads/redemption fees. Total returns are historical in nature and assume changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, if any. Had the Adviser not absorbed a portion of the Fund expenses, total returns would have been lower.

<sup>(4)</sup> As a result of a trade error, the Fund's Class N experienced a loss totaling \$21 for the year ended November 30, 2018, all of which was reimbursed by the Adviser; there was no effect on total return due to trade error. (Note 7)

<sup>(5)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(6)</sup> Represents the ratio of expenses to average net assets absent fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser.

<sup>(7)</sup> Annualized.

# Moerus Worldwide Value Fund FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Per Share Data and Ratios for a Share of Beneficial Interest Outstanding Throughout Each Period Presented

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<sup>(4)</sup> As a result of a trade error, the Fund's Institutional Class experienced a loss totaling \$900 for the year ended November 30, 2018, all of which was reimbursed by the Adviser; there was no effect on total return due to trade error. (Note 7)

<sup>(5)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(6)</sup> Represents the ratio of expenses to average net assets absent fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements by the Adviser.

<sup>(7)</sup> Annualized.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

November 30, 2018

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

The Moerus Worldwide Value Fund (the "Fund") is a non-diversified series of Northern Lights Fund Trust IV (the "Trust"), a trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware on June 2, 2015, and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. The Fund commenced operations on May 31, 2016.

The Fund currently offers Class N and Institutional Class shares, which are offered at net asset value. Each class represents an interest in the same assets of the Fund and classes are identical except for differences in their distribution charges. All classes of shares have equal voting privileges except that each class has exclusive voting rights with respect to its service and/or distribution plans. The Fund's income, expenses (other than class specific distribution fees) and realized and unrealized gains and losses are allocated proportionately each day based upon the relative net assets of each class.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses for the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The Fund follows the specialized accounting and reporting requirements under GAAP that are applicable to investment companies. The Fund is an investment company and accordingly follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 "Financial Services – Investment Companies". Fund level income and expenses, and realized and unrealized capital gains and losses are allocated to each class of shares based on their relative net assets within the Fund. Class specific expenses are allocated to that share class.

**Security Valuation** – Securities listed on an exchange are valued at the last reported sale price at the close of the regular trading session of the exchange on the business day the value is being determined, or in the case of securities listed on NASDAQ at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. In the absence of a sale such securities shall be valued at the mean between the current bid and ask prices on the day of valuation. Short-term debt obligations having 60 days or less remaining until maturity, at time of purchase may be valued at amortized cost which approximates fair value. Debt securities (other than short-term obligations) are valued each day by an independent pricing service approved by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type, indications as to values from dealers, and general market conditions or market quotations from a major market maker in the securities.

Valuation of Underlying Funds - The Fund may invest in portfolios of open-end or closed-end investment companies (the "Underlying Funds"). Mutual funds are valued at their respective net asset value per share ("NAV") as reported by such investment companies. Exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") are valued at the last reported sale price or official closing price. Open-end investment companies value securities in their portfolios for which market quotations are readily available at their market values (generally the last reported sale price) and all other securities and assets at their fair value to the methods established by the board of directors of the open-end funds. The shares of many closed-end investment companies and ETFs, after their initial public offering, frequently trade at a price per share, which is different than the NAV. The difference represents a market premium or market discount of such shares. There can be no assurances that the market discount or market premium on shares of any closed-end investment company or ETF purchased by the Fund will not change.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

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The Fund may hold securities, such as private investments, interests in commodity pools, other non-traded securities or temporarily illiquid securities, for which market quotations are not readily available or are determined to be unreliable. These securities will be valued using the "fair value" procedures approved by the Board. The Board has delegated execution of these procedures to a fair value committee composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser. The committee may also enlist third party consultants such as a valuation specialist from a public accounting firm, valuation consultant, or financial officer of a security issuer on an as-needed basis to assist in determining a security-specific fair value.

**Fair Valuation Process.** As noted above, the fair value committee is composed of one or more representatives from each of the (i) Trust, (ii) administrator, and (iii) adviser. The applicable investments are valued collectively via inputs from each of these groups. For example, fair value determinations are required for the following securities: (i) securities for which market quotations are insufficient or not readily available on a particular business day (including securities for which there is a short and temporary lapse in the provision of a price by the regular pricing source), (ii) securities for which, in the judgment of the adviser, the prices or values available do not represent the fair value of the instrument. Factors which may cause the adviser to make such a judgment include, but are not limited to, the following: only a bid price or an ask price is available; the spread between bid and ask prices is substantial; the frequency of sales; the thinness of the market; the size of reported trades; and actions of the securities markets, such as the suspension or limitation of trading; (iii) securities determined to be illiquid; (iv) securities with respect to which an event that will affect the value thereof has occurred (a "significant event") since the closing prices were established on the principal exchange on which they are traded, but prior to the Fund's calculation of its net asset value. Restricted or illiquid securities, such as private investments or non-traded securities are valued via inputs from the adviser based upon the current bid for the security from two or more independent dealers or other parties reasonably familiar with the facts and circumstances of the security (who should take into consideration all relevant factors as may be appropriate under the circumstances). If the adviser is unable to obtain a current bid from such independent dealers or other independent parties, the fair value team shall determine the fair value of such security using the following factors: (i) the type of security; (ii) the cost at date of purchase; (iii) the size and nature of the Fund's holdings; (iv) the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase and subsequent thereto; (v) information as to any transactions or offers with respect to the security; (vi) the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition of the security and the existence of any registration rights; (vii) how the yield of the security compares to similar securities of companies of similar or equal creditworthiness; (viii) the level of recent trades of similar or comparable securities; (ix) the liquidity characteristics of the security; (x) current market conditions; and (xi) the market value of any securities into which the security is convertible or exchangeable.

The Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis. GAAP establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of input are:

**Level 1** – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

**Level 2** – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument in an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

**Level 3** – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on

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models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The following tables summarize the inputs used as of November 30, 2018 for the Fund's investments measured at fair value:

Assets *		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Common Stock		\$ 47,403,953	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47,403,953
Money Market Fund		5,859,154	-	-	5,859,154
	Total	\$ 53,263,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,263,107

There were no transfers between any level during the year ended November 30, 2018.

It is the Fund's policy to record transfers into or out of any Level at the end of the reporting year.

**Foreign Currency**: Investment securities and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts at the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of investment securities and income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar amounts on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments.

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

**Foreign Currency Risk**: Currency investing and trading risks include market risk, credit risk and currency risk. Market risk results from adverse changes in exchanges in exchange rates. Credit risk results because a currency-trade counterparty may default. Country risk arises because a government may interfere with transactions in its currency.

**Foreign Investment Risk**: Foreign investing involves adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values, adverse political, social and economic developments, less liquidity, greater volatility, less developed or less efficient trading markets, political instability and differing auditing and legal standards.

**Concentration of Risk**: Investing in securities of foreign issuers and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with investments in the United States. These risks include revaluation of currencies, adverse fluctuations in foreign currency values and possible adverse political, social and economic developments, including those particular to a specific industry, country or region. These conditions could

The Fund did not hold any Level 2 or Level 3 securities during the year.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the Portfolio of Investments for industry classifications.

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cause the securities and their markets to be less liquid and prices more volatile than those of comparable U.S. companies and U.S. government securities.

**Security Transactions and Related Income** – Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Discounts are accreted and premiums are amortized on securities purchased over the lives of the respective securities using effective yield method. Dividend income and expense are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains or losses from sales of securities are determined by comparing the identified cost of the security lot sold with the net sales proceeds. Withholding taxes on foreign dividends and foreign capital gain taxes have been provided for in accordance with the Fund's understanding of the applicable country's tax rules and rates.

**Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders** – Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. Distributable net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and distributed annually. Dividends from net investment income and distributions from net realized gains are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP and are recorded on the ex-dividend date. These "book/tax" differences are considered either temporary (e.g., deferred losses, capital loss carryforwards, etc.) or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the composition of net assets based on their federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Any such reclassifications will have no effect on net assets, results of operations, or net asset values per share of the Fund.

**Federal Income Tax –** The Fund intends to continue to comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to shareholders. Therefore, no provision for federal income tax is required.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on returns filed for open tax years or expected to be taken in the Fund's November 30, 2018 tax returns. The Fund identified its major tax jurisdictions as U.S. federal, Nebraska and foreign jurisdictions where the Fund makes significant investments. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expenses in the Statement of Operations. During the year ended November 30, 2018, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next twelve months.

**Expenses** – Expenses of the Trust that are directly identifiable to a specific fund are charged to that fund. Expenses, which are not readily identifiable to a specific fund, are allocated in such a manner as deemed equitable, taking into consideration the nature and type of expense and the relative sizes of the funds in the Trust.

**Indemnification** – The Trust indemnifies its officers and trustees for certain liabilities that may arise from the performance of their duties to the Trust. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnities. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, based on experience, the risk of loss due to these warranties and indemnities appears to be remote.

#### 3. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

For the year ended November 30, 2018, cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of portfolio securities, other than short-term investments and U.S. Government securities, amounted to \$20,318,255 and \$6,572,894, respectively.

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#### 4. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Moerus Capital Management LLC serves as the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser"). Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement with the Trust, on behalf of the Fund, the Adviser, under the oversight of the Board, oversees the daily operations of the Fund and supervises the performance of administrative and professional services provided by others. As compensation for its services and the related expenses borne by the Adviser, the Fund pays the Adviser a management fee, computed and accrued daily and paid monthly, at an annual rate of 0.95% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the year ended November 30, 2018, the Fund incurred \$509,717 in advisory fees.

The Adviser has contractually agreed to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses of the Fund, until at least March 31, 2020, to ensure that total annual fund operating expenses after fee waiver and/or reimbursement (exclusive of any front-end or contingent deferred loads, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions, borrowing costs (such as interest and dividend expense on securities sold short), acquired fund fees and expenses, fees and expenses associated with investments in other collective investment vehicles or derivative instruments (including for example option and swap fees and expenses), or extraordinary expenses such as litigation expenses (which may include indemnification of Fund officers and Trustees, contractual indemnification of Fund service providers (other than the Adviser)) will not exceed 1.65% and 1.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Class N shares and Institutional Class shares, respectively. During the year ended November 30, 2018, the Adviser waived fees and reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$119,091 pursuant to its contractual agreement.

If the Adviser waives any fees or reimburses any expenses and any operating expenses are subsequently lower than their respective expense limitation, the Adviser shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Fund provided that such reimbursement does not cause the Fund's operating expenses to exceed the respective expense limitation. The Adviser may seek reimbursement only for expenses waived or paid by it during the three years prior to such reimbursement; provided, however, that such expenses may only be reimbursed to the extent they were waived or paid after the date of the waiver agreement (or any similar agreement).

Cumulative expenses subject to recapture pursuant to the aforementioned conditions as of November 30, 2018 will expire on November 30 of the following years:

	Nove	ember 30, 2019	Nover	mber 30, 2020	November 30, 2021	
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund	\$	139,247	\$	173,712	\$	119,091

Foreside Fund Services, LLC, (the "Distributor") is the distributor for the shares of the Fund. Shares of the Fund are offered on a continuous basis.

The Trust, with respect to the Fund, has adopted the Trust's Master Distribution and Shareholder Servicing Plan (the "Plan") for Class N shares, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act, which allows the Fund to pay the Fund's distributor an annual fee for distribution and shareholder servicing expenses of up to 0.25% of the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to Class N shares. For the year ended November 30, 2018, the Fund incurred \$2,812 in distribution and shareholder servicing fees.

<u>Gemini Fund Services, LLC ("GFS")</u> - provides administration, fund accounting, and transfer agent services to the Trust. Pursuant to separate servicing agreements with GFS, the Fund pays GFS customary fees for providing administration, fund accounting and transfer agency services to the Fund as shown in the Statement of Operations. Certain officers of the Trust are also officers of GFS, and are not paid any fees directly by the Fund for serving in such capacities.

Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC ("NLCS") - NLCS, an affiliate of GFS, provides a Chief Compliance Officer to the Trust, as well as related compliance services, pursuant to a consulting agreement between NLCS and the Trust. Under the terms of such agreement, NLCS receives customary fees from the Fund which are included in the compliance officer fees in the Statement of Operations.

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<u>Blu Giant, LLC ("Blu Giant")</u> – Blu Giant, an affiliate of GFS, provides EDGAR conversion and filing services as well as print management services for the Fund on an ad-hoc basis. For the provision of these services, Blu Giant receives customary fees from the Fund which are included in the shareholder reporting expenses in the Statement of Operations.

#### 5. CONTROL OWNERSHIP

The beneficial ownership, either directly or indirectly, of more than 25% of the voting securities of a fund creates presumption of control of the fund under Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act. As of November 30, 2018, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. held approximately 63.3% of the voting securities of the Moerus Worldwide Value Fund, and therefore, may be deemed to control the Fund.

#### 6. REDEMPTION FEES

The Fund may assess a short-term redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount if a shareholder sells their shares after holding them for less than 90 days. The redemption fee is paid directly to the Fund in which the short-term redemption fee occurs. For the year ended November 30, 2018, Class N assessed \$65 and the Institutional Class assessed \$2,188 in redemption fees.

#### 7. PAYMENTS BY AFFILIATES

As a result of a trade error, the Fund experienced a loss of \$921, all of which was reimbursed by the Adviser. The loss is included on the Statement of Operations under Net realized gain from investments. There was no impact to the fund.

#### 8. AGGREGATE UNREALIZED APPRECIATION AND DEPRECIATION - TAX BASIS

At November 30, 2018, the aggregate cost for federal tax purposes, which differs from fair value by net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of securities, are as follows:

		Gro	ss Unrealized	Gro	ss Unrealized	Nε	et Unrealized
Fund	Tax Cost	Appreciation		Depreciation		D	epreciation
Moerus Worldwide Value Fund	\$ 59,053,591	\$	2,086,620	\$	(7,877,104)	\$	(5,790,484)

#### 9. DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS AND TAX COMPONENTS OF CAPITAL

The tax character of fund distributions paid during the years ended November 30, 2018 and November 30, 2017 were as follows:

	Fisca	Fiscal Year Ended			Fiscal Year Ended		
	Noven	November 30, 2018		November 30, 2017			
Ordinary Income	\$	437,921	*	\$	48,740 *		
Long-Term Capital Gain		31,321	_		<u>-</u> _		
	\$	469,242	_	\$	48,740		

<sup>\*</sup> The difference between ordinary distributions paid from book and ordinary distributions paid from tax relates to allowable foreign tax credits of \$42,665 for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2018 and \$25,138 for the fiscal year

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ended November 30, 2017, which have been passed through to the Fund's underlying shareholders and are deemed dividends for tax purposes.

As of November 30, 2018, the components of accumulated earnings/(deficit) on a tax basis were as follows:

U	ndistributed	Undistr	ibuted	Post Oct	ober Loss	Ca	pital Loss	Ot	ther	Unre	alized		Total
	Ordinary	Long-	Гerm	a	nd		Carry	Bool	k/Tax	Appred	ciation/	Ac	cumulated
	Income	Gai	ns	Late Y	ear Loss	F	orwards	Diffe	rences	(Depre	ciation)	Earni	ngs/(Deficits
\$	795,479	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(13,372)	\$	-	\$ (5,79	91,557)	\$	(5,009,450)

The unrealized depreciation in the table above includes unrealized foreign currency gains of \$1,073. The difference between book basis and tax basis unrealized depreciation, undistributed net investment income, and accumulated net realized losses from security transactions is primarily attributable to the tax deferral of losses on wash sales and mark-to-market on passive foreign investment companies.

At November 30, 2018, the Fund had capital loss carry forwards for federal income tax purposes available to offset future capital gains as follows:

Nor	n-Expiring			
Sh	ort-Term	Total		
\$	13,372	\$	13,372	

Permanent book and tax differences, primarily attributable to the book/tax basis treatment of non-deductible expenses, resulted in reclassification for the year ended November 30, 2018 as follows:

Paid		
In	Acc	umulated
Capital	Earnir	igs (Losses)
\$ (2.408)	\$	2.408

### 10. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In August 2018, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted amendments to certain disclosure requirements under Regulation S-X to conform to US GAAP, including: (i) an amendment to require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributable earnings on the Statements of Assets and Liabilities; and (ii) an amendment to require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributions to shareholders, except for tax return of capital distributions, on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. The amendments also removed the requirement for parenthetical disclosure of undistributed net investment income on the Statements of Changes in Net Assets. These amendments have been adopted with these financial statements.

In August 2018, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2018-13, which changes certain fair value measurement disclosure requirements. The new ASU, in addition to other modifications and additions, removes the requirement to disclose the amount and reasons for transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, and the policy for the timing of transfers between levels. For investment companies, the amendments are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is allowed. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of the ASU and any impact on the financial statement disclosures.

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### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events after the date of the Statement of Assets and Liabilities have been evaluated through the date the financial statements were issued. Management has determined that no events or transactions occurred requiring adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements other than the following.

On December 13, 2018, the Moerus Worldwide Value Fund made income distributions of \$0.1637 and \$0.1937 per share for Class N and the Institutional Class, respectively.

### 12. TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The Moerus Worldwide Value Fund designates the following for federal income tax purposes for the years ended November 30, 2018 and November 30, 2017:

	Fisc	Fiscal Year Ended		Fiscal Year Ended	
	Nove	November 30, 2018		November 30, 2017	
Foreign Taxes Paid	\$	42,665	\$	25,138	
Foreign Source Income		1,065,618		493,222	
	\$	1,108,283	\$	518,360	



#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders of Moerus Worldwide Value Fund and Board of Trustees of Northern Lights Fund Trust IV

#### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of Moerus Worldwide Value Fund (the "Fund"), a series of Northern Lights Fund Trust IV, as of November 30, 2018, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the three periods in the period then ended (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of November 30, 2018, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three periods in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2018, by correspondence with the custodian. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We have served as the Fund's auditor since 2016.

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### **EXPENSE EXAMPLE (Unaudited)**

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As a shareholder of the Fund you incur ongoing costs, including management fees; distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The example is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period as disclosed in the table below.

#### **Actual Expenses**

The "Actual" lines in the table below provide information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information below, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the table under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during this period.

#### **Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The "Hypothetical" lines in the table below provide information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balances or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as contingent deferred sales charges (loads), or redemption fees. Therefore, the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 6/1/18	Ending Account Value 11/30/18	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During Period 6/1/18-11/30/18
Actual*				
Class N	\$1,000.00	\$ 906.90	1.65%	\$ 7.89
Institutional Class	\$1,000.00	\$ 908.30	1.40%	\$ 6.70
Hypothetical* (5% return before expenses)				
Class N	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,016.80	1.65%	\$ 8.34
Institutional Class	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,018.05	1.40%	\$ 7.08

<sup>\*</sup> Expenses are equal to the average account value over the period, multiplied by the Fund's annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the number of days in the period (183), divided by the number of days in the fiscal year (365).

# MOERUS WORLDWIDE VALUE FUND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Unaudited)

November 30, 2018

The following is a list of the Trustees and executive officers of the Trust and each person's principal occupation over the last five years. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each Trustee and Officer is 17605 Wright Street, Suite 2, Omaha, Nebraska 68130.

## **Independent Trustees**

Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position/Ter m of Office*	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex** Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
Joseph Breslin Year of Birth: 1953	Independent Trustee and Chairman of the Board since 2015	President and Consultant, Adviser Counsel, Inc. (formerly J.E. Breslin & Co.) (management consulting firm to investment advisers), (since 2009); Senior Counsel, White Oak Global Advisors, LLC. (since 2018).	1	Northern Lights Fund Trust IV (for series not affiliated with the Fund since 2015); Director, Kinetics Mutual Funds, Inc. (since 2000); Trustee, Kinetics Portfolios Trust (since 2000); Trustee, Forethought Variable Insurance Trust (since 2013); Trustee, BlueArc Multi-Strategy Fund (2014- 2017); Hatteras Trust (2004-2016)
Thomas Sarkany Year of Birth: 1946	Independent Trustee since 2015	Founder and President, TTS Consultants, LLC (financial services) (since 2010).	1	Northern Lights Fund Trust IV (for series not affiliated with the Fund since 2015); Arrow Investments Trust (since 2014), Arrow ETF Trust (since 2012), Trustee, Northern Lights Fund Trust II (since 2011); Director, Aquila Distributors (since 1981)
Charles Ranson Year of Birth: 1947	Independent Trustee since 2015	Principal, Ranson & Associates (strategic analysis and planning, including risk assessment and capital formation for entrepreneurial ventures) (since 2003); GR Group (since 2008).	1	Northern Lights Fund Trust IV (for series not affiliated with the Fund since 2015); Advisors Preferred Trust (since November 2012)

# MOERUS WORLDWIDE VALUE FUND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)

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**Officers** 

Officers				
Name, Address and Year of Birth	Position/Term of Office*	Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years	Number of Funds in Fund Complex** Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
Wendy Wang 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1970	President since 2015	Senior Vice President, Director of Tax and Compliance Administration, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2012).	N/A	N/A
Sam Singh 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1976	Treasurer since 2015	Vice President, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2015); Assistant Vice President, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2011-2014).	N/A	N/A
Jennifer Farrell 80 Arkay Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788 Born in 1969	Secretary since 2017	Manager, Legal Administration, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2018); Senior Paralegal, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (since 2015); Legal Trainer, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2013-2015); Senior Paralegal, Gemini Fund Services, LLC (2006-2012).	N/A	N/A
Michael Quain Born in 1957	Chief Compliance Officer since 2015	Consultant, Northern Lights Compliance Services, LLC (since 2015); Quain Compliance Consulting, LLC (since 2014); Artio Global Management, LLC (formerly Julius Baer), First Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer (2004-2013).	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> The term of office for each Trustee and officer listed above will continue indefinitely until the individual resigns or is removed.

The Fund's SAI includes additional information about the Trustees and is available free of charge, upon request, by calling toll-free at 1-844-663-7871.

<sup>\*\*</sup> As of November 30, 2018, the Trust was comprised of 25 other active portfolios managed by unaffiliated investment advisers. The term "Fund Complex" applies only to the Fund. The Fund does not hold itself out as related to any other series within the Trust for investment purposes, nor does it share the same investment adviser with any other series.

## PRIVACY NOTICE

## NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST IV

Rev. August 2015

# **FACTS**

## WHAT DOES NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST IV DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?

## Why?

Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some, but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.

## What?

The types of personal information we collect and share depends on the product or service that you have with us. This information can include:

- Social Security number and wire transfer instructions
- account transactions and transaction history
- investment experience and purchase history

When you are no longer our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.

## How?

All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers' personal information; the reasons Northern Lights Fund Trust IV chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information:	Does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV share information?	Can you limit this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes - such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus.	YES	NO
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you.	NO	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your transactions and records.	NO	We don't share
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes - information about your credit worthiness.	NO	We don't share
For nonaffiliates to market to you	NO	We don't share

**QUESTIONS?** Call 1-402-493-4603

# **PRIVACY NOTICE**

# NORTHERN LIGHTS FUND TRUST IV

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What we do:	
How does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.
	Our service providers are held accountable for adhering to strict policies and procedures to prevent any misuse of your nonpublic personal information.
How does Northern Lights Fund Trust IV collect my personal information?	<ul> <li>We collect your personal information, for example, when you</li> <li>open an account or deposit money</li> <li>direct us to buy securities or direct us to sell your securities</li> <li>seek advice about your investments</li> </ul>
	We also collect your personal information from others, such as credit bureaus, affiliates, or other companies.
Why can't I limit all sharing?	Federal law gives you the right to limit only:
viny can't i mint an sharing;	<ul> <li>sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness.</li> <li>affiliates from using your information to market to you.</li> <li>sharing for nonaffiliates to market to you.</li> </ul>
	State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.

Definitions	
Affiliates	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  • Northern Lights Fund Trust IV has no affiliates.
Nonaffiliates	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  • Northern Lights Fund Trust IV does not share with nonaffiliates so they can market to you.
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.  • Northern Lights Fund Trust IV does not jointly market.

#### PROXY VOTING POLICY

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities for the twelve month period ended June 30 as well as a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies will be available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-844-663-7871 or by referring to the Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov and may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (1-800-SEC-0330). The information on Form N-Q is available without charge, upon request, by calling 1-844-663-7871.

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